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HISTORY, DESCRIPTION, AND STATISTICS



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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,  
*Washington, D. C., February 28, 1919.*

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Part II of a special report on religious bodies. This presents for each separate denomination statistics representing conditions, as near as may be, as of the close of the year 1916 and descriptive statements of its history, doctrine, polity, and work or general activities. Part I presents a summary of the results and general tables covering all denominations.

The descriptive statements for those denominations that have come into existence since 1906 were furnished for the most part by prominent persons, usually officials in the denominations, while for those denominations included in the census of 1906 the statements published at that census were submitted to competent persons in the respective denominations for correction or such additional statements as were needed to indicate the development during the decade.

As explained in the letter transmitting Part I of this report, the statistics for 1916 were collected mainly by correspondence but partly by the employment of special agents. The work was conducted under the supervision of Mr. William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population, assisted by Dr. Edwin M. Bliss, expert special agent.

The delay in the completion of the report on religious bodies was due to numerous interruptions during its preparation on account of urgent war work.

Very respectfully,

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*Director of the Census.*

Hon. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD,  
*Secretary of Commerce.*



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SEPARATE DENOMINATIONS:  
HISTORY, DESCRIPTION, AND STATISTICS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

This volume of the report on religious bodies presents for each denomination a descriptive statement of its history, doctrine, polity, and work, and a presentation of its statistics by states, and by ecclesiastical divisions when such exist or the statistics could be obtained.

Part I presents statistical tables for all the denominations shown separately in this volume, with textual discussion and comparison with preceding censuses, so far as available, and also separate presentations for Negro church organizations. The statistics in Part I are presented for the United States as a whole, and by states, principal cities, and to a certain extent by counties.

As stated in Part I, the investigation relates to continental United States only, and not to any outlying possessions; and, in general, the statistics represent conditions at the close of the year 1916.

The denominations presented in this report number 202, of which 158 are grouped in 24 families and 44 are listed as separate denominations. For a complete list of these denominations, which is the order of their presentation in this report, see page 3. Changes in names since 1906 and other changes, such as the formation of new denominations or consolidation of old ones, are given for all denominations on pages 14 to 17 of Part I. In Part II such changes are explained in the historical statement of the individual denomination, and, in the case of family groups, there is shown, in addition, a statistical summary of the denominations constituting the respective groups for the two years. In this statistical summary accompanying the historical statement of the family group, it will be noted that the group total is omitted, as the classification by families is for convenience only, and, as stated on page 19 of Part I, the constituent bodies are not regarded as having the organic or corporate unity that would give the totals statistical significance.

The order of presentation of material under each denomination is as follows:

(1) Statement of the history of the body, a brief review of its origin, and the main facts in its development up to 1916; its doctrine as set forth or illustrated by its creeds or confessions, and its recognized practices; its polity or form of ecclesiastical organization and government; its work, especially its missionary, educational, and philanthropic activities.

(2) A statistical summary of the principal items for 1916, and, when available, for 1906. In addition, statistical statements are presented, for each denomination, covering its members under 13 years of age, ministers, the languages used in conducting its services, and the amount of its contributions to domestic and foreign work. Statistical tables for these subjects, with descriptive text, are presented for all denominations in Part I, as follows: Members under 13 (pp. 34 to 38), ministers (pp. 65 to 73), languages (pp. 73 to 87), and work (pp. 87 to 102).

(3) A table setting forth, by states (and ecclesiastical divisions, if available), the following items derived from the returns on the schedules:

Number of local organizations, and the number of such organizations reporting each of the other items included in the table.

Members (Total; Male; Female).

Places of worship (Church edifices; Halls, etc.).

Value of church property.

Debt on church property.

Value of parsonages.

Expenditures for year.

Sunday schools conducted by church organizations (Number of schools; Officers and teachers; Scholars).

As set forth more fully in the Introduction to Part I (p. 13), the statements of history, doctrine, and polity are based upon similar statements furnished by denominational authorities in 1906. They were revised for this report or, in case of new bodies, supplied by competent persons. The statistics of activities were obtained partly by correspondence and partly from published reports. The statistics of churches were obtained from schedules sent to the individual church organizations, and the statistics of ministers from schedules sent to the ministers direct.

### EXPLANATION OF TERMS.

Following is an explanation of the terms used in the statistical tables, which, as stated above, are presented under each denomination:

*Organizations.*—These include any gatherings of persons for religious worship, whether under the name of church, meeting, mission, station, etc., which have each a separate membership, that is, no members who are included in the membership of any other similar organization. It includes thus each congregation of a Methodist circuit, each preparative meeting of a Friends Monthly Meeting, each mission of a Roman

Catholic or other church, whose membership is not included with the membership of the central church.

*Members.*—As presented in the tables, the figures include all persons recognized as constituent parts of the organizations and so reported. The figures for the different bodies are not statistically comparable, as in the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern bodies all baptized persons, including infants, are regarded as members; in the Baptist churches and other similar bodies those only are regarded as members who have been formally admitted to the church, and in the other bodies there is a variety of practice. In order to obtain some comparable basis of membership, an inquiry was inserted on the schedule of 1916 as to the number of members under 13 years of age, and in connection with the statistical summary presented for each denomination such number of persons is given. These figures are partly estimated. It was the intention to deduct from the total membership of each organization the number reported as under 13 years of age and thus obtain a membership of uniform age for comparative purposes. The answers to this inquiry were not complete, however, some returns showing a misapprehension of its meaning, while for some churches there was no report at all. A careful scrutiny of the returns was made in the bureau, and a computation was made for each denomination by applying to its total membership the proportion of members under 13 years of age shown by those churches of the same denomination making some report as to members under 13. The results of this computation were referred in many cases to persons well

acquainted with the situation and received their cordial support. Table 8 of Part I presents the results of this computation for each demonstration.

*Church edifices.*—The term "church edifice," under "Places of worship," covers any building used for religious services and owned in whole or in part by the organization so using it. It does not include rented halls, schoolhouses, etc., used by some organizations.

*Church property.*—The term "church property" is used in a very restricted sense. It does not include all the property owned by the churches, but only the edifices or buildings owned and used for worship by the organizations reporting, together with their sites, and their furniture, organs, bells, etc. Therefore, the value and debt herein reported relate to the above only, and not to rented buildings or halls, or of parsonages, parochial school buildings, theological seminaries, monasteries, convents, or the like.

*Parsonages.*—The value herein reported relates to the residence of the pastor in case it is owned by the church.

*Church expenditures.*—These cover running expenses (including salary of minister), repairs or improvements, benevolences, and general expenses, particularly those connected with the conduct of denominational affairs.

*Sunday schools.*—These statistics in this volume relate entirely to Sunday schools conducted by local church organizations and do not cover parochial or other institutions which supplement, or sometimes take the place of, the Sunday school. Data concerning undenominational or union Sunday schools, furnished by the International Sunday School Association, will be found in Part I (p. 62).

# SEPARATE DENOMINATIONS:

## HISTORY, DESCRIPTION, AND STATISTICS.

### ADVENTIST BODIES.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

What is known as the "Advent movement" originated with William Miller, who was born at Pittsfield, Mass., February 15, 1782, and died in Low Hampton, N. Y., December 20, 1849. He bore a good reputation as a farmer and citizen, served as a captain in the War of 1812, and was a diligent student and a great reader, although he had only a common school education. For some years he was an avowed Deist, but, as he said, "found no spiritual rest," until in 1816 he was converted and united with the Baptists. After his conversion, as objections to the authenticity and inspiration of the Scriptures were pressed upon him in the same way that he had formerly pressed them upon others, he determined to devote himself to a careful study of the Bible, laying aside commentaries and using the marginal references and Cruden's Concordance as his only helps. As a result of this study he became satisfied that the Bible is its own interpreter, and that it is "a system of revealed truths, so clearly and simply given that the 'wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.'"

At that time very little was heard from pulpit or press respecting the second coming of Christ, the general impression being that it must be preceded by the conversion of the world and the millennium, a long period of universal holiness and peace. As Mr. Miller studied the prophetic portions of the Bible, he became convinced that the doctrine of the world's conversion was unscriptural; that not only the parable of the wheat and the tares, as explained by Christ in Matthew xiii, 24-30, 36-43, but many other passages, teach the coexistence of Christianity and anti-Christianity while the gospel age lasts. As the period of a thousand years, during which Satan is bound, mentioned in Revelation xx, and from which the conception of the millennium is derived, lies between the first resurrection (Rev. xx, 4-6), which he understood to include all of the redeemed, and that of "the rest of the dead" (Rev. xx, 5), his conclusion was that the coming of Christ in person, power, and glory must be premillennial. He believed that at this coming there would be a resurrection of all the dead in Christ, who, together with all the redeemed then alive, would be "caught up to meet the Lord in the air;" that the wicked would then be judged, and the present heavens and earth dissolved by fire, to be followed by their regeneration as the inheritance of the redeemed, involving the glorious, immortal, and personal reign of Christ and all His saints.

As to the time when the Advent might be expected, Mr. Miller's conclusion was as follows:

In examining the prophecies \* \* \* I found that only four universal monarchies are predicted in the Bible to precede the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom; that three of those had passed away—Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Grecia—and that the fourth, Rome, had already passed into its last state. \* \* \* And finding all the signs of the times, and the present condition of the world, to compare harmoniously with the prophetic description of the last days, I was compelled to believe that the world had about reached the limits of the period allotted for its continuance.

Moreóver, as a result of his study of prophetic chronology, he believed not only that the Advent was at hand, but that its date might be fixed with some definiteness. Taking the more or less generally accepted view that the "days" of prophecy symbolize years, he was led to the conclusion that the 2,300 days referred to in Daniel viii, 13, 14, the beginning of which he dated from the commandment to restore Jerusalem, given in 457 B. C. (Daniel ix, 25), and the 1,335 days of the same prophet (xii, 12), which he took to constitute the latter part of the 2,300 days, would end coincidentally in or about the year 1843. The cleansing of the sanctuary, which was to take place at the close of the 2,300 days (Daniel viii, 14), he understood to mean the cleansing of the earth at the second coming of Christ, which, as a result of his computations, he confidently expected would occur some time between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844, the period corresponding to the Jewish year.

The public labors of Mr. Miller, according to the best evidence to be obtained, date from the autumn of 1831, when he accepted an invitation to go to Dresden, N. Y., to speak on the subject of the Lord's return. He gave several addresses, with the result that many persons were "hopefully converted." Other invitations quickly followed, and thus began a work which in a few years, though not without opposition, spread far and wide, ministers and members of various evangelical denominations uniting in the expectation of the speedy, personal, and premillennial coming of Christ. The first general gathering of those interested in this subject was held in Boston in October, 1840. The call for this gathering simply invited Christians of all denominations to come together to compare views and to confer as to the best means of promulgating this important truth. The Advent movement was further assisted by the appearance of a number of papers, such as the "Midnight Cry," the "Signs of the Times," and the "Trumpet of Alarm," emphasizing these views.



As the time approached when the coming of Christ was expected, there was widespread interest and elaborate preparation. When the period originally indicated by Mr. Miller had passed without bringing the event, there was much disappointment. Later, however, some of the Adventists put forth a theory fixing October 22, 1844, as the date of the Advent. Mr. Miller ultimately accepted this view, and announced that if this prediction too should fail, he would suffer twice as much disappointment as he had experienced before. The passing of this date also without the occurrence of the expected event was a source of great disappointment both to Mr. Miller and to his followers. He did not, however, to the end of his life, change his views with regard to the premillennial character of the Advent itself, or his belief that "the day of the Lord is near, even at the door," although he acknowledged his error in fixing the date.

In its beginning, the Adventist movement was wholly within the existing churches, and there was no attempt to establish a separate denomination. Mr. Miller himself, during the greater part of his work, was a Baptist licentiate. In June, 1843, however, the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed resolutions condemning the movement, and from that time considerable opposition was manifested. In some cases Adventists were forced to leave the churches of which they were members; in others they withdrew voluntarily, basing their action, in part, on the command to "come out of Babylon" (Rev. xviii, 4), including under the term "Babylon," not only the Roman Catholic Church, but the Protestant churches. Mr. Miller and other leaders earnestly deprecated this interpretation, yet it influenced some to leave the old communions.

The Adventists who, for either of the causes mentioned, withdrew from the existing churches generally formed organizations of their own; although in some places they omitted any formal organization, considering either that the time was too short or that organization was sinful. No definite move was made, however, toward the general organization of the adherents of the Adventist doctrines until 1845. In that year, according to an estimate made by Mr. Miller, there were Advent congregations in "nearly a thousand places," "numbering \* \* \* some fifty thousand believers." A conference was called at Albany, N. Y., in April, 1845, for the purpose of defining their position, and was largely attended, Mr. Miller being present. A declaration of principles was adopted, embodying the views of Mr. Miller respecting the personal and premillennial character of the Second Advent of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the renewal of the earth as the abode of the redeemed, together with cognate points of doctrine, which have been summarized as follows:

1. The present heavens and earth are to be dissolved by fire, and new heavens and a new earth are to be

created whose dominion is to be given to "the people of the saints of the Most High."

2. There were but two Advents of the Saviour, both of which are personal and visible. The first includes the period of His life from His birth to the Ascension; the second begins with His descent from Heaven at the sounding of the last trump.

3. The second coming is indicated to be near at hand, even at the doors; and this truth should be preached to saints that they may rejoice, knowing that their redemption draws nigh; and to sinners that they may be warned to flee from the wrath to come.

4. The condition of salvation is repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who have repentance and faith will live soberly and righteously and godly in this world, looking for the Lord's appearing.

5. There will be a resurrection of the bodies of all the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Those who are Christ's will be raised at His coming; the rest of the dead, not until a thousand years later.

6. The only millennium taught in the Word of God is the thousand years intervening between the first resurrection and that of the rest of the dead.

7. There is no difference under the gospel dispensation between Jew and Gentile, but God will render to every man according to his deeds. The only restoration of Israel is in the restoration of the saints to the regenerated earth.

8. There is no promise of this world's conversion. The children of the kingdom and of the wicked one will continue together until the end of the world.

9. Departed saints do not enter their inheritance at death, that inheritance being reserved in heaven ready to be revealed at the second coming, when they will be equal to the angels, being the children of God and of the resurrection; but in soul and spirit they enter the paradise of God, to await in rest and comfort the final blessedness of the everlasting kingdom.

The somewhat loosely organized body formed at the general conference of Adventists held at Albany, N. Y., in April, 1845, continued for a decade to include practically all the Adventists except those who held to the observance of the seventh, rather than the first, day of the week as the Sabbath. In 1855 the discussions, in which Jonathan Cummings had so prominent a part, resulted in the withdrawal of some members and the subsequent organization of the Advent Christian Church. The Adventists who continued their adherence to the original body were for the most part those who believed in the doctrine of the conscious state of the dead and the eternal suffering of the wicked, claiming on these points to be in accord with the personal views of Mr. Miller. They, however, felt the need of closer association, and in 1858 organized at Boston, Mass., the American Millennial Association, partly for the purpose of publishing material in support of their belief, and partly as a basis of fellowship.

Some years later the members of this society adopted the term "Evangelical Adventists" as a denominational name, with a view to distinguishing themselves from other bodies with which they differed on doctrinal points.

For some years the association published a periodical bearing, at different periods, the names: "Signs of the Times," "Advent Herald," "Messiah's Herald," and "Herald of the Coming One." It contributed to the support of the China Inland Mission and of laborers and missions in other fields, but as the older members died many of the younger families joined other evangelical denominations, and the number of churches and members diminished rapidly. In 1906 they reported 18 organizations with 481 members, 16 church edifices, church property valued at \$27,050, 9 Sunday schools with 57 officers and teachers and 264 scholars, and 8 ministers. When the inquiries for the census of 1916 were made, it appeared that all the churches, except a few in Pennsylvania, had disbanded or dis-

continued all services, and from those in Pennsylvania no information could be obtained. The denomination, as an ecclesiastical body has, therefore, been dropped from this report.

Discussions in regard to the nature of the Advent, and particularly in regard to the future life, resulted in the formation of other bodies independent in organization but agreeing in the belief that the Advent is to be personal and premillennial and is near at hand, and in their recognition of the influence of Mr. Miller and those immediately associated with him.

The denominations grouped under the name Adventist in 1916 and in 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. Two bodies listed in 1906 are not included in the table for 1916. The omission of the Evangelical Adventists is explained above and that of the Churches of God (Adventist), Unattached Congregations is noted in the statement (see p. 29) of the Church of God (Adventist).

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ADVENTIST BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
ADVENTIST BODIES.										
1916.										
Advent Christian Church.....	535	30,597	418	\$1,188,070	\$95,970	77	\$143,050	383	3,134	21,007
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination.....	2,011	79,355	1,231	2,568,495	209,154	16	20,450	1,929	15,298	74,863
Church of God (Adventist).....	22	848	8	8,200						
Life and Advent Union.....	13	658	8	41,600	12,250			9	73	439
Churches of God in Christ Jesus.....	87	3,457	52	78,870	1,290	3	4,050	55	358	2,493
1906.										
Evangelical Adventists.....	18	481	16	27,050		1	1,200	9	57	264
Advent Christian Church.....	550	26,799	428	854,323	78,828	44	72,675	367	2,876	16,941
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination.....	1,889	62,211	981	1,454,087	77,984	14	14,165	1,813	11,033	50,225
Church of God (Adventist).....	10	354	3	4,000	700			11	52	326
Churches of God (Adventist), Unattached Congregations.....	10	257	2	2,300				5	30	200
Life and Advent Union.....	12	509	6	29,799	10,300			7	45	259
Churches of God in Christ Jesus.....	62	2,124	37	53,650		1	3,000	30	193	895

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HISTORY.

The disappointment felt by the Adventists at the passing of the date (1844) fixed for the Second Advent of Christ resulted in much discussion as to the accuracy of the calculations. In 1852 Jonathan Cummings, one of Mr. Miller's associates in the earlier years of the movement, began to teach that there had been a mistake in the earlier calculations which had fixed a time limit, and claimed that the 1,335 days of Daniel (xii, 12) would end in 1854, when the resurrection would occur. This aroused considerable criticism on the part of other Adventists, and those who accepted Mr. Cummings' views began to draw apart. When 1854 also passed they frankly admitted their mistake as to the date of the Advent, and it was hoped that they would rejoin the original body.

By this time, however, a well-marked difference of opinion had developed among Adventists in reference to the immortality of the soul. The followers of Mr. Cummings had for the most part accepted the doctrine that man is by nature wholly mortal and is unconscious in death, and that immortality is not inherent in mankind, but is the gift of God to be bestowed in the resurrection on those only who have been true followers of Christ. The main body of Adventists, on the other hand, accepted, in general, the doctrine of the conscious state of the dead and the eternal suffering of the wicked. Owing largely to this difference, which they considered to be upon a vital point, when a general conference met at Boston, June 5, 1855, the followers of Mr. Cummings did not unite in it, but held a conference of their own on the same day. From

this time the separation between the two bodies was definitely recognized. Those who had separated from the main body organized the Advent Christian Association at Worcester, Mass., November 6, 1861, and have since borne the name "Advent Christian Church." This branch of the Adventists now holds simply to the general imminence of Christ's return, but takes the position that "no man knoweth the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." They also emphasize that side of their faith which deals with the nature of man.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Declaration of Principles held by this church, as unanimously approved by the Advent Christian Association and General Conference of America, in 1900, emphasizes the following points:

1. The Bible is the Word of God, containing a revelation given to man under divine supervision and providence; its historical statements are correct, and it is the only divine standard of faith and practice.

2. As revealed in the Bible, (a) there is one God, the Father, Creator of all things; (b) Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came into the world, died for man's sins, was raised for his justification, ascended into heaven as the High Priest and Mediator, and will come again to judge the living and the dead, and reign forever and ever; (c) the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, sent from God to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, sanctifies man and seals him unto the day of redemption.

3. Man was created for immortality, but through sin has forfeited his divine birthright, and only through faith in Christ can become partaker of the divine nature and live forever.

4. Death is, to all persons, righteous and wicked, a condition of unconsciousness, to remain unchanged until the resurrection at Christ's second coming, when the righteous will receive everlasting life, while the wicked will be "punished with everlasting destruction," suffering complete extinction of being.

5. Salvation is free to all who in this life and age accept the conditions, all hope of future probation or universal salvation being excluded.

6. Jesus Christ, according to His promise, will, "in like manner" as He went into heaven, come again to this earth to reign forever, and this coming is the hope of the Church, inasmuch as upon it depend the reward of the righteous, the abolition of sin, and the renewal of the earth to become the eternal home of the redeemed.

7. Bible prophecy indicates the approximate time of Christ's return, and the great duty of the hour is the proclamation of this soon-coming redemption.

8. The Church, an institution of divine origin, includes all Christians of whatever name, but the local organization should be independent of outside con-

trol, subject to no dictation of priest, bishop, or pope, although recognizing true fellowship and unity of action.

The only ordinances recognized are baptism and the Lord's Supper, immersion being considered the only true baptism. Admission to the church is by vote of the majority, after baptism and profession of faith. Open communion is practised and the invitation to the Lord's Supper is general, participation being left to the individual. The first day of the week, set apart by the early Church in commemoration of the resurrection, is held to be the proper Christian Sabbath, to be observed as a day of rest and religious worship.

#### POLITY.

In accordance with the principles outlined, the Advent Christian Church is congregational in church government, each church being absolutely independent in its own management. Local elders (not ordained) and deacons are elected annually, as are the various officials and committees. The elders have charge of the religious services when the church has no pastor, and the deacons care for the poor and serve as bearers at the communion service, which is usually held each month. Women equally with men are eligible to office.

For fellowship and the better conduct of such work as belongs to them in common, the churches are associated in annual conferences, which are grouped in four districts, while the Advent Christian General Conference represents the entire denomination. According to the constitution adopted at Boston, May 20, 1915, the object of this conference is: To advance the interests of, and unify the Advent Christian people in their various branches of work; hold biennial sessions for the transaction of business and the discussion of questions of interest to the churches; devise the best methods for the conduct of the finances of the churches, and the cooperating societies; cooperate with the churches in securing pastors, and in utilizing the services of worthy men; act as a board of appeal; establish a bureau of statistics; publish a biennial manual, and deal with any matters affecting the welfare of the churches.

The membership of the General Conference consists of delegates chosen by the annual conferences, one for each conference and one for each 300 members of the churches which cooperate with the conference; also one or more, not exceeding three, delegates representing the cooperating societies. From two to four weak or distant conferences may unite and jointly elect one delegate to the conference.

The organization of the General Conference includes the officers—a president; four vice presidents, representing the four publishing districts; a secretary and treasurer—a board of counsellors for each of the four

districts, the vice president for that district being chairman; a superintendent who acts as general executive, and has special care of the utilization of workers; and such committees on finance, etc., as may be needed. The president, vice presidents, and secretary of the General Conference, the superintendent, the business managers of the publishing societies, and the presidents or secretaries of the mission societies and the educational boards constitute a national council which acts as the executive arm of the conference in the interims between biennial meetings.

Ordination to the ministry rests with the conferences. It takes place on request of a church, after examination of the applicant by a committee, vote of the conference, and the appointment of an ordaining committee. The minister becomes a member of the conference which ordained him. In the reception of ministers from other bodies previous ordination is accepted.

WORK.

The denominational activities of the Advent Christian Church are carried on mainly through the American Advent Mission Society, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and four publication societies.

The American Advent Mission Society, which does both home and foreign mission work, is incorporated and entirely independent of the General Conference. Its officers are elected by delegates from the various churches, and its meetings are held annually. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is also independent of the General Conference. While doing some work for itself, it also acts as agent in India for the American Advent Mission Society, and reports to that body. There is a Western Home Mission Board which does about the same work in the Middle West that the American Advent Mission Society does in the East, except that its sphere is confined to home missions. There is also a woman's society called the Helper's Union and Central Mission Branch, doing both home and foreign mission work. The number of missionaries and evangelists employed during the year was 30 and the number of churches aided, 50. Contributions of \$15,000 were received.

A large part of the home missionary and philanthropic work is done by the state conferences, but these bodies make no report to the General Conference.

In the foreign field, 12 stations are occupied, in addition to some outstations, in India, China, and Japan. The report for 1916 shows 20 American missionaries, with a large force of native evangelists, teachers, and colporteurs constantly employed with the missionaries at the various stations; 10 churches, with 889 members; 11 schools, with 433 scholars; 1 hospital, where a large number of patients are treated each month; and 1 orphanage, with 80 inmates. The

value of property on the foreign field is estimated at \$52,000. The amount contributed was \$38,000.

Three educational institutions, for which \$15,000 were contributed in 1916, are carried on under the auspices of the denomination in the United States. They include a college at Aurora, Ill.; a theological school at Boston; and Sanderline Academy for Negro students at White, Tenn. A Bible Correspondence Institute is connected with Aurora College. The three institutions report 155 students and property valued at \$284,000, including an endowment of over \$100,000 which it is hoped will be increased to \$200,000. The denomination maintains two orphanages, and a home for the aged in connection with one of the orphanages. The property of the orphanage and home is valued at \$19,381, and \$6,756 were contributed for its support in 1916.

The young people of the denomination are organized in a Young People's Loyal Workers Society, which in 1916 included 124 branches, with a membership of 4,650.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Advent Christian Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, in the tables on pages 17 to 20, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	535	550	-15	-2.7
Members.....	30,597	26,799	3,798	14.2
Church edifices.....	418	428	-10	-2.3
Value of church property.....	\$1,188,070	\$854,323	\$333,747	39.1
Debt on church property.....	\$95,970	\$78,828	\$17,142	21.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	77	44	33	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$143,050	\$72,675	\$70,375	96.8
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	383	367	16	4.4
Officers and teachers.....	3,134	2,876	258	9.0
Scholars.....	21,007	16,941	4,066	24.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$65,756	\$42,820	\$22,936	53.6
Domestic.....	\$27,756	\$9,838	\$17,918	182.1
Foreign.....	\$38,000	\$32,982	\$5,018	15.2

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a general increase since 1906 in membership, value of church property, debt, parsonages, Sunday schools, and contributions for missions and benevolences, and a slight decrease in the number of organizations and of church edifices reported. The church membership in 1916, 30,597, showed an increase of 14.2 per cent. There was, however, a decrease of 2.7 per cent in number of organizations, and of 2.3 per cent in number of church edifices, due largely to a general consolidation of organizations and the elimination of dead or dormant churches. The number of organizations reporting parsonages increased from 44 to 77 and the value of parsonages from \$72,675 to \$143,050;

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church property, as reported by 417 of the 535 organizations, was valued at \$1,188,070, an increase of 39.1 per cent; while the debt on church property, reported by 63 organizations (as against 57 in 1906), was \$95,970, an increase of 21.7 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased from 367 to 383, or 4.4 per cent, and the number of scholars from 16,941 to 21,007, or 24 per cent. The contributions for domestic missions and benevolences, reported by the boards of the church for 1916, amounted to \$27,756, an increase since 1906 of 182.1 per cent. This indicates the realization by the church of the value of educational and philanthropic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$274,446, covering running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, gifts for benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury during the year, were reported by 423 of the 535 organizations, an average for each church of \$649.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 373 organizations in 1916, was 571, constituting 2.5 per cent of the 22,694 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 7,903 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 770.<sup>1</sup>

Of 535 organizations, 534, with 30,462 members, reported services held in English only, and 1 organization, with 135 members, reported services in Italian and English.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the Advent Christian Church was 770. As shown by the following table, schedules were received from only 374, the difference being due chiefly to the fact that a considerable number of persons, both men and women, who are listed as ministers, are not engaged exclusively in ministerial work, but serve occasionally as evangelists, or assist in church work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	374	147	140	87	\$706
Alabama.....	6	5	2	1	200
Arkansas.....	3	1	7	10	986
California.....	26	7	1	1	914
Colorado.....	2	13	7	4	507
Connecticut.....	21	8	2	11	480
Florida.....	18	2	4	1	694
Georgia.....	13	8	1	7	780
Idaho.....	1	5	2	2	594
Illinois.....	19	2	2	3	750
Indiana.....	2	9	15	8	733
Iowa.....	9	7	8	6	786
Kansas.....	7	18	1	2	1,000
Maine.....	40	1	2	1	874
Massachusetts.....	32	3	1	1	542
Michigan.....	4	3	1	1	520
Minnesota.....	3	1	1	1	684
Mississippi.....	2	17	7	2	614
Missouri.....	7	6	6	1	527
Montana.....	1	4	9	2	520
Nebraska.....	2	1	2	1	600
New Hampshire.....	26	1	6	1	319
New York.....	13	17	9	2	700
North Carolina.....	15	6	2	2	682
Ohio.....	4	1	1	3	769
Oklahoma.....	4	3	6	1	583
Oregon.....	10	2	1	4	300
Pennsylvania.....	3	3	6	1	840
Rhode Island.....	8	1	2	8	620
South Carolina.....	4	2	3	1	730
Tennessee.....	3	1	7	4	583
Texas.....	6	10	7	4	300
Vermont.....	21	2	2	3	840
Virginia.....	7	2	1	3	620
Washington.....	6	2	9	8	730
West Virginia.....	19	2	2	1	
Wisconsin.....	7	4	2	1	

The total number of ministers reported as engaged in pastoral work was 287. Of these, 147 gave their full time to this work, 90 served as supplies or assistants, and 50, although in regular pastoral work, supplemented their income by some other occupation. The 87 reported as not in pastoral work included 35 retired from active service, 4 engaged in caring for denominational interests, 15 engaged in educational, literary, or evangelistic work, and the remainder in other occupations.

The average salary, \$706, represents the average of the total amount reported by those ministers who gave their full time to pastoral work and derived their entire support therefrom. It is on an essentially different basis, therefore, from the average reported for this denomination in 1906 (\$414), which was based on reports from the church organizations and included every variety of pastoral income.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Advent Christian Church .....	535	534	30,597	456	10,807	15,620	416	50	418	417	\$1,188,070
New England division:											
Maine .....	57	57	2,575	62	978	1,435	53	1	53	53	138,420
New Hampshire .....	34	33	1,670	31	598	930	28	4	28	29	98,850
Vermont .....	19	19	1,040	18	387	584	17	—	17	17	49,450
Massachusetts .....	33	33	2,780	32	953	1,543	31	2	31	31	213,500
Rhode Island .....	8	8	772	8	245	527	7	1	7	7	47,700
Connecticut .....	19	19	1,550	18	619	919	18	—	19	18	81,770
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	24	24	1,024	22	372	577	22	1	22	22	75,500
Pennsylvania .....	11	11	350	11	125	225	10	1	10	10	14,800
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	17	17	1,135	12	410	499	11	—	11	11	16,300
Indiana .....	7	7	618	7	272	346	7	—	7	7	11,600
Illinois .....	14	14	1,023	11	296	486	10	1	10	10	47,100
Michigan .....	12	12	325	10	99	171	9	1	9	9	28,500
Wisconsin .....	18	18	846	18	325	521	13	4	13	13	17,100
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	4	4	296	2	52	74	4	—	4	4	28,800
Iowa .....	10	10	502	9	154	283	9	1	9	9	13,600
Missouri .....	5	5	358	4	108	150	4	—	4	4	7,700
Nebraska .....	3	3	125	3	53	72	2	—	2	2	3,000
Kansas .....	7	7	341	7	151	190	6	1	6	6	10,200
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia .....	12	12	593	11	259	304	10	1	10	10	10,000
West Virginia .....	63	63	2,629	40	744	933	31	19	31	32	54,750
North Carolina .....	23	23	1,960	13	496	717	16	—	16	16	14,655
South Carolina .....	7	7	789	7	382	407	7	—	7	7	11,200
Georgia .....	22	22	1,429	22	555	874	19	—	19	19	28,625
Florida .....	25	25	1,954	20	711	904	18	3	18	18	28,650
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	4	4	130	1	10	5	1	—	1	1	500
Tennessee .....	8	8	274	6	82	114	4	2	4	4	8,700
Alabama .....	7	7	296	7	138	158	7	—	7	7	3,450
Mississippi .....	7	7	313	6	116	127	5	1	5	5	2,500
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	3	3	84	2	34	35	1	1	1	1	800
Louisiana .....	2	2	142	2	60	82	2	—	2	2	1,400
Oklahoma .....	4	4	215	2	41	71	1	1	1	1	1,500
Texas .....	11	11	651	11	301	350	6	1	6	6	3,650
Mountain division:											
Idaho .....	2	2	139	2	66	73	2	—	2	2	2,450
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	8	8	466	7	202	252	6	2	7	6	26,800
Oregon .....	12	12	323	11	126	184	8	1	8	7	11,550
California .....	13	13	980	11	287	498	11	—	11	11	73,000

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Advent Christian Church.....	535	63	\$95,970	77	\$143,050	423	\$274,446	379	383	3,134	21,007
New England division:											
Maine.....	57	10	9,690	4	7,500	52	31,190	43	43	361	2,288
New Hampshire.....	34	3	1,800	10	20,700	31	21,248	28	28	248	1,238
Vermont.....	19	2	1,875	7	12,800	15	13,245	17	19	165	1,080
Massachusetts.....	33	8	28,790	3	10,500	33	43,491	32	32	375	2,045
Rhode Island.....	8	1	5,750	1	2,000	7	8,527	7	7	87	487
Connecticut.....	19	7	8,084	3	12,000	17	23,383	16	17	190	1,181
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	24	4	14,400	8	9,600	19	11,291	16	16	121	873
Pennsylvania.....	11	1	400			8	2,270	9	9	55	348
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	17					10	3,117	14	14	104	825
Indiana.....	7	3	400	3	4,200	6	3,098	5	5	48	330
Illinois.....	14	3	8,776	4	13,000	10	11,494	12	12	134	1,102
Michigan.....	12	1	7,000	2	1,900	6	3,939	8	8	50	347
Wisconsin.....	18	1	1,100	3	5,700	17	6,612	14	14	99	551
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4			2	5,500	3	15,667	3	3	31	266
Iowa.....	10	2	480	3	3,100	9	3,085	9	9	69	371
Missouri.....	5					4	2,307	5	5	37	320
Nebraska.....	3			2	2,500	2	868	2	2	12	74
Kansas.....	7	2	450	2	3,000	7	5,379	7	7	58	296
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	12	1	240	3	1,600	10	2,162	10	10	63	627
West Virginia.....	63	1	136	2	4,000	37	8,075	26	26	156	1,478
North Carolina.....	23	1	35			17	2,443	10	10	54	482
South Carolina.....	7			3	3,500	7	5,435	6	6	41	324
Georgia.....	22	5	689			20	2,631	12	12	60	583
Florida.....	25	2	1,400	4	9,300	18	9,223	14	14	93	673
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4							1	1	4	46
Tennessee.....	8					5	1,651	5	5	20	143
Alabama.....	7					7	488	4	4	25	150
Mississippi.....	7					4	370	2	2	7	70
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3					1	540	2	2	7	36
Louisiana.....	2					2	340	2	2	16	80
Oklahoma.....	4					2	826	4	4	25	187
Texas.....	11	2	325			11	2,569	5	5	28	274
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	2			2	2,050	1	100	2	2	13	110
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	2	1,200	1	1,000	6	6,747	6	6	62	375
Oregon.....	12			2	1,400	8	2,883	8	9	59	338
California.....	13	1	3,000	3	6,200	11	17,752	13	13	167	1,009

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Advent Christian Church.....	535	534	30,597	456	10,807	15,620	416	50	418	417	\$1,188,070
Catskill.....	7	7	231	7	94	137	7		7	7	10,200
Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.....	20	20	1,933	18	654	983	19		20	19	129,900
Cumberland Valley, Kentucky.....	4	4	130	1	10	5	1		1	1	500
East Georgia and South Carolina.....	10	10	1,082	10	440	642	10		10	10	14,450
Eastern Michigan.....	5	5	144	4	40	74	4		4	4	16,500
Eastern North Carolina.....	16	16	1,261	12	466	684	12		12	12	10,705
Hoosick Valley.....	11	11	726	11	276	450	11		11	11	50,400
International.....	8	8	397	7	136	192	6	1	6	7	16,300
Iowa and Missouri.....	10	10	605	8	165	275	8	1	8	8	10,200
Maine.....	47	47	2,160	43	801	1,222	44	1	44	44	117,590
Massachusetts.....	26	26	2,146	26	810	1,336	24	2	24	24	152,000
Michigan.....	4	4	98	4	39	59	3		3	3	7,000
Minnesota.....	4	4	296	2	52	74	4		4	4	28,800
Mississippi.....	5	5	258	4	94	94	4		4	4	1,700
Missouri-Kansas.....	9	9	448	9	193	255	8	1	8	8	13,700
Nebraska.....	3	3	125	3	53	72	2		2	2	3,000
New Hampshire.....	31	30	1,500	28	573	885	26	3	26	26	96,350
New York.....	9	9	396	7	121	200	8		8	8	38,500
North Alabama.....	8	8	322	8	152	170	7	1	7	7	3,450
Northern California.....	7	7	421	6	98	208	6		6	6	18,700
Northern Georgia.....	3	3	106	3	53	53	3		3	3	750
Northern Illinois.....	10	10	750	8	220	335	7	1	7	7	39,600
Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan.....	4	4	107	3	26	56	3	1	3	3	6,000
Northern Iowa.....	2	2	102	2	37	65	2		2	2	4,000
Northern Maine.....	10	10	424	9	174	225	9		9	9	20,530
Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York.....	4	4	56	4	19	37	3	1	3	3	4,500
Northwestern Pennsylvania.....	6	6	272	6	99	173	6		6	6	9,300
Ohio.....	15	15	958	10	315	417	9		9	9	12,500
Oklahoma.....	4	4	215	2	41	71	1	1	1	1	1,500
Ontario and Northeastern New York.....	2	2	72	2	31	41	2		2	2	3,800
Piedmont, North Carolina.....	7	7	699	1	30	33	4		4	4	3,950
Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut.....	10	10	826	10	259	567	9	1	9	9	51,200
South Georgia and Florida.....	30	30	2,182	25	807	1,036	21	3	21	21	46,000
Southern California.....	6	6	559	5	189	290	5		5	5	54,300
Southern Georgia.....	10	10	742	10	326	416	9		9	9	5,275
Southern Illinois.....	5	5	319	4	94	179	4		4	4	11,100
Southern Indiana.....	6	6	594	6	266	328	6		6	6	10,600
Vermont.....	6	6	309	6	128	181	5		5	5	7,600
Virginia.....	10	10	515	10	243	272	9	1	9	9	9,500
West Tennessee.....	3	3	118	1	15	25	1		1	1	800
West Texas.....	13	13	793	13	361	432	8	1	8	8	5,050
West Virginia.....	66	66	2,836	42	839	1,015	33	19	33	34	58,550
Western Tennessee, Northern Mississippi, and Eastern Arkansas.....	10	10	317	9	125	177	6	3	6	6	10,000
Western Washington and British Columbia.....	6	6	378	5	166	200	4	2	5	4	23,800
Willamette Valley.....	15	15	500	14	208	279	11	1	11	10	15,000
Wisconsin.....	18	18	846	18	325	521	13	4	13	13	17,100
Not reported by conference.....	10	10	323	10	144	179	9	1	9	9	15,820



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Advent Christian Church .....	535	63	\$95,970	77	\$143,050	423	\$274,446	379	383	3,134	21,007
Catskill .....	7					6	1,375	4	4	26	170
Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.....	20	8	23,892	4	16,500	18	31,826	17	18	215	1,255
Cumberland Valley, Kentucky .....	4							1	1	4	46
East Georgia and South Carolina .....	10			3	3,500	10	5,860	8	8	53	419
Eastern Michigan .....	5	1	7,000	1	900	2	2,662	3	3	20	200
Eastern North Carolina .....	16	1	35			10	1,805	7	7	41	374
Hoosick Valley .....	11	3	12,058	4	7,100	10	8,723	9	9	95	588
International .....	8	1	315	3	4,000	7	5,138	8	9	69	418
Iowa and Missouri .....	10	1	330	1	800	8	1,912	9	9	59	399
Maine .....	47	6	8,285	2	2,500	43	25,280	37	37	317	1,938
Massachusetts .....	28	5	9,400	2	6,000	26	32,060	26	26	315	1,830
Michigan .....	4					3	1,178	3	3	22	105
Minnesota .....	4			2	5,500	3	15,667	3	3	31	266
Mississippi .....	5					3	215	1	1	5	45
Missouri-Kansas .....	9	2	450	2	3,000	9	6,282	9	9	74	373
Nebraska .....	3			2	2,500	2	868	2	2	12	74
New Hampshire .....	31	3	1,800	10	20,700	29	20,528	26	26	239	1,193
New York .....	9	3	7,400	5	4,500	7	5,812	7	7	52	358
North Alabama .....	8					8	553	4	4	25	150
Northern California .....	7	1	3,000	1	2,500	6	6,072	7	7	76	388
Northern Georgia .....	3	2	60			3	150	3	3	16	185
Northern Illinois .....	10	3	8,776	3	11,300	7	7,009	8	8	98	756
Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan .....	4			2	2,000	2	304	3	3	13	62
Northern Iowa .....	2	1	150	2	2,300	2	1,468	2	2	21	90
Northern Maine .....	10	4	1,405	2	5,000	9	6,130	7	7	49	368
Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York .....	4	1	400			2	425	3	3	16	109
Northwestern Pennsylvania .....	6					5	1,515	5	5	36	209
Ohio .....	15					8	2,437	12	12	87	645
Oklahoma .....	4					2	826	4	4	25	187
Ontario and Northeastern New York .....	2			1	2,000	2	1,060	2	2	15	105
Piedmont, North Carolina .....	7					7	638	3	3	13	108
Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut .....	10	1	5,750	1	2,000	9	10,060	8	8	94	524
South Georgia and Florida .....	30	2	700	4	9,300	22	9,542	14	14	98	690
Southern California .....	6			2	3,700	5	11,680	6	6	61	621
Southern Georgia .....	10	2	229			9	787	6	6	21	246
Southern Illinois .....	5			1	1,700	4	5,594	5	5	46	471
Southern Indiana .....	6	3	400	2	3,200	5	2,893	4	4	43	310
Vermont .....	6			1	1,300	4	2,622	4	4	33	204
Virginia .....	10	1	240	3	1,600	9	2,108	9	9	58	579
West Tennessee .....	3					1	25	1	1	3	4
West Texas .....	13	2	325			13	2,909	7	7	44	354
West Virginia .....	66	1	136	2	4,000	39	8,755	28	28	173	1,658
Western Tennessee, Northern Mississippi, and Eastern Arkansas .....	10					6	2,310	8	8	31	248
Western Washington and British Columbia .....	6	2	1,200	1	1,000	5	5,847	4	4	49	275
Williamette Valley .....	15			3	2,450	9	3,383	11	12	80	518
Wisconsin .....	18	1	1,100	3	5,700	17	6,612	14	14	99	551
Not reported by conference .....	10	2	1,134	2	4,500	7	3,541	7	8	42	341

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST DENOMINATION.

## HISTORY.

The movement which resulted in the formation of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination originated in a discussion as to the correct interpretation of the passage in Daniel viii, 13, 14, "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," which Mr. Miller and other Adventist leaders had interpreted as referring to the cleansing of the earth at the coming of Christ which they looked for in 1844. With the passing of that period, there arose renewed investigation, and some who were convinced that while there had been no mistake in regard to the time, there had been error in interpreting the character of the event. They came to the conclusion that the sanctuary to be cleansed was not this earth, but the sanctuary in

heaven, where Christ ministered as high priest; and that this work of cleansing, according to the Levitical type, was the final work of atonement, the beginning of the preliminary judgment in heaven which is to precede the coming of Christ, as described in the judgment scene of Daniel vii, 9, 10, which shows an "investigative judgment" in progress in heaven, while events are still taking place on earth.

Further study of the subject of the "sanctuary" convinced them that the standard of this investigative judgment was to be the law of God as expressed in the Ten Commandments which formed the code that was placed in the ark of the covenant in the earthly sanctuary, a type of the heavenly sanctuary. The fourth precept of this law commanded the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, and

they found nothing in Scripture commanding or authorizing the change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day.

The passage in Revelation xiv, 6-14, particularly that portion beginning with the phrase "the hour of His judgment is come," they interpreted as a representation of the final work of the gospel; and understood that, with the coming of this "judgment" (in 1844, as they believed), a movement was imperative to carry to every nation and tongue a warning against following tradition, and a call to men to follow the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. They further believed that when this final message had been carried to all the world, Christ would come to reap the harvest of the earth.

As a result of these convictions, a few persons in New England, formerly First-day Adventists, began in 1845 and 1846 to observe the seventh day of the week, and to preach the doctrines which now constitute the distinctive tenets of the Seventh-day Adventists. Among those prominently connected with the movement were three persons—Joseph Bates, James White, and Mrs. Ellen G. White, "the last named looked upon in the early history as possessing the gift of prophecy and regarded still as receiving messages of instruction for the church from time to time by the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit." In 1849 they began the publication of a paper at Middletown, Conn. Later they established their headquarters at Rochester, N. Y., but in 1855 transferred them to Battle Creek, Mich., and in 1903 to Washington, D. C. At a conference held in Battle Creek in October, 1860, the name "Seventh-day Adventist Denomination" was for the first time formally adopted as the official designation of the denomination, and three years later a general conference was organized at that place, under that name.

The membership at the time of this organization (1863) included approximately 3,500 persons, located principally in the eastern and central parts of the United States and gathered into 125 churches, with 30 ministers and 6 local or state conferences. In 1873 the membership had risen to 5,875; in 1883, to 17,436; in 1893, to 37,404; in 1903, to 77,554; and in 1906 there were 91,531 members (including 62,211 in the United States), 2,416 churches, 1,101 ministers, and 102 organized conferences. At the close of 1916 the strength of the denomination throughout the world was represented by a membership of 141,488, with 3,987 churches, 1,678 ministers, 26 union conferences, 130 local conferences, and 113 organized mission fields.

#### DOCTRINE.

Seventh-day Adventists have no formal or written creed, but take the Bible as their rule of faith and practice. The following is a summary of the chief points of their belief, upon which there is entire unanimity throughout the denomination:

The law of God is the divine standard of righteousness, binding upon all men. Christ, taking upon Himself the nature of the seed of Abraham, lived as an example, died as a sacrifice, was raised for justification, and is now the only mediator for man in the heavenly sanctuary, where, through the merits of "His shed blood," He ministers pardon and forgiveness of sins to all who come to God through Him. The seventh day of the week, from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday, is the Sabbath established by God's law and should be observed as such. Immersion is the only proper form of baptism. Man is not by nature immortal, but receives eternal life only by faith in Christ. The state to which man is reduced at death is one of unconsciousness. The investigative judgment now in progress in heaven decides the eternal destiny of all men. The personal, visible coming of Christ is near at hand, and is to precede the millennium; at this coming the living righteous will be translated, and the righteous dead will arise and be taken to heaven, where they will remain until the end of the millennium. During the millennium the punishment of the wicked will be determined, and at its close Christ with His people will return to the earth, the resurrection of the wicked will occur, and Satan, the originator of all sin, will, together with his followers, meet final destruction. The earth will then be made the fit abode of the people of God throughout the ages, where the righteous shall dwell forever, and sin will never again mar the universe of God.

The Seventh-day Adventists make the use of intoxicants or tobacco in any form a cause for exclusion from church fellowship. They advocate the complete separation of church and state, and oppose all religious legislation. They are strongly opposed to the so-called "higher criticism." The invitation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is general to all Christians, the decision as to participation resting with the individual. The service of washing one another's feet, as described in John xiii, is observed at the quarterly meetings, the men and women meeting separately for this purpose, previous to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, during which they meet together.

With regard to the time of the Advent, they have never set a definite date, believing that it is near, but that the day and hour have not been revealed.

#### POLITY.

The local church is congregational in its government, although under the general supervision of the conference of which it is a member. One or more elders are elected annually to care for the spiritual interests of the church, conduct services, and, in case of need, administer the sacraments. One or more deacons and deaconesses are also elected annually to care for the financial and administrative work. In the case of large congregations, particularly in cities, ordained ministers are sometimes appointed as pastors, but usually they act

as itinerant evangelists, having supervision of a number of local churches, and directing their chief effort to missionary work in the development of new fields.

All the churches in a state form a state conference, to which they elect delegates in the ratio of 1 to every 15 members. The state conference meets annually and has general supervision of the churches and their work, though it exercises no authority over the local church, except as particular questions are submitted to it for decision. In some large states there are two or more of these conferences, and as a matter of convenience the term "local conference" is coming into use. The state conferences are united into groups of five or six, to form union conferences, which hold sessions biennially, and to which delegates are elected by the state conferences on the basis of 1 for every 200 church members. The union conferences throughout the world are united in the General Conference, which holds sessions quadrennially, and is composed of delegates from the union conferences in the ratio of 1 to every 500 church members.

Each conference has an executive committee for the conduct of its business along the lines of the different departments of the church's work. The presidents of the state conferences and chairmen of state departments are ex officio members of the executive committees of their union conferences, and the presidents of the union conferences, together with the chairmen of union departments, constitute the executive committee of the General Conference. Membership in the conferences or the ministry is open to both sexes, although there are very few female ministers.

Applicants for church membership, not already members of a church, appear before the elders of the local church for examination. If approved, they are recommended for baptism at some public service, usually when the ordained minister in general charge can be present, though this is not essential. After baptism, either at the same or a subsequent service, they are presented to the church by the elders, and received by vote of the members present.

Applicants for ordination to the ministry are licensed to preach, for a limited term, by a conference, either state, union, or general. At the expiration of that term, on approval by the conference, they are recommended for ordination, and are ordained under supervision of the conference, by ministers selected for that service. This ordination is for life, but ministers are expected to renew their papers at each meeting of the conference which ordained them.

Local church expenses are met by special contributions, and collections are made five times in the year for the different departments of denominational work. An effort is also being made to collect a sum amounting to 20 cents per week per member for foreign mission work. The expenses of the ministry are met by the tithing system, each church member being expected to contribute a tenth of his income. The tithes are

paid through a deacon to the treasurer of the state conference, who pays the salaries of the state conference ministers, and remits one-tenth to the treasurer of the union conference. Of this amount, the latter treasurer appropriates nine-tenths for the expenses of union conference ministers, and remits one-tenth to the treasurer of the General Conference. Any surplus in the treasury of a state or union conference is voted to the treasurer of the General Conference for the foreign missionary work of the denomination. Associations for the holding of property belonging to the denomination have been formed in nearly every country in which work is carried on. The jurisdiction of these associations is generally coextensive with that of a conference, state, or union, and their officers are usually the officers of the conference, while their membership is ordinarily constituted of the delegates to the sessions of the conference. The associations connected with state conferences usually hold in trust all the property for the local churches, while associations formed for union conferences hold property of a more general character.

#### WORK.

Instead of independent societies, charged with carrying on the different lines of work, the denomination has departments, represented in each conference and in the local church. Those upon which the denomination has placed special emphasis, all of them being distinctly missionary in purpose and character, are the departments of foreign missions, the Sabbath school, publication, medicine, and education, although other departments are not neglected. These are all under the charge of a general conference committee, with a secretary for each department.

The general home missionary work of the denomination includes not only the care of needy churches, but general colportage and other lines of evangelistic effort. During 1916 there were employed in this department 1,420 missionaries and 777 ordained and licensed ministers, and the amount contributed for home missionary and evangelistic work was \$581,445.

In 1874 the Seventh-day Adventists sent their first missionary from the United States to a foreign country. At the close of 1916, organized work was carried on outside the United States in 249 mission stations and 353 substations, in 92 countries, by a working force consisting of 880 American missionaries, and about 2,000 native helpers. The main stations were distributed as follows: European countries, 63; Africa, 47; Asia, 54; Australasia, 3; Pacific islands, 36; South America, 22; West Indies, Mexico, and Central America, 24. Connected with these missions were 1,951 churches, with 65,178 members; 237 schools, with 7,208 pupils, besides 246 mission schools, with 10,928 pupils; 21 sanitariums, with 34,910 patients; and 1 orphanage with 45 inmates. The total amount con-

tributed in the United States for the foreign work was \$736,046; and the total value of property in foreign lands, including church edifices, is \$5,377,889. The gain in membership outside the United States during the decade ending with 1916 was 139.6 per cent.

In 1872 the first denominational missionary training school was opened in Battle Creek, Mich. At the close of 1916 there was in existence a graded system of education, requiring 16 years' work for completion, and including, in all countries, 15 colleges and seminaries, 32 academies, 21 intermediate and 206 primary and day schools, and 618 church schools. The number of teachers connected with all these institutions, including the 246 mission schools, was 2,070; the total enrollment, 36,070; and the total amount contributed for their support during the year was \$1,218,043. Of these schools, 37 colleges, academies, and intermediate schools, with 5,788 students and pupils, and the 618 parochial schools, with 12,146 pupils, were in the United States. The amount contributed for the support of these schools was \$194,339, while \$779,778 were received from tuition, making a total of \$974,117. The value of school property in the United States was \$1,980,066.

In 1866 a sanitarium was erected in Battle Creek, Mich., for the "rational treatment of disease" and the dissemination of the principles of temperance and healthful living. At the close of 1916 there were 41 well-equipped sanitariums and treatment rooms in different parts of the world, besides a number of dispensaries under denominational control and about 25 institutions under private management. The institutions denominationally controlled had assets amounting to \$3,252,135, and employed 1,808 persons specially trained in these lines, including 141 physicians. Of these institutions, 20, with 14,149 patients, were in the United States. The total amount contributed for institutions of this character in the United States was \$51,921, and the property was valued at \$2,045,911.

The first denominational publishing house was erected in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1855. At the close of 1916, the denomination had 40 publishing houses and branches, issuing and circulating annually over \$2,000,000 worth of denominational literature in 90 languages. There are published 130 periodicals in 39 languages. The value of publishing house property in the United States in 1916 was estimated at \$1,004,604 and that in foreign countries at \$1,162,574.

The missionary volunteer department is one of the leading factors in the training and preparation of young people for missionary work, both at home and abroad. In 1916 there were 861 local societies with 16,259 members, only church members being eligible to membership.

A general summary of the activities of the denomination shows that there were employed in 1916 in the various departments of ministerial, evangelistic, and institutional work, exclusive of the office force, 9,695 persons; of these, 5,077 were engaged in strictly evan-

gelistic work—777 ordained and licensed ministers in the United States, 1,420 home missionary workers, and 2,880 missionaries and native helpers abroad; there were 2,070 teachers in colleges and church schools, 1,808 persons employed in the sanitariums, and 740 persons engaged in the preparation and circulation of denominational literature.

The total amount raised in 1916 for the work of the denomination was \$3,950,492. This amount includes tithes, \$2,291,424; foreign mission funds, \$963,700; home mission funds, \$695,368. The total tithes and offerings in foreign lands were used there, the "home mission offerings" being for local work and the "foreign mission offerings" for work in other fields. The three funds were contributed as follows:

From the United States:		<i>Per capita.</i>
Tithes.....	\$1,536,848	\$20.14
Foreign mission offerings.....	736,046	9.64
Home mission offerings.....	581,445	7.62
Total.....	1,254,339	37.40
From countries outside the United States:		
Tithes.....	\$754,576	\$11.57
Foreign mission offerings.....	227,654	3.49
Home mission offerings.....	113,923	1.75
Total.....	1,096,153	16.81
Grand total.....	3,950,492	27.92

The property of the denomination represents a total value of \$15,284,215, divided as follows:

In the United States:	
Church edifices.....	\$2,060,629
Educational.....	1,980,066
Sanitariums.....	2,045,911
Publishing houses.....	1,004,604
Conference organizations <sup>2</sup> .....	2,815,116
Total.....	9,906,326
Outside the United States:	
Church edifices.....	401,150
Educational.....	665,097
Sanitariums.....	1,206,224
Publishing houses.....	1,162,574
Conference organizations <sup>2</sup> .....	1,942,844
Total.....	5,377,889
Grand total.....	15,284,215

<sup>1</sup> These figures were furnished by the denomination; contributions from Alaska and Bermuda are included with those from the United States.

<sup>2</sup> Property of various kinds, including real estate, offices, and some institutional buildings owned by the conferences.

As compared with 1906, the report of the denomination for 1916 shows an increase in the total amount of contributions for the home and foreign work of \$2,556,130, or 183.3 per cent, and an increase in the value of property of \$9,392,290, or 159.4 per cent.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination for 1916 are given by states and conferences, in the tables on pages 25 to 28, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given on the following page.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,011	1,889	122	6.5
Members.....	79,355	62,211	17,144	27.6
Church edifices.....	1,231	981	250	25.5
Value of church property.....	\$2,568,495	\$1,454,087	\$1,114,408	76.6
Debt on church property.....	\$209,154	\$77,984	\$131,170	168.2
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	16	14	2	(1)
Value.....	\$20,450	\$14,165	\$6,285	44.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,929	1,813	116	6.4
Officers and teachers.....	15,298	11,033	4,265	38.7
Scholars.....	74,863	50,225	24,638	49.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$1,563,751	\$532,255	\$1,031,496	193.8
Foreign.....	\$827,705	\$265,599	\$562,106	211.6
Total.....	\$736,046	\$266,656	\$469,390	176.0

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a general increase since 1906 in all items, with percentages of increases somewhat larger than the average percentages for all religious bodies. The number of organizations reported was 2,011 in 1916 against 1,889 in 1906, an increase of 6.5 per cent. The church membership, 79,355, showed an increase of 27.6 per cent, and an average per organization of 39 as against 33 in 1906. The increase in number of church edifices from 981 to 1,231, which was larger than the increase in number of organizations, is explained in part by the substitution of such edifices for halls as places of worship. There was an increase of \$1,114,408, or 76.6 per cent, in the value of church property, while the debt on church property advanced from \$77,984 to \$209,154, an increase of 168.2 per cent. There was an increase of only 2 in the number of churches reporting parsonages, but the value as reported advanced from \$14,165 in 1906 to \$20,450 in 1916, a gain of 44.4 per cent. The contributions for benevolent, educational, and philanthropic work increased by \$1,031,496, or 193.8 per cent, the larger amount going to domestic work, though the difference between contributions for domestic and for foreign work is not large.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by 1,737 organizations, amounted to \$1,887,772, and covered running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,727 organizations in 1916, was 2,252, constituting 3.1 per cent of the 71,911 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 7,444 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 2,485.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

Of the 2,011 organizations, 1,792 organizations, with 70,021 members, reported services in English only, and 219, with 9,334 members, reported services in foreign languages, of which 109, with 4,693 members, used foreign languages only, and 110, with 4,641 members, used foreign languages and English. The number of foreign languages reported was 21, the principal one being German, reported by 94 organizations, with 4,799 members, of which 51, with 2,902 members, used German alone. The Scandinavian languages were used by 95 organizations, with 3,773 members, 37 organizations, with 1,229 members, using Scandinavian alone. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows an increase of 10 in the number of foreign languages reported.

The classification of ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination was rendered peculiarly difficult by the fact that the number as originally furnished by the denomination included many local elders and others engaged in one form or another of church work, but who could not be included in the ministerial lists as prepared by the bureau. After careful investigation and consultation the number of those entitled to be classed as ministers was fixed at 582, and schedules were received from 477. The main facts are set forth in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	477	232	131	114	\$823
Alabama.....	6	2	2	2	420
Arizona.....	4	2	2	2	751
Arkansas.....	3	2	1	2	699
California.....	61	29	13	19	792
Colorado.....	13	8	3	2	1,005
Connecticut.....	3	1	2	2	832
Delaware.....	1	1	1	1	986
District of Columbia.....	3	2	2	1	520
Florida.....	6	2	3	2	871
Georgia.....	4	2	2	2	934
Idaho.....	9	6	1	2	767
Illinois.....	18	5	6	7	767
Indiana.....	10	4	1	5	720
Iowa.....	18	9	9	3	776
Kansas.....	10	5	2	3	726
Kentucky.....	3	3	3	1	712
Louisiana.....	3	2	2	1	872
Maine.....	1	1	1	2	905
Maryland.....	7	3	2	4	869
Massachusetts.....	10	3	3	4	850
Michigan.....	42	18	7	17	861
Minnesota.....	8	1	6	1	866
Mississippi.....	4	2	2	2	870
Missouri.....	7	2	3	2	767
Montana.....	3	2	1	6	884
Nebraska.....	19	7	0	1	871
New Hampshire.....	2	1	0	2	835
New Jersey.....	8	6	2	2	914
New Mexico.....	4	3	1	1	789
New York.....	16	10	4	2	842
North Carolina.....	7	3	3	1	853
North Dakota.....	7	7	6	4	782
Ohio.....	11	11	6	3	903
Oklahoma.....	16	6	6	4	863
Oregon.....	22	9	10	3	1,040
Pennsylvania.....	21	15	2	4	890
Rhode Island.....	2	1	1	1	716
South Carolina.....	5	2	2	1	777
South Dakota.....	7	2	3	2	617
Tennessee.....	5	3	1	1	801
Texas.....	10	3	5	2	828
Utah.....	1	1	1	2	875
Virginia.....	9	6	1	2	843
Washington.....	29	9	9	10	816
West Virginia.....	3	1	1	1	
Wisconsin.....	12	8	4	1	
Wyoming.....	4	2	1	1	

Of the 477 ministers from whom schedules were received, 232 gave their full time to pastoral work and derived from it their full support; while 131 were in pastoral work—61 as supplies or assistants, and 70 as pastors who obtained a part of their support from other occupations. Of the 114 not in pastoral work,

47 were reported as retired from active service, 31 were employed in the general interests of the denomination, 29 were in evangelistic or philanthropic work, and 7 were engaged in other occupations. The average annual salary reported by those in full pastoral charge was \$823. In 1906 no report was made on this item.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination...	2,011	2,011	79,355	2,011	26,111	53,244	1,224	499	1,231	1,254	\$2,568,495
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	18	18	586	18	202	384	10	3	10	10	24,800
New Hampshire.....	8	8	164	8	60	114	3	2	3	4	3,525
Vermont.....	16	16	399	16	141	258	9	6	9	9	13,600
Massachusetts.....	37	37	1,635	37	508	1,147	10	13	10	11	39,775
Rhode Island.....	5	5	182	5	44	138	4	1	4	4	8,200
Connecticut.....	11	11	419	11	130	289	6	4	6	5	16,500
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	73	73	3,546	73	859	2,687	36	19	36	37	162,325
New Jersey.....	29	29	1,151	29	304	877	11	14	11	12	46,150
Pennsylvania.....	75	75	2,704	75	782	1,922	37	24	37	38	99,157
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	62	62	2,490	62	740	1,750	30	17	30	30	101,677
Indiana.....	60	60	1,800	60	573	1,227	42	12	42	43	59,835
Illinois.....	64	64	2,420	64	703	1,737	33	22	33	34	103,990
Michigan.....	180	180	6,266	180	2,156	4,110	115	35	116	118	232,910
Wisconsin.....	91	91	2,781	91	880	1,901	54	23	56	55	86,050
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	65	65	2,300	65	754	1,546	41	16	42	43	103,525
Iowa.....	97	97	2,851	97	878	1,973	62	19	63	62	119,376
Missouri.....	54	54	1,830	54	536	1,294	37	15	37	38	59,300
North Dakota.....	40	40	1,322	40	551	771	20	15	20	20	37,850
South Dakota.....	37	37	1,046	37	410	636	25	9	25	26	32,000
Nebraska.....	54	54	2,443	54	805	1,638	40	13	40	40	99,650
Kansas.....	75	75	2,504	75	867	1,637	42	20	42	42	71,760
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	5	5	189	5	60	129	2	2	2	2	5,323
Maryland.....	17	17	897	17	272	625	11	5	11	12	37,991
District of Columbia.....	6	6	1,006	6	330	676	4	2	4	4	57,402
Virginia.....	29	29	736	29	244	492	21	3	21	23	28,440
West Virginia.....	10	10	283	10	88	195	5	4	5	5	7,700
North Carolina.....	26	26	704	26	226	478	15	8	15	16	22,980
South Carolina.....	19	19	485	19	153	332	6	8	6	9	9,715
Georgia.....	21	21	710	21	197	613	11	7	11	11	18,600
Florida.....	35	35	1,259	35	414	845	23	7	23	23	32,575
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	15	15	382	15	110	272	9	4	9	9	9,775
Tennessee.....	37	37	1,414	37	504	910	26	7	26	27	34,250
Alabama.....	22	22	609	22	206	403	10	8	10	11	8,050
Mississippi.....	18	18	398	18	116	282	13	3	13	13	18,475
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	20	20	601	20	242	359	12	6	12	14	9,679
Louisiana.....	15	15	451	15	128	323	8	4	8	8	16,300
Oklahoma.....	55	55	2,258	55	871	1,387	31	15	31	32	33,350
Texas.....	40	40	1,801	40	617	1,184	28	3	28	28	32,130
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	18	18	701	18	242	459	12	4	12	12	22,600
Idaho.....	30	30	1,065	30	403	662	16	9	16	16	25,200
Wyoming.....	9	9	224	9	87	137	4	2	4	4	2,530
Colorado.....	65	65	2,762	65	892	1,870	44	15	44	45	80,565
New Mexico.....	12	12	323	12	131	192	5	4	5	5	4,300
Arizona.....	14	14	441	14	163	278	6	6	6	7	10,400
Utah.....	4	4	175	4	42	133	3	3	3	3	7,500
Nevada.....	3	3	149	3	48	101	2	2	2	2	2,600
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	85	85	3,944	85	1,366	2,578	55	24	57	56	88,550
Oregon.....	67	67	3,476	67	1,242	2,234	53	11	53	53	83,175
California.....	163	163	10,973	163	3,844	7,129	122	26	122	123	331,385

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination...	2,011	240	\$209,154	16	\$20,450	1,737	\$1,887,772	1,803	1,929	15,298	74,863
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	18	1	271			15	15,506	16	19	103	489
New Hampshire.....	8	1	200			6	4,029	6	6	35	133
Vermont.....	16	2	820			14	9,830	16	17	87	364
Massachusetts.....	37	4	4,100			33	41,680	32	34	321	1,675
Rhode Island.....	5	2	1,400			5	7,857	5	5	41	169
Connecticut.....	11	3	7,400	1	2,500	10	15,455	11	13	83	384
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	73	12	28,926	1	2,500	65	96,322	69	76	580	3,073
New Jersey.....	29	5	11,275			27	30,223	28	29	242	1,204
Pennsylvania.....	75	14	10,790	1	1,500	62	45,745	65	71	453	2,454
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	62	3	2,850			54	77,075	55	60	484	2,371
Indiana.....	60	6	3,810			47	38,410	49	50	379	1,561
Illinois.....	64	10	6,586			54	79,118	58	65	508	2,355
Michigan.....	180	19	12,990	1	400	153	180,161	153	163	1,272	6,281
Wisconsin.....	91	4	2,140	1	1,000	77	60,364	76	84	613	2,642
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	65	6	11,631			58	61,459	59	63	455	2,182
Iowa.....	97	10	6,036			85	86,671	84	90	614	2,687
Missouri.....	54	5	2,325			47	37,504	49	52	379	1,752
North Dakota.....	40	4	2,430			35	43,515	39	39	318	1,608
South Dakota.....	37	2	450			32	36,229	34	35	250	1,157
Nebraska.....	54	4	10,700			48	55,939	48	52	407	1,933
Kansas.....	75	3	860			64	54,923	67	69	513	2,529
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	5	1	1,000			4	2,335	5	5	32	180
Maryland.....	17	7	13,400			16	24,491	16	19	143	934
District of Columbia.....	6	1	6,500	1	3,000	3	22,613	6	6	110	803
Virginia.....	29	5	6,161			23	9,640	23	25	134	657
West Virginia.....	10	2	1,453			8	6,468	9	10	72	289
North Carolina.....	26	6	2,997	1	4,000	24	12,338	23	24	145	641
South Carolina.....	19	4	3,513			16	6,936	16	16	89	493
Georgia.....	21	3	1,025			19	14,807	19	23	141	756
Florida.....	35	3	335			28	22,751	32	34	264	1,264
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	15	4	850			10	2,553	13	13	82	347
Tennessee.....	37	6	3,280			33	23,138	33	39	283	1,475
Alabama.....	22	4	1,330			16	8,972	19	21	121	588
Mississippi.....	18	3	646	2	900	16	3,224	15	15	81	367
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	20	3	1,049			18	8,109	15	17	131	525
Louisiana.....	15	2	1,030			12	8,500	14	14	91	437
Oklahoma.....	55	1	175	1	750	48	51,399	53	55	427	2,230
Texas.....	40	3	1,152	1	200	33	24,416	39	41	295	1,762
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	18	4	2,745			14	15,967	15	17	146	618
Idaho.....	30	1	295			25	21,609	29	36	280	1,270
Wyoming.....	9					9	6,003	8	8	62	222
Colorado.....	65	13	9,188			60	63,878	61	63	550	2,633
New Mexico.....	12					10	5,968	9	11	57	230
Arizona.....	14			1	500	10	6,727	13	14	62	322
Utah.....	4	1	250			3	4,531	4	4	32	159
Nevada.....	3			1	1,800	2	3,910	2	2	25	134
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	85	10	5,886	2	1,000	81	100,637	79	83	784	3,867
Oregon.....	67	5	1,373			62	70,410	63	66	638	3,066
California.....	163	28	15,531	1	400	143	257,427	151	156	1,884	9,591



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination...	2,011	2,011	79,355	2,011	26,111	53,244	1,224	499	1,231	1,254	\$2,568,495
Alabama.....	25	25	685	25	233	452	11	10	11	12	9,050
Arizona.....	14	14	441	14	163	278	6	6	6	7	10,400
Arkansas.....	20	20	601	20	242	359	12	6	12	14	9,679
California.....	19	19	1,668	19	485	1,183	14	4	14	14	61,765
Central California.....	33	33	1,818	33	702	1,116	25	6	25	25	71,800
Chesapeake.....	21	21	1,054	21	323	731	13	6	13	14	43,314
Colorado.....	52	52	2,416	52	778	1,638	38	10	38	39	66,665
Cumberland.....	21	21	677	21	239	438	15	4	15	16	19,400
District of Columbia.....	15	15	1,156	15	381	775	8	4	8	8	60,052
East Michigan.....	63	63	2,202	63	755	1,447	43	11	43	44	96,100
Eastern New York.....	27	27	863	27	257	606	18	7	18	18	53,100
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	46	46	1,588	46	438	1,150	21	15	21	22	53,257
Florida.....	32	32	1,183	32	387	796	22	5	22	22	31,575
Georgia.....	21	21	710	21	197	513	11	7	11	11	18,600
Greater New York.....	18	18	1,686	18	353	1,333	3	4	3	4	51,125
Indiana.....	59	59	1,778	59	569	1,209	42	11	42	43	59,835
Inter-Mountain.....	18	18	541	18	165	376	10	5	10	10	22,900
Iowa.....	97	97	2,851	97	878	1,973	62	19	63	62	119,376
Kansas.....	75	75	2,504	75	867	1,637	42	20	42	42	71,760
Kentucky.....	13	13	342	13	101	241	8	3	8	8	8,675
Louisiana.....	15	15	481	15	128	353	8	4	8	8	16,300
Maine.....	18	18	586	18	202	384	10	3	10	10	24,800
Massachusetts.....	37	37	1,655	37	508	1,147	10	13	10	11	39,775
Minnesota.....	65	65	2,300	65	754	1,546	41	16	42	43	103,525
Mississippi.....	18	18	398	18	116	282	13	3	13	13	18,475
Missouri.....	54	54	1,830	54	536	1,294	37	15	37	38	59,300
Montana.....	18	18	701	18	242	459	12	4	12	12	22,600
Nebraska.....	44	44	2,155	44	705	1,450	34	10	34	34	92,800
Nevada Mission.....	8	8	264	8	96	168	4	1	4	4	5,100
New Jersey.....	29	29	1,181	29	304	877	11	14	11	12	46,150
North Carolina.....	26	26	704	26	226	478	15	8	15	16	22,980
North Dakota.....	40	40	1,322	40	551	771	20	15	20	20	37,850
North Michigan.....	47	47	1,215	47	430	785	29	9	29	29	39,450
North Texas.....	14	14	578	14	183	395	13	.....	13	13	15,340
North Wisconsin.....	39	39	833	39	284	549	18	11	19	19	22,675
Northern California.....	22	22	1,580	22	588	992	15	6	15	16	34,580
Northern Illinois.....	34	34	1,804	34	505	1,299	18	14	18	18	82,500
Northern New England.....	24	24	563	24	191	372	12	8	12	13	17,125
Northwestern California.....	23	23	1,482	23	544	938	18	4	18	18	38,350
Ohio.....	62	62	2,490	62	740	1,750	30	17	30	30	101,677
Oklahoma.....	55	55	2,258	55	871	1,387	31	15	31	32	33,350
South Carolina.....	19	19	485	19	153	332	6	8	6	9	9,715
South Dakota.....	33	33	1,003	33	400	603	24	7	24	25	31,500
South Texas.....	15	15	921	15	303	618	10	.....	10	10	13,400
South Wisconsin.....	57	57	2,050	57	635	1,415	39	12	41	39	68,600
Southeastern California.....	29	29	1,956	29	729	1,227	23	3	23	23	48,400
Southern California.....	32	32	2,354	32	748	1,606	25	2	25	25	73,990
Southern Idaho.....	25	25	884	25	315	569	15	6	15	15	24,950
Southern Illinois.....	30	30	636	30	198	438	15	8	15	16	21,490
Southern New England.....	16	16	601	16	174	427	10	5	10	9	24,700
Southern Oregon.....	16	16	760	16	278	482	15	.....	15	15	18,875
Tennessee River.....	18	18	777	18	274	503	12	4	12	12	15,950
Texas.....	22	22	605	22	253	352	9	7	9	9	6,190
Upper Columbia.....	45	45	2,306	45	920	1,386	27	14	28	27	49,925
Virginia.....	21	21	609	21	202	407	17	2	17	19	25,790
West Michigan.....	66	66	2,769	66	936	1,833	40	16	40	42	92,135
West Pennsylvania.....	29	29	1,116	29	344	772	16	9	16	16	45,900
West Virginia.....	10	10	292	10	88	204	5	4	5	5	7,700
Western New York.....	28	28	997	28	249	748	15	8	15	15	58,100
Western Oregon.....	41	41	2,283	41	814	1,469	31	9	31	31	59,650
Western Washington.....	55	55	2,252	55	684	1,568	36	15	37	37	48,525
Wyoming.....	23	23	555	23	197	358	11	7	11	11	9,880



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination..	2,011	240	\$209,154	16	\$20,450	1,737	\$1,887,772	1,803	1,929	15,298	74,863
Alabama.....	25	5	1,480			19	9,724	22	24	134	661
Arizona.....	14			1	500	10	6,727	13	14	62	322
Arkansas.....	20	3	1,049			18	8,109	15	17	131	525
California.....	19	5	6,053			16	47,374	18	18	259	1,316
Central California.....	33	3	1,149	1	400	28	45,830	30	31	304	1,641
Chesapeake.....	21	8	14,400			19	26,260	21	23	179	1,119
Colorado.....	52	11	7,388			49	60,130	48	49	463	2,284
Cumberland.....	21	4	2,480			19	9,725	17	17	128	522
District of Columbia.....	15	1	6,500	1	3,000	11	25,750	12	13	145	930
East Michigan.....	63	7	8,075	1	400	56	89,084	53	56	416	2,077
Eastern New York.....	27	5	6,173			25	24,025	26	27	197	761
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	46	7	5,875			39	29,668	41	44	267	1,517
Florida.....	32	2	185			25	21,999	29	31	251	1,191
Georgia.....	21	3	1,025			19	14,807	19	23	141	756
Greater New York.....	18	3	19,500			16	47,388	18	20	178	1,312
Indiana.....	59	6	3,810			46	37,180	49	50	379	1,561
Inter-Mountain.....	18	3	2,050			15	8,371	18	19	124	517
Iowa.....	97	10	6,036			85	86,671	84	90	614	2,687
Kansas.....	75	3	860			64	54,923	67	69	513	2,529
Kentucky.....	13	4	850			8	1,860	11	11	69	295
Louisiana.....	15	2	1,030			12	8,500	14	14	91	437
Maine.....	18	1	271			15	15,506	16	19	103	489
Massachusetts.....	37	4	4,100			33	41,680	32	34	321	1,675
Minnesota.....	65	6	11,631			58	61,459	59	63	455	2,182
Mississippi.....	18	3	646	2	900	16	3,224	15	15	81	367
Missouri.....	54	5	2,325			47	37,504	49	52	379	1,752
Montana.....	13	4	2,745			14	15,967	15	17	146	618
Nebraska.....	44	4	10,700			40	49,616	38	40	340	1,625
Nevada Mission.....	8	1	150	1	1,800	6	5,596	7	7	50	270
New Jersey.....	29	5	11,275			27	30,223	28	29	242	1,204
North Carolina.....	26	6	2,997	1	4,000	24	12,338	23	24	145	641
North Dakota.....	40	4	2,430			35	43,515	39	39	318	1,608
North Michigan.....	47	3	1,650			36	19,585	39	43	244	1,122
North Texas.....	14	1	1,000	1	200	12	10,805	14	14	125	615
North Wisconsin.....	39	2	228			32	15,678	33	37	231	898
Northern California.....	22	2	285			18	34,226	20	23	282	1,397
Northern Illinois.....	34	3	4,700			30	63,770	34	41	347	1,722
Northern New England.....	24	3	1,020			20	13,859	22	23	122	497
Northwestern California.....	23	3	1,934			22	39,472	23	23	321	1,656
Ohio.....	62	3	2,850			54	77,075	55	60	484	2,371
Oklahoma.....	55	1	175	1	750	48	51,399	53	55	427	2,230
South Carolina.....	19	4	3,513			16	6,936	16	16	89	493
South Dakota.....	33	2	450			30	35,859	31	32	239	1,112
South Texas.....	15	1	112			12	10,194	15	16	110	866
South Wisconsin.....	57	3	1,940	1	1,000	49	46,430	47	53	400	1,831
Southeastern California.....	29	3	1,019			25	57,019	24	25	298	1,518
Southern California.....	32	11	4,941			30	31,820	31	31	395	1,927
Southern Idaho.....	25	1	295			21	18,913	24	31	227	1,031
Southern Illinois.....	30	7	1,886			24	15,348	24	24	161	633
Southern New England.....	16	5	8,800	1	2,500	15	23,312	16	18	124	553
Southern Oregon.....	16					15	12,028	16	17	140	702
Tennessee River.....	18	2	800			16	14,106	18	24	168	1,005
Texas.....	22	1	40			18	9,203	18	21	112	502
Upper Columbia.....	45	3	4,586	2	1,000	44	69,020	44	48	487	2,425
Virginia.....	21	5	6,161			16	6,563	17	18	99	530
West Michigan.....	66	8	3,237			58	70,978	57	58	594	2,995
West Pennsylvania.....	29	7	4,915	1	1,500	23	16,077	24	27	186	937
West Virginia.....	10	2	1,453			8	6,974	9	11	68	284
Western New York.....	28	4	3,253	1	2,500	24	24,909	25	29	205	1,000
Western Oregon.....	41	5	1,373			37	47,102	37	37	411	1,912
Western Washington.....	55	7	1,300			51	45,593	50	52	437	2,133
Wyoming.....	23					19	12,696	21	23	140	575

## CHURCH OF GOD (ADVENTIST).

## HISTORY.

In 1865 a number of Seventh-day Adventists in Michigan, under the leadership of Elder Cranmer, withdrew from the main body or declined to affiliate with it because, while holding to nearly the same points of doctrine, they refused to acknowledge the divine inspiration of Mrs. Ellen G. White, one of the founders

of the denomination. No complete organization was formed, however, until the next year, when, at Marion, Iowa, these dissenters assumed the name "Church of God."

The membership of the denomination is scattered over a large part of the United States, not merely as a result of removal from the chief centers of the denomination, but by the addition of individuals who, accept-

ing the general principle of the observance of the seventh day and faith in the second coming of Christ, declined to join the main body of Seventh-day Adventists or withdrew from it. In a few cases such individuals formed independent local bodies not identified ecclesiastically with the Church of God, and yet somewhat affiliated with it. In 1906 these were registered as a separate body under the title "Churches of God (Adventists), Unattached Congregations." In 1916, however, such affiliation as they had seems to have disappeared and they are probably reported as Independent churches.

DOCTRINE.

While the fundamental doctrines and practices of the Church of God are in general the same as those of the Seventh-day Adventists,<sup>1</sup> the two denominations are at variance in their views of prophecy and its application. In particular the Church of God repudiates the doctrine held by the Seventh-day Adventists that the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the 2,300 days (Daniel viii, 14) was the heavenly sanctuary, as well as the application of the third angel's message (Rev. xiv, 9-12) to the Seventh-day Adventists. The members of this denomination pay due regard to William Miller for his preaching and efforts to awaken the country, and hold that his mistake was due to wrong calculations of the prophetic periods of the book of Daniel and of historic dates.

POLITY.

In polity the denomination is essentially congregational, except that the general conference of churches is recognized as having a certain authority in matters referred to it. Ordination to the ministry follows essentially the same course as among the earlier Adventists. Candidates, either on their own application or on request of a church, are examined at a conference by a committee appointed for the purpose and, if the examination is satisfactory, are ordained either as pastors of churches or general evangelists.

WORK.

In its home missionary activities, the denomination employs five ministers to engage in religious work outside of their own parishes in the states of Michigan, Nebraska, and Texas. One general missionary has been assigned to work in the northwest conference section, and another is engaged in missionary work in the Central States. In the foreign field, one missionary is in India and another in China, and one church, with a membership of 50, was organized in India in 1916. No records have been kept as to the amount of money contributed for missionary work, but it is estimated that \$4,000 was contributed in

1916 for the furtherance of missionary enterprises, of which about \$500 was for foreign work. The majority of ministers and missionaries have no stipulated salaries and are dependent entirely upon free-will offerings.

At the beginning of the movement led by Elder Cranmer, a paper called the "Hope of Israel" was published at Hartford, Mich. It was later published at Marion, Iowa, by the Christian Publication Association, and subsequently its name was changed to "Advent and Sabbath Advocate." It is now known as the "Bible Advocate," and is published at Stanberry, Mo.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Church of God (Adventist) for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	22	10	12	(?)
Members.....	848	354	494	139.5
Church edifices.....	8	3	5	(?)
Value of church property.....	\$8,200	\$4,000	\$4,200	105.0
Debt on church property.....		\$700	-\$700	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....		11	— 11	.....
Officers and teachers.....		52	— 52	.....
Scholars.....		326	— 326	.....
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$4,000		\$4,000	.....
Domestic.....	\$3,500		\$3,500	.....
Foreign.....	\$500		\$500	.....

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (—) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with the figures for 1906, the denomination showed in 1916 a considerable increase in number of organizations, membership, church edifices, and value of church property. Part of this increase is probably due to the inclusion here of some churches reported separately in 1906 as "unattached congregations." No debt on church property was reported and no Sunday schools, although 11 such schools were reported in 1906, with 52 officers and teachers and 326 scholars. The total number of organizations in 1916 was given as 22, with 848 members, an increase of 139.5 per cent over the membership reported for 1906. There were 8 church edifices, an increase of 5, and church property was valued at \$8,200, an increase over 1906 of 105 per cent. General contributions for missions and benevolences amounting to \$4,000 were reported for 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 20.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,358, reported by 10 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 59, constituting 7 per cent of the 848 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

English is the only language reported in the conduct of the church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers connected with the denomination is 46, but schedules were received from only 19. Of these, 14 were in pastoral work, 2 had retired, and 3 were engaged fully in other occupations. No salaries were reported, and the pastors derive a portion of their income from other occupations—farming, teaching, etc.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES,  
BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.						Halls, etc.
Church of God (Adventist).....	22	22	848	22	331	517	8	14	8	8	\$8,200	10	\$2,358
East North Central division:													
Michigan.....	3	3	153	3	60	93	2	1	2	2	2,700	2	350
West North Central division:													
Iowa.....	2	2	50	2	18	32	1	1	1	1	1,000		
Missouri.....	7	7	379	7	148	231	3	4	3	3	3,300	3	503
West South Central division:													
Oklahoma.....	4	4	130	4	51	79		4				3	325
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	136	6	54	82	2	4	2	2	1,200	2	1,180

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Washington, and West Virginia.

LIFE AND ADVENT UNION.

HISTORY.

The doctrine that there will be no resurrection of the wicked was preached in 1848 by Mr. John T. Walsh, then an associate editor of the Bible Examiner, an Adventist periodical published in New York City. A considerable number of Adventists joined him and in 1864 the Life and Advent Union was organized in Wilbraham, Mass. The number of churches has not been large, but a number of people hold the views of the Union who are not enrolled in its organized churches. Of these, it is impossible to give any estimate.

DOCTRINE.

In matters of doctrine they are in accord with the earlier Adventists except in regard to the resurrection and the millennium. They hold that the righteous dead only will be raised, and that eternal life is bestowed solely at the second coming of Christ; that the millennium, the one thousand years of Revelation xx, had its fulfillment in the past and, instead of being a time of peace and happiness, was a period of religious persecution and suffering; that this earth, purified by fire and renewed in beauty, will be the eternal inheritance and dwelling place of God's people, in which the wicked dead will have no share at all, their sleep being eternal. They believe that omens of the near

approach of Christ are to be discerned in the widespread weakening of faith in an inspired Bible, the general condition of unrest and perplexity among the nations and kindred developments along many lines.

POLITY.

In polity the Life and Advent Union is distinctly congregational; associations are for fellowship, and have no ecclesiastical authority. Ministers are ordained, either at their own request, or on request of a church, after proper examination, by a committee appointed for the purpose.

WORK.

The activities of the Life and Advent Union are carried on through the Life and Advent Missionary Society and the Young People's Missionary Society. The sum of \$500 is annually expended in aiding weak churches and for similar objects. Four camp meetings are held annually, two in Maine, one in Connecticut, which is the principal one, and one in Virginia. The official publication of the denomination is the "Herald of Life", issued weekly at New Haven, Conn.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Life and Advent Union for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of

other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	13	12	1	(1)
Members.....	658	509	149	29.3
Church edifices.....	8	6	2	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$41,600	\$29,799	\$11,801	39.6
Debt on church property.....	\$12,250	\$10,300	\$1,950	18.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	9	7	2	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	73	45	28	(1)
Scholars.....	439	259	180	69.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$500	\$500		
Domestic.....	\$500	\$500		
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with the report for 1906, this denomination shows in 1916 an increase in every item—13 organizations as against 12; a membership of 658 as against 509, or a gain of 29.3 per cent; 8 church edifices instead of 6; and church property with a value of \$41,600 instead of \$29,799, representing a gain of 39.6 per cent. The debt on church property in-

creased from \$10,300 reported by 4 churches in 1906, to \$12,250 as reported by 3 churches in 1916. The Sunday schools increased by 2, while the number of scholars advanced from 259 to 439, an increase of 69.5 per cent. Contributions for domestic work, amounting to \$500, were reported in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,996, reported by 11 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 5 out of a total of 658 members reported by this denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers connected with the denomination was 15 and schedules were received from 8. All of them were in pastoral work; 5 reported an average annual salary of \$766, and 2 reported secondary occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Life and Advent Union.....	13	13	658	12	256	395	8	4	8	8	\$41,600
New England division:											
Maine.....	3	3	37	2	13	17	1	2	1	1	600
Massachusetts.....	2	2	92	2	46	46	1	.....	1	1	1,000
Connecticut.....	3	3	155	3	66	89	2	1	2	2	16,500
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	130	2	45	85	2	.....	2	2	15,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	244	3	86	158	2	1	2	2	8,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Life and Advent Union.....	13	3	\$12,250	11	\$8,996	9	9	73	439
New England division:									
Maine.....	3	.....	.....	1	30	1	1	3	25
Massachusetts.....	2	.....	.....	2	450	2	2	9	60
Connecticut.....	3	2	5,750	3	3,001	3	3	29	165
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	2	1	6,500	2	2,650	1	1	15	73
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	.....	.....	3	2,865	2	2	17	116

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

## CHURCHES OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

## HISTORY.

With the development of church life independent of denominational organizations, many churches throughout the country were organized under various names, such as Church of the Blessed Hope, Brethren of the Abrahamic Faith, Restitutionists, Restitution Church, Church of God, and Age to Come Adventists. Some were loosely affiliated, but refused to be identified with any denomination, although in general they were Adventist in their doctrine. In November, 1888, representatives from a number of such churches met in Philadelphia and organized the association known as "Churches of God in Christ Jesus," which is in general accord with the Adventist bodies, and is classed with them although the term "Adventist" does not appear in its title.

## DOCTRINE.

The churches belonging to this association have no creed but the Bible. The members, however, believe:

(1) That there is one God, the supreme creator and controller of all things, who is a lovable, loving, and approachable Father, and a rewarder of all who diligently seek Him and keep His commandments.

(2) That the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into existence as set forth in the gospels, and gave His life as a sacrificial offering for our sins, that those who believe in Him and obey His teachings may through Him have their sins forgiven; that Christ arose from the dead on the third day and, after meeting with His disciples on several occasions, was taken up into heaven, there to remain with God until certain things foretold by the prophets have been accomplished.

(3) That Christ will come again personally: (a) to give immortal life to those who have been faithful, raising the dead and changing the living; (b) to punish the wicked, who, in the second death, will be blotted out of existence; (c) to establish the kingdom of God on earth, which, with its capital city at Jerusalem, will be gradually extended until all nations and races of mankind are brought under His sovereignty; and to restore to its ancient heritage and God's favor the Israelitish nation, which will then be the most favored nation in this kingdom; (d) to reward the immortal saints as joint heirs with Christ, according to their works, giving to each a position of honor and trust as joint ruler with Christ in the kingdom of God.

(4) That obedience to the commandments of God is obligatory upon all Christians, the first act necessary being baptism for the remission of sins.

(5) That those who believe the gospel message, repent of their sins, and are baptized, have entered into covenant relationship with God, their part of the covenant being that they will live useful lives of faith and good works, God's part being that if they remain faith-

ful unto the end He will give them eternal life and positions of honor and trust in His kingdom.

Candidates for admission into the churches are required to confess faith in God and in the promises of the gospel; to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour, and King; and to covenant to live Christian lives. On this confession candidates are baptized by immersion.

## POLITY.

In polity the churches are congregational. For fellowship and general work they gather in state and district conferences, which, however, exercise no authority over the individual churches, being wholly advisory, educational, and evangelistic in character. Each local church adapts its organization to circumstances. In some cases they have pastors, in others the services are conducted by elders or presidents. The term "minister," as understood among them, is applied to the person in spiritual charge of the congregation, or who preaches the gospel. There is no formal method of ordination. Ministers are appointed and granted certificates of authorization by the conference board of the state, on request of a church, after examination as to the moral character of the applicant and his other qualifications. The majority of the churches meet regularly on the first day of each week to celebrate the Lord's Supper, but this, while a general custom, is not an obligation. The general attitude toward other denominations is liberal, the invitation to the communion service being extended to all Christians, leaving each individual to be his own judge as to participation.

## WORK.

The home mission work of the churches is conducted by a number of evangelists, who are supported by voluntary contributions. As yet no schools or colleges have been established. The educational work of the denomination is conducted through the medium of literature, quarterly and annual gatherings, institutional Bible classes, etc. There is a young people's society, called the Bereans, which has a national organization, with affiliated state organizations and local societies. There are about 50 of these local societies with about 700 members. Sunday schools, ladies' aid societies, and similar educational and charitable institutions, are also conducted as a part of the general work of the churches.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Churches of God in Christ Jesus for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on pages 33 and 34, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations .....	87	62	25	(1)
Members .....	3,457	2,124	1,333	62.8
Church edifices .....	52	37	15	(1)
Value of church property .....	\$78,870	\$53,650	\$25,220	47.0
Debt on church property .....	\$1,290	.....	\$1,290	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting .....	3	1	2	(1)
Value .....	\$4,050	\$3,000	\$1,050	35.0
Sunday schools:				
Number .....	55	30	25	(1)
Officers and teachers .....	358	193	165	85.5
Scholars .....	2,493	895	1,598	178.5

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with the report for 1906, the statistics for this body for 1916 showed a considerable increase—87 organizations as against 62; a membership of 3,457 as against 2,124, an increase of 62.8 per cent; 52 church edifices instead of 37; church property valued at \$78,870 as against \$53,650, representing a gain of 47 per cent; and a debt on church property amounting to \$1,290, reported for the first time in 1916 by 7 churches. Parsonages reported by 3 churches were valued at \$4,050, as against a value of \$3,000 reported by 1 church in 1906, showing an increase of 35 per cent. The Sunday schools increased from 30 to 55, with 2,493 scholars, as against 895, a gain in scholars of 178.5 per cent. General contributions for mis-

sionary work are not reported, such work being carried on by the local organizations entirely and are included under the head of church expenditures.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$13,016, reported by 59 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 57 organizations in 1916, was 5 out of a total of 2,503 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 7.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers identified with the denomination is given as 50. Schedules were received from 24 and of these, 20 were in pastoral work, 5 of them deriving their full support from their churches and receiving an average annual salary of \$1,094. Thirteen supplemented their church income from other occupations, and 2 served as supplies or assistants. Of the 4 not in pastoral work, 2 had retired from service and 2 were engaged in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Churches of God in Christ Jesus.....	87	87	3,457	87	1,439	2,018	52	12	52	52	\$78,870
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	70	2	32	38	1	.....	1	1	2,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	372	6	152	220	5	.....	5	5	21,950
Indiana.....	11	11	663	11	248	415	9	2	9	9	15,100
Illinois.....	10	10	276	10	98	178	7	2	7	7	6,050
Michigan.....	8	8	338	8	110	228	5	1	5	5	11,500
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	9	9	208	9	81	127	5	3	5	5	7,900
Missouri.....	2	2	81	2	40	41	2	.....	2	2	2,800
Nebraska.....	8	8	164	8	73	91	2	4	2	2	600
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	4	4	102	4	46	56	4	.....	4	4	2,600
North Carolina.....	4	4	153	4	64	89	4	.....	4	4	2,200
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2	2	40	2	14	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	10	10	499	10	230	269	5	.....	5	5	3,100
Oklahoma.....	7	7	281	7	151	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	210	4	100	110	3	.....	3	3	3,070

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas, Oregon, South Carolina, and Washington.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Churches of God in Christ Jesus.....	87	7	\$1,290	3	\$4,050	59	\$13,016	55	55	358	2,493
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2					2	821	1	1	5	25
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	1	75	1	2,000	4	2,850	5	5	48	287
Indiana.....	11	1	250			11	2,111	9	9	67	395
Illinois.....	10	1	100			9	2,075	8	8	40	224
Michigan.....	8	2	515			7	891	4	4	32	277
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	9					9	1,612	6	6	28	166
Missouri.....	2					1	100	1	1	3	20
Nebraska.....	8	2	350			3	413	6	6	31	164
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	4			2	2,050	2	1,269				
North Carolina.....	4					4	218	3	3	13	100
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2							1	1	6	35
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	10					2	180	7	7	56	587
Oklahoma.....	7					2	50	2	2	17	111
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4					3	426	2	2	12	102

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas, Oregon, South Carolina, and Washington.

## AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS.

(FORMERLY AMERICAN SALVATION ARMY.)

## HISTORY.

Among the officers who came to America under the command of the Salvation Army, to superintend the work here, was Thomas E. Moore. After a few years a difference arose between Gen. Booth and Mr. Moore in regard to financial administration. Gen. Booth contended that a part of all funds raised in America should be sent to England, and that, as the work of the Salvation Army was world-wide, no member of that army should call any country his own. Mr. Moore contended that funds raised by the Salvation Army in America should be used only in this country and that the organization here should have an American charter. In 1882, with a number of the American officers, he withdrew and began independent work. The movement was incorporated in 1884, and in 1885 an amended charter was granted to it under the name of the "Salvation Army of America." Subsequent changes in the Salvation Army in the United States resulted in the return of a considerable number of officers to that organization, but about 25 posts refused to return, and these reorganized under the name of the "American Salvation Army." In 1913 the name was changed to "American Rescue Workers."

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In its general doctrine and polity this body is very similar to the older one, except that it is a Christian church with the usual sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, rather than an evangelistic or philanthropic organization. A board of directors is elected

to represent the corporation, the majority of them being laymen. These directors are also members of the council, and titles to the property are vested in the board and not in the General. Corps having real estate have their own local boards, and, should a corps cease to exist, the board of directors is qualified to become the custodian of the property for purposes of the organization.

## WORK.

As indicated by its name, the organization does a general philanthropic work, which, however, is not reported in detail. In 1906 an item of \$11,622 was reported as contributions for philanthropic work. As the organization depends upon contributions for the conduct of its work, it seems probable that this sum really represented the amount received and expended for that purpose. No report of contributions was made for 1916.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the American Rescue Workers for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

As compared with the figures for 1906, the body shows an increase in number of organizations and in members, but a decrease in the value of church property and in debt. In 1906 there were 20 organizations having a membership of 436, and in 1916 there were 29 organizations with 611 members, showing an increase in membership of 40.1 per cent. Two edifices were reported, as in 1906, but the estimated value of

church property was \$1,900 in 1916 as against \$9,700 in 1906, a decrease of 80.4 per cent, and a debt of \$25 instead of \$2,900 was reported. A single parsonage reported in 1906 no longer appears. Sunday schools have increased from 2 to 13, and the scholars from 175 to 438, or 150.3 per cent. The item of contributions for domestic benevolences for 1906 has been previously explained.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	29	20	9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	611	436	175	40.1
Church edifices.....	2	2		
Value of church property.....	\$1,900	\$9,700	-\$7,800	-80.4
Debt on church property.....	\$25	\$2,900	-\$2,875	-99.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	
Value.....		\$1,800	-\$1,800	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	13	2	11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	61	18	43	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	438	175	263	150.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....				
Domestic.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$11,622		
Foreign.....	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$11,622		

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.  
<sup>3</sup> Not reported; see text, p. 34.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$22,682, cover the general running expenses of the organization.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 27 organizations in 1916, was 62, constituting 10.5 per cent of the 589 members reported by these organizations. Based upon this proportion, the number under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 64.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 29 organizations, 27, with 587 members, reported services in English only; and 2 organizations, with 24 members, reported services in German and English. As compared with the report for 1906, there were for the same number of organizations reporting German and English, a decrease of 56 members.

As in the Salvation Army, the ministers are those commissioned under the general management to carry on the work of the organization. Of the 30 so reported, 28 sent in schedules, and of these, 13 gave an average annual salary of \$598. A considerable number reported secondary occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.					Female.	Church edifices.
American Rescue Workers.....	29	29	611	29	384	227	2	22	2	8	\$1,900
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	38	4	23	15		4			
Pennsylvania.....	12	12	108	12	80	28		10		6	1,050
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	3	17	3	8	9		3			
Indiana.....	2	2	65	2	24	41		1			
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	100	2	48	52		1			
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	283	6	201	82	2	3	2	2	850

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and New Jersey.



ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
American Rescue Workers.....	29	1	\$25	19	\$22,682	13	13	61	438
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	4			4	5,088	2	2	4	35
Pennsylvania.....	12	1	25	8	10,255	3	3	16	126
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	3			1	347	2	2	15	66
Indiana.....	2			1	440	2	2	10	80
South Atlantic division:									
Maryland.....	2			1	3,020	1	1	5	30
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6			4	3,532	3	3	11	101

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and New Jersey.

## ARMENIAN CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The Armenians trace the origin of their church to the evangelization of the Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus, or Jude, but more particularly to the revival of the Christian faith in Armenia by St. Gregory the Illuminator, about the year 285 A. D. At that time the king and his subjects accepted the Christian religion, and upon this is based the Armenian claim to the honor of being the first Christian nation. St. Gregory became the first bishop of the church which he had organized, and from him a regular succession of patriarchs, who bear the title of "Catholicos," has come down without interruption to the present time. The residence of the Catholicos, which is at the same time the headquarters of the Armenian Church, is at Etchmiadzine, a famous monastery at the foot of Mt. Ararat in Transcaucasia, near the cathedral of the "Only Begotten" (Miadzine), which is one of the oldest Christian edifices in the world, and is said to have been built by St. Gregory himself.

Until the time of the fourth General Council, held at Chalcedon, 451 A. D., the Armenian Church was in full communion with all sections of the Church. Owing to a conflict with the Persian king, who was seeking to force Mazdaism upon the people, the Armenian Church was not represented at that council, and did not receive the report of its action for some time. When the report came, there was apparently some misunderstanding as to its meaning, and at a general synod held in 491 A. D., the decrees of the Council of Chalcedon were formally denounced, although the general doctrine of the Armenian Church continued to be in substantial accord with that of the Greek Church. As a result of a bitter controversy with the Greek Church over this matter, in which misrepresentation and misunderstanding played a large part, the Armenian Church took no part in subsequent general

councils, but maintained its independence under its own autocephalous hierarchy.

The establishment of the Ottoman Empire and the adoption by the Turks of the principle of the absolute identity of church and state, so that the ecclesiastics of the different Christian churches became also the civil heads of Christian communities, resulted in emphasizing the separation between the churches and in intensifying national and churchly loyalty. As certain sections of the Ottoman Empire acquired independence, the Armenians developed a desire for similar freedom, and, at the Congress of Berlin, in 1878, presented a plea for Armenian autonomy, emphasizing it in the claim of their national church upon the sympathy of Christendom. This was unsuccessful, nevertheless it aroused the suspicion of the Turkish Government, and after some years of general disturbance, successive outbreaks occurred in the years 1894-96, in which thousands of Armenians lost their lives.

For many years, as a result largely of the influence of schools established by Americans, the attention of the people had been turned to the United States, and a number of young men had come to this country, chiefly for education. With the increase of political disturbances and the disappointment of political hopes, others followed until there were several large communities of Armenians. Some of these had belonged to the Protestant Armenian Church, and, on coming to America, identified themselves with either the Congregational or Presbyterian denominations. The greater number, however, especially as the immigration grew, belonged to the national church, and felt the need of special services.

In 1889 Rev. Hovsep Sarajian, a priest from Constantinople, was sent to minister to a few hundred Armenians, most of them living in the state of Massachusetts, and in 1891 a church was built in Worcester,

Mass., which became, and is still, the headquarters of the Armenian Church in the United States. The great increase of Armenian immigrants made it necessary for him to have several assistants, and the still greater influx of Armenians during and after the outbreaks in 1894 and later induced the Catholicos to raise the United States to a missionary diocese, Father Sarajian being consecrated as first bishop. Since then the Armenians have increased so rapidly, in both the United States and Canada, that the Catholicos found it necessary in 1902 to grant a special constitution, and in 1903 to invest the bishop with archiepiscopal authority. The mission was then reorganized and divided into pastorates—the nuclei of future dioceses—over each of which a pastor in priest's orders was appointed. All places outside these pastorates are regarded as mission stations under the direct management of the archbishop, who either visits them or sends missionaries to them from time to time.

Pending the building of churches, arrangements have frequently been made with the rectors of Episcopal churches for weekly services, to be conducted by Armenian pastors for their congregations. In other places halls have been rented and fitted up as churches, and regular weekly services have been conducted in them. Besides these regular weekly services, the pastors have biweekly, monthly, or quarterly services in different places, either in halls rented for each service or in Episcopal churches, while occasional services, such as baptisms, marriages, and other devotional exercises, are frequently conducted in private houses.

On the outbreak of the war in Europe the Turkish Government allied itself with Germany and took occasion to annul the constitution granted in 1862, and to repeat the persecution of the Armenians, but on a scale never before known in the history of the world. About the time when the United States entered into the war a prominent Armenian ecclesiastic said:

Prior to this world calamity there were 2,300,000 Armenians in Turkish Armenia. Of these, there remain about 150,000 in Constantinople, Smyrna, and elsewhere; 400,000 have taken refuge in the Caucasus, Russia; about 250,000 were driven in pitiful condition into the deserts of Mesopotamia to starve and perish; while the remainder, about 1,500,000, have been killed in cold blood by governmental orders, thrown into the rivers, or left unburied to the beasts of the wilderness. It is gratifying to note, however, that they still cling firmly and unshaken to their Christian faith, with the endurance of martyrs, facing death and annihilation, and looking for salvation at the hands of their Christian brothers in the world.

#### DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal system of the Armenian Church is founded on the Nicene Creed without the addition made by the Western Church in regard to the Procession of the Holy Ghost from the Son as well as from the Father. It has also a longer creed peculiar to

itself, and accepts the canons of the first three General Councils of the Primitive Church, held at Nicea, Constantinople, and Ephesus, as well as the writings of the recognized fathers of the church of the period of those councils. While it has "not adopted the formulæ of the Council of Chalcedon with respect to the two natures of Christ," it is "explicit in teaching that Christ was perfect God and perfect man." The authorized version of the Scriptures is the translation made early in the fifth century by St. Mesrob and other fathers of the Armenian Church. In both the interpretation of the Bible and ecclesiastical ordinances the tradition of the church is regarded as of paramount importance. Seven sacraments are accepted. Baptism is invariably administered by immersion, generally eight days after birth, and is followed immediately by the sacrament of confirmation, which is administered by anointing with the chrism or sacred oil, and by laying on of the hands of the officiating priest. Holy Communion is administered in both kinds, even to infants, so that practically every baptized Armenian is also a communicant.

Auricular confession is practiced and priestly absolution is given. Every communicant is required to present himself to the priest, even if he has no specific sins to confess, and to obtain individual absolution, before he can receive the Holy Communion.

Prayers for the dead are offered without any definite teaching as to the intermediate state. The saints and the Blessed Virgin are venerated, but the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is not taught as a part of the creed.

#### POLITY.

The government of the Armenian Church is democratic, inasmuch as every officer of the church, from the lowest to the highest, is chosen by the people. It is at the same time strictly hierarchical, inasmuch as every minister has to be ordained by a bishop who can trace his own commission to the Apostles through bishops in apostolic succession. No bishop may ordain a man to the diaconate or priesthood before the members of the church at which he is to officiate have given their consent, and the objection of the humblest member of such a congregation must be taken into consideration. Similarly, a candidate for the episcopate must be duly elected by representatives of the whole diocese, each church or congregation having one or more votes according to the number of parishioners, and he must be furnished with proper credentials from the diocesan synod before he can be consecrated by the Catholicos. According to a late ruling of the Catholicos, women may vote in certain affairs of the parish churches, though they are not eligible for the higher orders of the church. There are, however, in some places deaconesses who are equal in rank with deacons, and who, besides devoting themselves to general works of mercy,

are allowed to take a limited part in the public services of the church and to assist the priest in performing the liturgy. But this institution has not found general favor with the Armenians, and in all other places where women are engaged in works of mercy, they do not take prominent part in the public services of the church, nor are they invested with any sacerdotal orders.

The Catholicos of Etchmiadzine is the supreme head of all the Armenian churches throughout the world. He is elected by both lay and ecclesiastical representatives of all the Armenian dioceses, but is subject to approval by the Czar of Russia.<sup>1</sup> It is his exclusive privilege to consecrate bishops and to bless the chrism, or sacred oil, used for baptism, confirmation, ordination, and other rites.

Next in rank come the patriarchs of Constantinople and Jerusalem, the titular Catholicos of Sis, and the titular Catholicos of Ahthamar,<sup>2</sup> each with archiepiscopal jurisdiction, archbishops of other provinces, and bishops of dioceses. The patriarchs are elected by their synods and are subject to approval by the Sultan. There are altogether 80 dioceses in Turkey and Transcaucasia and 4 missionary dioceses in Persia, India, Europe, and America. Many of the dioceses in Turkey are vacant and are governed by vicars general in priest's orders.

Although the government of the church is under the general supervision of the Catholicos, and in certain cases of ecclesiastical ordinances and discipline his decision is indispensable, each province is allowed to have a constitution of its own suited to its special needs, provided that such constitution has been previously ratified by the Catholicos. Thus in Russia a code of laws known as the "Palajenia" was in use from 1836 to the recent revolution, and in Turkey the constitution of 1860 is in force; while a constitution, drawn up at a general convention of representatives of all the Armenians in the United States, was duly ratified by the Catholicos in 1902 for the government of the church in this country.

The Armenian clergy in the United States includes the following grades: Archbishop, resident pastors, missionary priests, and deacons. Missionary priests and deacons hold no fixed appointments, but assist the archbishop generally in supplying, so far as possible, the needs of the numerous mission stations. In each place a committee, or an agent, is appointed who is responsible for bringing to the notice of the church authorities any matter requiring their attention and for raising the funds necessary for carrying on the work of the church.

The principal divine service is the Holy Sacrifice, or Mass, which is generally celebrated on Sundays and

holy days, and is conducted with as much ritual solemnity as possible. On week days all churches hold public services, including hymns, psalms, and selections of Scripture, both morning and evening, and sometimes at noon and at midnight. In this way practically the whole Bible is read in public at least once a year, while certain portions of it, such as the Gospels and the Psalms, are read more often. The services of the church are held wholly in the classical Armenian language, the grammatical construction of which varies considerably from the modern colloquial dialect. The vocabularies, however, are very similar, so that most educated Armenians can follow the services easily.

The Armenians, like other orientals, use the ancient Julian calendar, which, in the present century, is thirteen days behind the new, or Gregorian, calendar, and in fixing the dates of their movable festivals they follow the Nicene computation, which is different from that of the western churches, so that their church seasons seldom synchronize with those of the West. For instance, they celebrate Christmas on the 6th of January, old style, which is equal to the 19th of January, new style. Their festival of Easter in 1907 fell on the 5th of May, five weeks after the western Easter of that year.

#### WORK.

Wherever Armenians have church edifices of their own, and in a few other places, efforts are made to teach the children their native tongue, so as to make the services of the church and the teaching in the Sunday schools intelligent to them, and to instruct them in the language, history, and literature of their race. The schools are held in the same halls or rooms rented for religious and social work, and the teaching in most cases is either gratuitous or for a nominal salary. There are also a number of libraries in different places, well supplied with the works of standard Armenian authors and with Armenian newspapers and periodicals, in order to offer the readers an opportunity to study their national literature and history. Frequently, in connection with the libraries, courses of lectures on various educational and scientific subjects are given in the Armenian language, a small fee being charged. The current expenses are small, as the books are mostly presents, and are generally kept in the parish hall or in whatever other place is rented for church services.

A number of societies exist which contribute to the support of Armenian schools in Turkey. The most important of these is the United Educational Society of Harput, which has its headquarters at Boston, with branches in several other cities of the United States. Its object is to promote education in eastern Turkey by supporting the existing Armenian Church schools, and to raise an endowment fund for higher education. It is claimed that there is an Armenian educational

<sup>1</sup> Since the revolution this condition has been annulled.

<sup>2</sup> Since the outbreak of the war in Europe these ranks have been annulled, so that the sole civil as well as ecclesiastical representative of the nation is the Catholicos at Etchmiadzine.

society named for each place in Armenia from which enough have come to this country to support a school in their native place, but the activities of these have all been temporarily suspended by the war.

Prior to this war, practically every Armenian in the United States had some one in Turkey dependent upon him, and large sums of money were sent annually for the relief of these dependent persons. In most cases the money was sent through the State Department at Washington and was distributed by the United States consuls, the American missionaries, or other persons known to the Government. Since the outbreak of the war many of these channels have been closed, and the Armenian people have not only been subjected to bitter persecution, plunder, and unprecedented forms of massacre and barbarity, but have been shut off from their usual relief. An American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, with headquarters in New York City has, however, been formed, which, in connection with the Red Cross and such agencies as were available, has accomplished much. Considerable sums have also been raised by Armenian committees and sent to the Catholicos at Etchmiadzine. Mention should also be made of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, founded in Cairo, Egypt, in 1906, which has numerous local organizations in this country.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Armenian Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	34	73	-39	(2)
Members.....	27,450	19,889	7,561	38.0
Church edifices.....	10	3	7	(2)
Value of church property.....	\$142,500	\$38,000	\$104,500	275.0
Debt on church property.....	\$31,300	\$4,000	\$27,300	682.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	.....
Value.....		\$2,500	-\$2,500	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	7	4	3	(2)
Officers and teachers.....	17	9	8	(2)
Scholars.....	665	340	325	95.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a general increase in the statistics of the church. The

membership advanced from 19,889 in 1906 to 27,450 in 1916, showing an increase of 38 per cent; 7 church edifices were added to the list, making 10 in all; the value of church property increased from \$38,000 to \$142,500; and the debt on church property, as reported by 7 churches, was \$31,300 as against \$4,000 reported by 1 church in 1906. The decrease in the number of organizations from 73 to 34 is due to a somewhat different method of reporting. In 1906 the reports included a large number of communities loosely organized for religious services, while in 1916 the reports, as sent in by the officials of the church, included only those organizations which were well established. The significant figures, as indicated above, are the increases in membership, number of church edifices, and value of church property. Similar to these is the increase in the number of Sunday schools from 4 to 7, and the increase in the number of scholars from 340 to 665, a gain of 95.6 per cent. No general report on contributions for missionary or benevolent purposes can be presented. As stated in the paragraph on Work, the Armenian communities of the United States have been very generous in the assistance they have rendered to their people abroad, but the returns were not in shape for tabulation.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$32,440, reported by 24 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 16 organizations in 1916, was 4,938, constituting 31.1 per cent of the 15,872 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 11,578 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 8,540.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 34 organizations, with 27,450 members, all reported the use of the Armenian language only. In 1906, there were 2 churches, with a membership of 335, which reported English only.

The number of priests in the denomination was reported as 17. Of these, 14 returned schedules from which a few facts were available. Eleven reported annual salaries averaging \$727.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Armenian Church.....	34	34	27,450	29	15,334	7,116	10	20	10	10	\$142,500
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	11	11	9,285	11	6,227	3,058	2	5	2	2	22,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	2,693	4	1,931	762	2	2	2	2	50,000
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	3	245	3	245			3			
Michigan.....	5	5	5,000					5			
Wisconsin.....	3	3	165	3	165			3			
Pacific division:											
California.....	4	4	3,347	4	1,687	1,660	3	1	3	3	37,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	6,715	4	5,079	1,636	3	1	3	3	33,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Armenian Church.....	34	7	\$31,300	24	\$32,440	6	7	17	665
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	11	2	7,500	10	6,894				
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	4	1	10,000	2	6,500	1	1	2	90
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	3								
Michigan.....	5			4	1,259				
Wisconsin.....	3								
Pacific division:									
California.....	4	2	5,800	4	8,890	2	3	10	215
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	2	8,000	4	8,897	3	3	5	360

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, GENERAL COUNCIL.

## HISTORY.

Following upon the great revival in 1907, a considerable number of churches, missions, or assemblies in the United States and Canada entered upon an individual and distinctively evangelistic type of mission work. This was at first purely independent and voluntary, but some association and mutual fellowship became recognized as valuable and in 1914 a call was made for all interested in Bible order, system, united doctrine, etc., to meet at Hot Springs, Ark. About 100 delegates came to this meeting, representing a variety of denominations, some of them never having belonged to any denomination. An organization was agreed upon and incorporated in Arkansas in October and in Missouri in November, under the name of "Assemblies of God, General Council."

## DOCTRINE.

The Assemblies of God are mostly Arminian in doctrine, emphasizing the inspiration of the Scriptures; the fall and redemption of man; the baptism of the Holy Ghost; sanctification as the goal for all believers; the church a living organism; a divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry; divine healing; the premillennial and imminent coming of Jesus to judge the world in righteousness, while reigning on earth for a thousand years; everlasting punishment for the wicked, and a new heaven and a new earth for the believers. While they recognize human government and affirm unswerving loyalty to the United States, the Assemblies of God claim that as followers of the Prince of Peace they are constrained to declare that they could not conscientiously participate in war and

armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the denomination is a combination of the congregational and presbyterian systems. The local churches are congregational in the conduct of their affairs. They act, however, under the advice and suggestions of elders or presbyters. There are state bodies called district councils, and there is a General Council, for consideration of affairs belonging to the church at large.

The general presbyters and an executive presbytery consisting of 7 persons are elected for supervision of the field work. Annual licenses are given worthy candidates, and on approval these are ordained to the full ministry by any district council or by a local assembly through the council of ministers. Outgoing missionaries, whether ordained or not, must be indorsed by the missionary committee of the General Council.

#### WORK.

Missionary work is engaged in directly by all churches in the home field, and many local assemblies support missionaries on the foreign field wholly, or in part.

Missionary funds go through the central missionary committee, but a considerable amount is sent by individuals and churches directly to missionaries whom they support or help to support. Not very much attention has been paid to educational matters, but the Mt. Tabor Bible Training School at Chicago is heartily indorsed by the General Council. The body has also a gospel publishing house at St. Louis, Mo.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the General Council of the Assemblies of God for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

As this is a new denomination no comparison with figures for 1906 is available. The general table shows a total of 118 organizations, with 6,703 members; 63 church edifices; church property valued at \$101,779; and debt on church property, reported by 31 churches, amounting to \$12,460. Ten churches reported parsonages, with a total value of \$7,021. The number of Sunday schools reported is 81, with 460 officers and teachers and 4,379 scholars. Church expenditures amounting to \$61,941, reported by 96 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury. No general contributions for missions or benevolences were reported by the denomination as a whole.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 96 organizations in 1916, was 430, constituting 7.4 per cent of the 5,788 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 915 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 498.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 118 organizations, 111, with 5,651 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 7, with 1,052 members, reported services in foreign languages, of which, 2, with 336 members, used foreign languages only. The languages reported were German, Lithuanian, Rumanian, Scandinavian, and Syrian. German, in connection with English or other foreign languages, was used in 3 organizations, with 556 members, and 1 organization, with 36 members, used German only.

The denomination is a distinctly missionary and evangelistic organization and reported 600 persons on its ministerial rolls. Most of these, however, are engaged in general evangelistic work while pursuing other occupations, and schedules were received from only 49. Of these, 27 reported annual salaries averaging \$578.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting.	Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Male.	Female.		Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Assemblies of God, General Council.....	118	118	6,703	118	2,739	3,964	61	46	63	68	\$101,779
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	730	6	298	432	3	3	3	4	10,590
New Jersey.....	5	5	143	5	65	78	2	2	2	2	4,825
Pennsylvania.....	3	3	335	3	128	207	1	2	1	2	10,190
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	3	331	3	160	171	1	2	1	2	6,300
Wisconsin.....	2	2	316	2	115	201	1	1	1	1	3,000
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	4	4	182	4	75	107	3	1	4	3	6,000
Missouri.....	11	11	531	11	218	313	6	3	6	7	7,275
Nebraska.....	2	2	60	2	23	37	1	1	1	1	4,000
Kansas.....	6	6	242	6	81	161	3	3	3	4	5,225
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	4	170	4	75	95	2	1	2	2	5,500
West Virginia.....	2	2	69	2	28	41	2	2	2	2	1,750
Florida.....	6	6	285	6	122	163	5	1	5	5	1,750
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	4	4	189	4	86	103	2	1	2	2	625
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	12	12	923	12	375	548	10	1	10	10	8,550
Oklahoma.....	13	13	780	13	288	492	6	5	7	6	9,725
Texas.....	25	25	897	25	382	515	12	11	12	13	11,103
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	60	2	26	34	1	1	1	2	2,550
California.....	4	4	286	4	115	171	2	2	2	2	4,571
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	174	4	79	95	.....	3	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Assemblies of God, General Council.....	118	31	\$12,460	10	\$7,021	96	\$61,941	79	81	460	4,379
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8,753	5	5	37	247
New Jersey.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3,721	3	3	19	115
Pennsylvania.....	3	1	2,000	.....	.....	2	2,800	3	3	9	89
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,820	3	3	16	285
Wisconsin.....	2	1	1,000	.....	.....	2	3,590	2	2	17	190
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	4	1	200	1	300	4	574	2	2	16	75
Missouri.....	11	1	216	1	600	8	2,958	8	8	35	394
Nebraska.....	2	1	570	.....	.....	2	180	1	1	8	60
Kansas.....	6	3	1,175	.....	.....	4	2,819	4	4	31	231
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	2	2,200	.....	.....	3	1,928	3	3	21	138
West Virginia.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	405	1	1	11	50
Florida.....	6	1	65	.....	.....	6	675	1	1	7	128
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,396	1	2	6	150
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	12	5	965	2	2,050	12	5,512	8	8	42	610
Oklahoma.....	13	5	1,295	2	750	8	5,953	11	11	85	615
Texas.....	25	8	1,237	3	1,321	17	8,123	16	17	68	745
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,145	2	2	9	85
California.....	4	2	1,537	1	2,000	3	5,080	3	3	17	131
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,509	2	2	6	41

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Virginia.



## BAHAIS.

## HISTORY.

Parallel with the prophecies of different religions relating to the establishment of a divine dispensation or kingdom among men have been prophecies relative to the coming of a great divine teacher, or divinely manifested "One," who would reform religion, restore its pristine purity, secure its wider adoption, and establish spiritual unity among the peoples of all the different nations, races, and religions.

On May 23, 1844, there appeared in Shiraz, Persia, a young man named Ali Mohammed who declared himself to be the Bab (Arabic for door or gate), the forerunner of the Promised Divine One whom he heralded as "He Whom God Would Manifest."

The Bab encountered great opposition on the part of the Mussulman priests, and at their instigation was placed under military surveillance. This, however, did not prevent his teaching and his exhortation of the people to holiness and sanctity of living, in order that they might be fitted to meet the teacher who, he said, was soon to appear with manifest signs of divine power and strength, and through whose teachings the divine unity of mankind would be established, and of whose revelation to the world he, the Bab, was the "First Point."

At the end of the first two years of his ministry he was seized and imprisoned, and for four years continued to teach his followers through letters and epistles. Then came a trial in which he was condemned to death upon the charge of heresy to the principles of Islam, and, with one of his followers, he was executed in the city of Tabriz, Persia, July 9, 1850.

The writings of the Bab were gathered together in what is known as the "Holy Book of Bayan"; but the most noteworthy of his institutions was a college consisting of 18 of his first followers, who, together with himself as "The Point," formed what was called "The Nineteen Letters of the Living." To these 18 followers he intrusted the guidance of the movement, commanding them to be at all times ready for the appearance of the appointed one, "He Whom God Would Manifest." Meanwhile, a large number of disciples had joined the movement, and this aroused the antagonism of the ecclesiastics, who instituted a series of bitter persecutions. Over 20,000 conscientious believers gave up property, families, and lives, rather than deny their faith, and as late as 1901 there were 170 devoted believers martyred at one time in the city of Yezd.

Mirza Hausain Ali, of Nur, in northern Persia, later known by the title of Baha'o'llah (the Glory of God Manifest), was born in Teheran in 1817, A. D. From 1844 he was one of the first adherents of the Bab, and devoted himself to the pacific propagation of his doctrine in Persia.

During the violent persecutions of the followers of the Bab (then known as Babis), following closely after the martyrdom of "The First Point," Mirza Hausain Ali was imprisoned in Teheran, and later was exiled to Bagdad, together with a number of his followers. During his residence there he continued his teaching, and as the movement gained strength and the local Moslem Mullahs began to fear the effect upon their followers, he was ordered to a more distant exile, first in Constantinople, then in Adrianople, and finally in Acre (Akka), a penal colony on the Mediterranean, south of Beirut, and just north of Mt. Carmel. In the presence of a few chosen ones among his followers, Baha'o'llah, on the eve of his exile declared himself to be the "One" whose coming the Bab had foretold, "He Whom God Would Manifest." While in this exile, Baha'o'llah received and instructed a large number of disciples, some of them coming from a long distance, while he ministered to others through his writings. These writings are very numerous, and consist chiefly of explanations given to various inquiries regarding his, Baha'o'llah's, mission and doctrine, together with exhortations to his followers, and certain advice and laws, obedience to which is conducive to the best secular as well as spiritual welfare of mankind. From the time of Baha'o'llah's residence in Adrianople the movement became known as the Bahai Movement, and the believers as the Bahais.

In the spring of 1892 Baha'o'llah died. Although his revelation was complete during his ministry, his cause was not fully explained, and did not become established in the world in general. For this reason, in his testament, as well as in various parts of his teachings, he commanded his followers after his departure, to turn their faces toward his eldest son, Abbas Effendi, who was thereafter looked upon as the representative of Baha'o'llah—"The Center of the Covenant" of God to the people of the world, the expounder of the teachings of Baha'o'llah, the "One" who would establish Baha'o'llah's cause in the world, and upon whose shoulders his mantle should fall.

## DOCTRINE.

The general principles of the Bahais, as expressed in the teachings of the founder and his followers, have been set forth as follows:

Baha'o'llah taught the actual oneness of the religions of the world; the oneness of all humanity; the universal brotherhood of man; universal peace; and the perfect harmony of religion and science. He enjoined men to search diligently for truth and to abolish all prejudices, whether religious, national, racial, or social.

Thus his mission is the spiritual unity of mankind. While he came in the East, his mission is to the West as well, and his teachings are suited to all classes and conditions of men. At the present time there are Bahais located not only in Mohammedan countries, but also in all the countries of Europe, as well as in the United



States, Canada, Japan, India, and elsewhere; and this phenomenal spread of the movement is due to the fact that Baha'o'llah fulfilled the prophecies of all religious beliefs, both past and present; and through the power of the Bahai Movement, Abdul Baha is creating a new religious unity in the world.

As the Jews await the Messiah, the Christians the return of Christ, the Moslems the Mahdi, the Buddhists the fifth Buddha, the Zoroastrians Shah Bahram, the Hindus the reincarnation of Krishna, and the Atheists a better social organization, so Baha'o'llah represents all of these, and thus destroys the rivalries and enmities of the different religions; reconciles them in their primitive purity, and frees them from the corruption of dogmas and rites, for Bahaism has no clergy, no religious ceremonial, no public prayers. Its only dogma is belief in God and in his manifestations.

Abbas Effendi makes but one claim for himself as to his spiritual station, which is that of service in the path of God. He signs himself "Abdul Baha Abbas," which, being translated, means: "Abbas, the Servant of God." While the Bahais consider that there is no personal return of God's prophets or messengers, they hold that the same spirit of divinity which spoke through them in the past has again appeared in this day as a point of direction for the spiritual union of all people.

Ritual holds no place in the religion of the Bahais, which must be expressed in all the actions of life, accomplished in neighborly love, and manifested in various practical ways. Everyone must have an occupation; the education of children is enjoined and regulated; no one has the power to receive confessions of sin or to give absolution; the priests of the existing religions should renounce celibacy, and should preach by their example, mingling in the life of the people; monogamy is universally recommended; the equality of the sexes, commanding equal educational advantages, is proclaimed; besides vast equitable social readjustments, the equalization of the means of livelihood, and the complete establishment of justice among men are urged.

In international relations the Bahais urge the necessity of a universal language to bring men into closer fellowship and mutual understanding, emphasize the incumbency of a Parliament of Man—a universal tribunal of justice or arbitration for the adjustment of international affairs—and most earnestly teach the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of humanity.

Questions not treated of specifically in the publications of the body are left to the civil law of each country and to the decisions of the Bait-ul-Adl, or House of Justice, instituted by Baha'o'llah. Respect toward the head of the state is a part of respect toward God. "You are all leaves of the same tree and drops of the same sea," Baha'o'llah has said.

The principal works of Baha'o'llah are the Kitab-ul-Ighan, the Kitab-ul-Akdas, the Kitab-ul-Ahd, and numerous letters or tablets addressed to sovereigns and to private individuals.

#### POLITY.

There is no regular organization of Bahais, the propagandism being through the medium of assemblies, in which the believers and inquirers meet at stated intervals for the study of the "Revealed Words." All

persons interested are welcome to attend these meetings, at which questions are answered, and scriptures are expounded by teachers. It is a fundamental law of the Bahais that no one shall receive pay for teaching or lecturing. Their belief is that spiritual instruction should not be sold. "Freely ye have received, freely give," is the principle upon which the Bahais teach. The teachers, unless financially independent, are self-supporting in a trade or vocation, thus making this method of free instruction possible.

One may be a Bahai and still retain active membership in another religious body. In fact, such persons can be true followers of Baha'o'llah only as they consistently live in accordance to the laws laid down by the founder of the religion which they profess, and in "living up to these ideals, setting aside man-made creeds and interpretations, forms, and ceremonies, it is found that to the degree that men see God aright, they will see Him alike." Herein lies the principle of unity which the Bahais believe is to bring the religious world together under one great "Tent of Peace."

#### WORK.

At the present time the Bahais in America are engaged in the project of building a great universal Temple for worship, called the Mashrak-el-Azkar, or as translated from the Persian, the "Dawning Point of the Mentionings of God."

This universal Temple is to be built upon the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. Contributions for the erection of this magnificent edifice are coming from the people of all religious beliefs, who have espoused the Bahai cause in various countries. The temple proper or sanctuary for prayer and praise will be surrounded by auxiliary charitable and philanthropic institutions, including schools, hospitals, homes for orphans, incurables, and the aged, and a university for the study of the higher sciences and arts.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Bahai assemblies for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	57	24	33	(1)
Members.....	2,884	1,286	1,604	125.3
Church edifices.....	1	1	1	
Value of church property.....	\$1,273	.....	\$1,273	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	1	3	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	12	7	5	(1)
Scholars.....	123	32	91	(1)

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with the figures for 1906, those for 1916 show a considerable increase. There were 57 local assemblies as against 24, and a membership of 2,884 as against 1,280, an increase in membership of 125.3 per cent. With regard to this membership it is to be stated that as the Bahais do not make a condition of membership that persons withdraw from other church connection, it is affirmed that there are large numbers all over the country who attend the Bahai meetings and are closely identified with the movement, but have not discontinued their connection with churches. The figures of membership given indicate simply those distinctly enrolled and not identified with any other religious body. One church edifice was reported; the value of church property was \$1,273; and there were 4 Sunday schools, with 123 scholars. No parsonages were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$6,877, reported for the first time in 1916, by 23 organizations, include running expenses and kindred items, and contributions for the general fund of the body.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 38 organizations in 1916, was 183, constituting 8.3 per cent of the 2,193 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 241.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 57 organizations, 55, with 2,831 members, reported church services in English only, and 2, with 53 members, reported services in Persian and English. The report for 1906 showed all the organizations as using English only.

There is no regular ministry in the body.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Bahais.....	57	57	2,884	54	901	1,822	1	56	1	2	\$1,273
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	5	5	172	5	69	103		5			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	7	7	295	6	82	164		7		1	100
New Jersey.....	6	6	93	6	39	59		6			
Pennsylvania.....	3	3	132	3	51	81		3			
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	223	4	72	151	1	3	1	1	1,173
Illinois.....	2	2	562	1	200	300		2			
Michigan.....	5	5	53	5	21	37		5			
Wisconsin.....	5	5	165	5	75	90		5			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	190	3	72	108		3			
California.....	5	5	497	5	79	418		5			
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	12	12	502	11	141	311		12			

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Bahais.....	57			23	\$6,877	4	4	12	123
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	5								
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	7			3	1,512				
New Jersey.....	6			4	1,310				
Pennsylvania.....	3								
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	4			1	167				
Illinois.....	2			1	400				
Michigan.....	5			2	75	1	1	3	15
Wisconsin.....	5			2	420	1	1	1	22
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	3			1	36				
California.....	5			3	767				
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	12			6	2,190	2	2	8	86

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, and Tennessee.

## BAPTIST BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

The Baptist bodies of to-day trace their origin as distinct communities to the Protestant Reformation. It is claimed, indeed, that the churches of the apostolic age, in doctrine, ordinances, and polity, were counterparts of the Baptist churches of the present day, and that this state of things continued until changed by centralizing influences eventuating in the papacy. It is also claimed that even after this change Baptist principles were held at different times by various bodies, or sects, which were pronounced heretical by the Church of Rome, and were frequently subjected to severe persecution. But although some of the principles now maintained by Baptists were found among these bodies, or sects, they were mingled with others which modern Baptists repudiate, and it would probably be impossible to trace a distinct line of regular Baptist churches from the apostolic age to the present time. Nevertheless, it is believed to be true that in every century since the beginning of the Christian era there have been persons or sects holding substantially the same principles as are now held by Baptist churches.

As soon as the Reformation gave men opportunity to interpret the teachings of the Scriptures for themselves, and to embody their convictions in speech and act, persons holding Baptist doctrines immediately began to appear. In the first quarter of the sixteenth century, they were found in Germany and Switzerland, and were called Anabaptists (Re-Baptizers), because they insisted that persons baptized in infancy must, upon profession of conversion, and in order to gain admission into church fellowship, be baptized again, although they do not appear to have insisted always on immersion. These early Anabaptists were in the main of high character, though in some instances they held doctrines which led to fanatical outbreaks which aroused no little prejudice against them.

Gradually, in spite of severe persecution, the Anabaptists grew in numbers. Some of them, driven from Germany, found refuge in the Low Countries and these were gathered, under the lead of Menno Simons, into the groups of Mennonites<sup>1</sup> who passed over into England, and doubtless played an important part in giving currency to Baptist principles. To their influence, in all probability, the English Baptists owe their first churches, established in Amsterdam in 1608 and in London in 1611. Glimpses of them appear in the days preceding the Commonwealth, and during the Cromwellian period they became more prominent. It was due to this Mennonite influence that the early Baptist

churches in England were Arminian rather than Calvinistic in type, and were termed General Baptists, indicating belief in a universal atonement, in distinction from Particular Baptists, indicating a limited atonement. The first Calvinistic or Particular Baptist church was formed in London in 1638, its members seceding peaceably from an older Separatist congregation. In 1641 a further secession from the same Separatist church occurred, and the new group became convinced from study of the New Testament that the apostolic baptism was immersion. They sent one of their number to Holland, where he was immersed by a minister of the Collegiate church at Rhynsburg, where the practice of immersion had been introduced, and on his return the rest of the church were immersed. Gradually this practice was adopted by all the Baptist churches and became in the popular mind their distinguishing feature. The General and Particular Baptists were united in 1891.

The first Baptist church in America was probably established by Roger Williams, the "Apostle of Religious Liberty," in Providence, R. I., in 1639, although this honor is disputed by the First Baptist Church of Newport, R. I., organized, it is claimed, with John Clarke as its pastor, the same year or shortly after. Roger Williams was a Separatist<sup>1</sup> minister who came to the Massachusetts Colony in 1631, and was banished from that colony because "he broached and divulged new and dangerous opinions against the authority of magistrates." Having established himself at Providence, he adopted essentially Baptist views and soon gathered a number of converts to this faith. As there was no Baptist church in existence in America at that time, he baptized Ezekiel Holliman, who thereupon baptized him. Williams then baptized ten others, and this company of Baptist believers organized themselves into a church. John Clarke came from New Hampshire to Newport about the same time, and, apparently without any connection with the work of Williams, established a Baptist church in that town.

These early American Baptist churches belonged to the Particular, or Calvinistic, branch. Later, Arminian views became widely spread for a time, but ultimately the Calvinistic view of the atonement was generally accepted by the main body of Baptists in the Colonies. The divisions which now exist began to make their appearance at a relatively early date. In 1652 the church at Providence divided, one party organizing a church which marked the beginning of the General Six Principle Baptists. The Seventh Day Baptist body organized its first church at Newport in

<sup>1</sup> See Mennonite Bodies, p. 416.

<sup>2</sup> See Congregational Churches, p. 234.

1671. Arminianism practically disappeared from the Baptist churches of New England about the middle of the eighteenth century, but General Baptists were found in Virginia before 1714, and this branch gained a permanent foothold in the South. As a result of the revival movement, generally known as the New Light movement, which followed Whitefield's visit to New England in 1740, the Separate Baptists came into existence and at one time were very numerous. The Free Baptists, in 1779, once more gave a general and widely accepted expression in New England to the Arminian view of the atonement.

Soon after the Revolutionary War, the question of the evangelization of the Negro race assumed importance, and a Colored Baptist church was organized in 1788. With the general revival movement at the close of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, to which the Free Baptists owed no small part of their growth, there developed, especially in the mountain sections of the Middle West and in the Southern states, a reaction toward a sterner Calvinism, which, combined with the natural Baptist emphasis upon individualism, produced a number of associations strictly, even rigidly, Calvinistic, some of them going to the extent of dualism, as in the doctrine of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.

About the same time, as missionary work became organized into societies, many of these associations opposed, not so much mission work itself, as its organization, through fear of a developing ecclesiasticism. These were variously termed "Old School," "Anti-Mission," "Hard Shell," and "Primitive" Baptists; but gradually the term "Primitive" became the most widely known and adopted. In contradistinction to these, the associations, or churches, which approved of missionary societies, came to be designated Missionary Baptists, though there was no definite denominational organization under that name.

The denominations mentioned, however, do not represent all who hold Baptist views, for during the revival period just referred to, the Disciples of Christ, or Churches of Christ, arose, who in practice are essentially Baptists, although they differ from the other bodies in some interpretations. With them also may be classed the Adventists, the Brethren (Dunker, Plymouth, and River), Mennonites, and certain other bodies. The Armenian and Eastern

Orthodox Churches practice baptism by immersion, but do not limit it to those of mature years.

It thus appears that a survey of Baptist bodies should include not only those which make the term an integral part of their title, but some which are not ordinarily classed with them. It is also evident that among those who accept the name Baptists there are many differences, some of great importance. Seventh Day Baptists agree with other Baptist bodies except in regard to the Sabbath, but the distinction between Primitive Baptists and Free Baptists is much more marked than between Baptists and Disciples. Any presentation of the strength of Baptist denominations must take into account these divergencies.

By far the largest body of Baptists, not only in the United States, but in the world, is that popularly known as "Baptists," though frequently referred to, and listed in the census of 1890, as "Regular Baptists." Other Baptist bodies prefix some descriptive adjective, such as "Primitive," "United," "General," "Free," etc., but this, which is virtually the parent body, commonly has no such qualification. Its churches, however, are ordinarily spoken of as "Northern," "Southern," and "Colored." This does not imply any divergence in doctrine or ecclesiastical order. All are one in these respects. It is rather a distinction adopted for administrative purposes, and based upon certain local or racial characteristics and conditions, the recognition of which implies no lack of fellowship or of unanimity of purpose. Should these distinctions cease to exist, there is nothing whatever to prevent the same unity in matters of administration which now exists in belief, fellowship, and ecclesiastical practice.

The denominations grouped under the name Baptist in 1916 and in 1906 are listed in the table below with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. Certain changes are to be noted. Regular Baptists are listed as a separate denomination, the term, however, being used in a different sense from its use in 1890, when it was applied to the Baptists, Northern, Southern, and National Conventions. The Regular Baptists as presented in this report are akin to the United Baptists and certain branches of the Primitive Baptists. The United American Free Will Baptists of 1906 are listed as the Colored Free Will Baptists.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BAPTIST BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
BAPTIST BODIES.										
1916.										
Baptists:										
Northern Convention.....	8,159	1,232,135	8,105	\$94,644,133	\$7,302,769	3,166	\$8,325,422	8,188	112,901	1,028,952
Southern Convention.....	23,627	2,708,870	19,770	58,348,373	3,153,158	1,820	4,471,683	18,162	160,171	1,666,996
National Convention.....	21,113	2,938,579	20,146	41,184,920	3,433,366	690	964,325	20,099	123,817	1,181,270
General Six Principle Baptists.....	10	456	11	25,850		1	3,000	6	53	276
Seventh Day Baptists.....	63	7,980	62	307,600	2,150	41	95,200	66	877	5,005
Free Baptists.....	171	12,570	159	670,720	19,846	67	106,650	147	1,532	11,642
Free Will Baptists.....	750	54,833	636	517,240	6,290	14	9,630	396	2,547	22,421
Colored Free Will Baptists.....	170	13,362	164	178,385	9,525			90	483	4,168
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	12	184	6	3,450				1	3	12
General Baptists.....	518	33,466	390	421,837	17,362	6	11,100	395	2,140	18,545
Separate Baptists.....	46	4,254	41	47,565	110			30	237	1,711
Regular Baptists.....	401	21,521	192	141,430	1,462	2	3,100	50	264	2,587
United Baptists.....	254	22,097	82	52,147	20			17	92	701
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ).....	105	6,872	51	40,600				8	48	399
Primitive Baptists.....	2,143	80,311	1,697	1,601,807	12,053	7	14,900			
Colored Primitive Baptists.....	336	15,144	236	154,690	8,507	12	13,940	88	406	3,201
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	55	679	37	23,950						
1906.										
Baptists:										
Northern Convention.....	8,272	1,052,105	8,244	74,620,025	5,149,678	2,581	5,535,612	8,220	102,506	851,269
Southern Convention.....	21,104	2,009,471	18,878	34,723,882	1,239,022	1,271	2,493,091	15,035	106,017	1,014,690
National Convention.....	18,534	2,261,607	17,913	24,437,272	1,757,190	709	617,241	17,910	100,069	924,665
General Six Principle Baptists.....	16	685	14	19,450		1	1,500	9	94	414
Seventh Day Baptists.....	77	8,381	71	292,250	1,942	39	69,440	68	843	5,117
Free Baptists.....	1,346	81,359	1,111	2,974,130	138,233	318	454,226	1,089	9,170	65,101
Free Will Baptists.....	608	40,230	556	236,585	3,536	8	3,400	263	1,440	12,720
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	15	298	8	6,900				1	4	25
General Baptists.....	518	30,097	380	252,019	6,999	6	8,900	240	1,520	11,658
Separate Baptists.....	76	5,130	60	66,990	380			45	312	1,962
United Baptists.....	196	13,698	77	36,715	115	1	200	23	168	1,360
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ).....	93	6,416	86	44,321	107	1	156	9	37	402
Primitive Baptists.....	2,922	102,311	2,003	1,674,810	16,207	16	38,295			
Colored Primitive Baptists in America.....	797	35,076	501	236,539	6,968	21	10,095	166	911	6,224
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	55	781	38	21,500						
United American Free Will Baptists.....	251	14,489	152	79,278	3,485	6	1,475	100	332	3,307

## BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

The history of the early Baptist churches in New England is one of constant struggle for existence. The Puritan government of Massachusetts was so bitter in its opposition that nearly a century after Roger Williams there were but 8 Baptist churches in that colony. Conditions elsewhere were similar, although farther south there was less persecution. Down to the middle of the eighteenth century it seemed probable that the General, or Arminian, wing would be dominant in New England at least, although in Philadelphia the controversy had resulted in a victory for the Calvinists. With The Great Awakening in 1740, and the labors of Whitefield, two significant changes appeared in Baptist church life. Calvinistic views began to predominate in the New England churches, and the bitter opposition to the Baptists disappeared. By 1784 the 8 churches in Massachusetts had increased to 73, and extension into the neighboring colonies had begun. With this

growth, however, there developed a conflict similar to that found in the history of other denominations. The "New Lights," later known as "Separates," were heart and soul with Whitefield in his demands for a regenerated church membership; the "Old Lights," or "Regulars," earnestly opposed the introduction of hitherto unrecognized qualifications for the ministry or, indeed, for church membership. From New England the movement spread, becoming for a time especially strong in several Southern states. In the South the two parties eventually united in fellowship, and reorganized as United Baptists. In New England the conflict wore itself out, the Baptist churches being modified by both influences.

With the general emancipation from ecclesiastical rule that followed the Revolutionary War, all disabilities were removed from the Baptists in the different states, and the new Federal Constitution effaced the last vestige of religious inequality. Under the influence of the later preaching of Whitefield, the close of the eighteenth century was marked by a renewal of

revival interest, and a new development of the Arminian type of Baptist churches. For some time the Free Baptists, or Free Will Baptists, as they were variously called, drew considerable strength from the regular Baptists, but the latter soon became as strong as ever.

The next significant movement in the Baptist churches was that connected with the development of foreign missions. In 1792 the Baptists of England had organized a missionary society to send William Carey to India, and many of the Baptist churches in the United States had become interested in the movement and contributed toward its support. The first foreign missionary society in America was the American Board, organized in 1810, in which Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed, and other churches united, and among its first missionaries were Adoniram Judson, his wife, and Luther Rice. Knowing that in India they were to meet Baptists, they made special study of Baptist doctrine, and before landing came to the conclusion that believers' baptism by immersion was the true method. Judson immediately sent word of their change of view, and Rice soon after returned to America to present the cause of Baptist missions, and succeeded in arousing much interest in the churches. To meet the new conditions it became evident that some organization was essential, and in 1814 The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions was formed.

The missionary work of this organization, however, represented only a part of its scope or achievement. It was, indeed, the first step toward bringing the various local churches together and overcoming the disintegrating tendencies of extreme independence. Heretofore the Baptists alone had had no form of ecclesiastical organization. Now, through the necessities of administration, there was furnished just what was needed to combine the different units into a whole, and arouse what has come to be known as "denominational consciousness." For a time this convention undertook to care also for home missions, which had already been carried on in a somewhat desultory manner through a Domestic Missionary Society in Massachusetts and a similar one in New York. With the increasing migration westward and the rapid development of the states, both North and South, the tax upon the convention, in addition to its foreign missionary interests, became too great, and it was deemed advisable to organize a home missionary society, which was done in 1832. With the development of interest in publication, a tract society had been formed in 1824, which in 1840 was renamed the American Baptist Publication Society.

As the discussion in regard to slavery became acute, there arose the differences which resulted in the present three conventions—Northern, Southern, and National. The northern churches, Baptist as well as others, were strongly antislavery; the southern churches, Baptist as well as others, were, if not always proslavery, certainly not antislavery. A crisis was reached when the question was raised whether the General Missionary Convention (called also the Triennial Convention because it met once in three years) would appoint as a missionary a person who owned slaves. To this a very decided negative was returned, and since that involved a denial of what were considered constitutional rights, the southern churches withdrew in 1845 and formed the Southern Baptist Convention,<sup>1</sup> whose purpose was to do for the southern Baptist churches just what the general convention had hitherto done for the entire Baptist denomination. It was not a new denomination; simply a new organization for the direction of the missionary and general evangelistic work of the churches of the Southern states.

The development of the National Baptist Convention, representing the Negro churches, was necessarily slow, and was not complete until many years after the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### DOCTRINE.

Baptists agree with other evangelical bodies on many points of doctrine. Their cardinal principle is implicit obedience to the plain teachings of the Word of God. Under this principle, while maintaining with other evangelical bodies the great truths of the Christian religion, they hold: (1) That the churches are independent in their local affairs; (2) that there should be an entire separation of church and state; (3) that religious liberty or freedom in matters of religion is an inherent right of the human soul; (4) that a church is a body of regenerated people who have been baptized on profession of personal faith in Christ, and have associated themselves in the fellowship of the gospel; (5) that infant baptism is not only not taught in the Scriptures, but is fatal to the spirituality of the church; (6) that from the meaning of the word used in the Greek text of the Scriptures, the symbolism of the ordinance, and the practice of the early church, immersion in water is the only proper mode of baptism; (7) that the scriptural officers of a church are pastors and deacons; and (8) that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the church observed in commemoration of the sufferings and death of Christ.

The beliefs of Baptists have been incorporated in confessions of faith. Of these, the Philadelphia Con-

<sup>1</sup> See p. 68.

fession, originally issued by the London Baptist churches in 1689 and adopted with some enlargements by the Philadelphia Association in 1742, and the New Hampshire Confession, adopted by the New Hampshire State Convention in 1832, are recognized as the most important. The Philadelphia Confession is strongly Calvinistic. The New Hampshire Confession modifies some of the statements of the earlier documents, and may be characterized as moderately Calvinistic. But while these confessions are recognized as fair expressions of the faith of Baptists, there is nothing binding in them, and they are not regarded as having any special authority. The final court of appeal for Baptists is the Word of God. Within limits, considerable differences in doctrine are allowed, and thus opportunity is given to modify beliefs as new light may break from or upon the "Word." Among Baptists heresy trials are rare.

#### POLITY.

Baptist church polity is congregational or independent. Each church is sovereign so far as its own discipline and worship are concerned, calls or dismisses its own pastor, elects its own deacons or other officers, and attends to its own affairs. Admission to church membership is by vote of the church, usually after examination of the candidate by the church committee. There is no specific age limit, although the admission of very young children is discouraged. All members have equal voting rights in church matters, except that in some churches they are restricted to those over a certain age. The officers are the pastor and deacons, who, with such other persons as the church may elect, constitute a church committee, usually called the standing committee, and have general care of the affairs of the church, but no authority, except as it is specifically delegated to them by the church. Church property is held sometimes by a board of trustees, sometimes by the entire society, and sometimes by a special committee of the church.

For missionary and educational or other purposes, Baptist churches usually group themselves into associations. The oldest is the Philadelphia Association, organized in 1707, which stood alone until 1751, when the Charleston Association was formed in South Carolina. These associations meet annually and are composed of messengers sent by the churches. They elect their own officers, receive reports from the churches, and make recommendations with regard to work or other matters in which the churches are interested. They have, however, no authority to legislate for the churches, and no power to enforce any action they may take. Many of them conduct missionary or educational work in the fields covered by them.

Applicants for the ministry are licensed to preach by the church in which they hold membership. If after a period of service as licentiate, ordination is

desired, a council of sister churches is called by the church in which membership is held, and on the recommendation of this council the church arranges for ordination. In both cases the right to license and the right to ordain are held by the individual church. Previous to ordination there is always an examination of the candidate on matters of religious experience, call to the ministry, and views on scriptural doctrine. During his ministry, a pastor is usually a member of the church which he serves, and is amenable to its discipline. When a question of dismissal from the ministry arises, the individual church calls a council of sister churches for the examination of charges, and on the recommendation of this council, the church usually bases its decision.

Besides local associations, Baptists have also organized state conventions or state mission societies, state educational societies, city mission societies, etc. These larger bodies attend to missionary or educational work in the various states or districts, and are supported by the churches. In some states there are two or more of these general bodies. There are also general or national organizations for missionary, publication, or educational purposes. Like the local associations, none of these larger organizations has any authority over the individual churches.

#### WORK.

The organized activities of the Baptist churches are, for the most part, conducted by societies whose membership includes individuals and delegates from churches or associations, membership in all cases being based on contributions. Until the separation of the northern and southern churches, the home missionary work was carried on chiefly by the American Baptist Publication Society, organized in 1824, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, organized in 1832; and the foreign missionary work, by the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions, organized in Philadelphia in 1814. Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, the publication society has continued its work throughout the different states, and has retained its distinctly national character. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, however, subsequently represented the northern churches only, as did also the foreign missionary society, which in 1846 changed its name to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and again in 1910, to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

A general movement, manifest throughout the country, in church life as well as in business and public matters, is that for centralization of administration, in the interest of both economy and efficiency. The Baptist churches felt this, as did every other denomination, and began to consider whether their



benevolent societies, hitherto in some respects distinct from each other, might not be brought into some form of general organization which, by removing possibilities of friction and securing cooperation, would make for greater efficiency. After considerable discussion a move in this direction was made in 1907, which has been carried out quite successfully and, it is expected, will work great good to both the activities of the churches and their general denominational life.

Educational work among the Baptists in the United States has made great strides in recent years, but the

same general independence of ecclesiastical control is manifest in this department as in the government of the local churches, and is illustrated in the University of Chicago. The same is true of the management of Baptist philanthropic institutions. In some cases, however, the membership of the boards is limited to persons connected with Baptist churches.

In addition to the work done by the denominational societies, a large amount of missionary and educational work is carried on by individual churches, which is not included in any denominational statement.

#### NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

##### HISTORY.

After the withdrawal of the Southern churches, the Baptist churches of the North continued to grow. The intense controversies of the eighteenth century and the early part of the nineteenth century were no longer manifest. Educational institutions developed and there came to be a general unity of purpose and of life. The individualism which distinguished earlier times gradually gave place to a closer associationalism. Various organizations which had already proved their value elsewhere were adopted into the denominational life, all tending toward mutual church action. The Young People's Union rallied the forces of the young people, both for church life and general denominational activity. The Baptist Congress was formed for the consideration of matters affecting the general welfare of the churches. The American Baptist Missionary Union, which had fallen heir to the foreign work of the general convention, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, and other organizations, were carried on with energy.

The chief change in denominational methods of late years was the organization of the Northern Baptist Convention, at Washington, D. C., in 1907. This is a strictly delegated body from the Baptist churches of the North and West, and the three great denominational societies, including the separate societies of women, have placed themselves under its direction. They report each year to the convention, and a single committee prepares a budget for the following year, based on the estimates of the societies, which is apportioned according to states, associations, and churches. Organic union of the societies is beset with legal difficulties, but this method secures the chief advantages of organic union. The result has been to consolidate agencies, eliminate useless expenditures, prevent overlapping of missionary work, and in general to secure a unity, economy, and efficiency that was before sadly lacking. Increasingly satisfactory results along these lines have been observable from year to year, especially in the line of compactness of organization.

In common with other denominations, the Baptist churches have felt the influence of the trend toward denominational union and fellowship. Questions have arisen in regard to a closer affiliation with the Disciples and with the Free Baptists. As yet the former movement has not developed, but arrangements with the Free Baptists for securing harmony, if not unity, of administration along certain lines of missionary work have developed until there is practically complete union of the two bodies in their denominational life.<sup>1</sup> The Convention is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and of the Advisory Committee on a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order, initiated by the Protestant Episcopal Church. With the entrance of the United States into the war with Germany, the Convention worked efficiently for the Army and Navy through the chaplain service and through the Red Cross.

Following upon this is a thoroughly planned and organized five-year program for the purpose of stimulating greater interest in education—students and funds for colleges and seminaries; in missions—home and foreign; and in converts. The figures run into millions but the stupendous task is being phenomenally accomplished.

##### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrine and polity of the Northern Baptist churches have been set forth in the statement on Baptists.<sup>2</sup> In general, the Northern churches are held to be less rigidly Calvinistic in their doctrine than the Southern churches. They, however, interchange membership and ministry on terms of perfect equality. In the Northern Convention, the dividing line between the white and Negro churches is not as sharply drawn as in the Southern. There are Negro members of white churches, and Negro churches in white associations, while white and Negro associations mingle more freely.

<sup>1</sup> See Free Baptists, p. 108.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 48.



## WORK.

The home missionary work of the Northern Baptist churches is carried on through various organizations. First in order of establishment is the American Baptist Publication Society, which, although not confined in its operations to the northern churches, is classed with the Northern Convention, as its headquarters are in the North. This society has three departments—publishing, missionary, and Bible. The missionary department employs Sunday school and chapel-car missionaries and colporteurs, and distributes Bibles and other literature. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, organized in 1832, employs general missionaries and pastors among people both of English and foreign tongues in the United States, Mexico, Porto Rico, and Cuba, aids city missions, builds meetinghouses, maintains schools for Negroes and Indians, and promotes general evangelism. Third in order is the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, originally organized in 1877, and consolidated in 1909 with the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Society of Michigan, with headquarters in Chicago. Its object is primarily the employment of women missionaries, mainly among foreigners, Negroes, and Indians, and the maintenance of training schools for workers.

The report for 1916 shows the following figures for these different organizations: American Baptist Publication Society—agents, 171; Sunday schools organized, 173; churches established, 22; receipts, \$137,502. American Baptist Home Mission Society—agents, 1,274; churches aided, 2,722; receipts, \$865,517. Church Edifice Department—churches aided, 67; receipts, \$35,170. Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society—agents, 237; churches aided, 144; receipts, \$258,771. Total for the national societies—agents, 1,682; churches aided, 2,955; receipts, \$1,296,960. If to this last total there be added \$781,440, reported for state mission work, the grand total will be \$2,078,400.

The foreign missionary work is carried on by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, organized in Philadelphia in 1814, as the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions. In 1846 the name was changed to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and again in 1910 the name was changed, becoming American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In cooperation with this society is the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which is a continuation of the two former societies, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the West. The fields occupied are India (including Burma and Assam), China, Japan, Africa, and the Philippine Islands. In Europe the work is carried on in Sweden,

Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Russia, but is confined almost entirely to assistance in the training of ministers and in the current expenses of local churches. American missionaries are not sent out, and the whole work is on a different basis from that in Asia and Africa. The statistics for the Asiatic and African work for the year 1916 show 5 countries occupied; 127 stations where there are resident missionaries; 688 American missionaries; 9,185 native helpers; 1,732 churches, with 183,505 members; 2,602 schools, with 85,552 scholars; 69 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 83,391 patients; property having an estimated value of \$2,015,000; and endowments amounting approximately to \$1,625,292. The total income, \$1,280,509, was derived as follows: General donations in the United States, \$652,578; specific donations (nearly all from American sources) \$79,511; from the Woman's Society, \$354,151; legacies, \$166,450; and annuity agreements matured, \$27,819. In addition to this total there was received from income on permanent investments, \$88,586; and from sale of property, rents, interest, etc., \$27,207, making a grand total available for the work of the society of \$1,396,302.

The European work was carried on by 2,512 agents, and the report shows 1,205 organized churches, with 142,979 members; 2,510 Sunday schools, with a membership of 132,423; and 6 theological seminaries, with 73 students. The total amount contributed by these European missions for self-support was \$851,887, and for benevolence, \$35,329.

The educational work, under the care of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, is represented by 61 colleges, academies, etc., with 22,417 pupils. Included in this number are 8 theological seminaries, reporting 102 teachers, 997 students, property valued at \$1,031,728, and endowments of \$3,577,541. The remaining 53 schools are colleges and academies. The total value of the property of the 61 schools is \$31,930,381, and of the endowments \$45,577,118. The total income reported for the support of these schools in 1916 was \$5,085,008, including \$4,571,983 added to the funds by the Five Year Program.

The schools maintained in whole or in part by the Northern Baptist Convention for Negroes in the Southern states, under the care of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, numbered 13 higher schools and 11 of secondary grade, with a total enrollment in 1916 of 384 teachers and 8,059 pupils.

The philanthropic institutions, either controlled by or identified with the Northern Baptist churches, are 34 in number, including 6 hospitals, 8 orphanages, and 20 homes for the aged. No estimate is available as to the number of inmates. The value of property owned by these institutions is estimated at \$2,032,000.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America is a fraternal organization for all Baptist Young People's Societies, and reports 7,936 Baptist Young People's Unions, with 281,550 members, and 1,315 Christian Endeavor Societies, with 52,982 members.

The publication interests of the Northern Baptist churches are extensive. The principal publication organization is the American Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters in Philadelphia, which, in addition to the customary publication of about 50 religious books each year, issues regularly 34 Sunday school papers and other publications, with an annual circulation in excess of 58,000,000 copies. This society maintains branches and agencies in the principal cities of the United States, as well as in Toronto, Canada, and London, England. The total receipts of the society for the year ending March 31, 1917, for all departments, were \$1,475,133, an increase of \$706,447 over those of 1906. In addition to the work done by the American Baptist Publication Society, the German Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, publishes 6 papers and periodicals, and reports for the year receipts amounting to \$116,895. The Swedish Baptists of the North also maintain a publication society, with headquarters at Chicago, and a limited publication work is also done by Hungarian, Rumanian, Polish, Italian, and Slovak Baptist organizations.

Other organizations identified with the churches are the American Baptist Historical Society, organized in 1853, with headquarters at Philadelphia; the Backus Historical Society, organized in the same year, with headquarters at Boston, Mass.; and the American Baptist Education Society, organized in 1888, having for its object the assistance of Baptist educational institutions. The latest organization is the General Baptist Convention, organized in 1905, which meets every three years for the discussion of general denominational, moral, and religious questions.

Under the new arrangements with the Free Baptists, the general missionary and benevolent work of the Free Baptist churches, as explained in the statement for that body, is united with that of the Northern Baptist Convention, and is included in the reports of the different departments as noted above.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Northern Baptist Convention for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 55 to 68, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 is shown in the tabular statement in the next column.

From this table it appears that the denomination has gained in membership, in value of church property, and Sunday school scholars, but has lost in number of

organizations reported, in church edifices, and in the number of Sundayschools. Some of these losses are explained by the fact that certain associations identified with the Northern Convention in 1906 were reported with the Southern Convention in 1916. The membership reported in 1916 was 1,232,135, as against 1,052,105 in 1906, showing a gain of 17.1 per cent. The value of church property rose from \$74,620,025 to \$94,644,133, a gain of 26.8 per cent. The debt on church property as reported in 1916 by 1,783 organizations was \$7,302,769, as against \$5,149,678 reported by 1,557 organizations in 1906. The number of organizations decreased by 113, or 1.4 per cent, the number of church edifices by 139, or 1.7 per cent, and the number of Sunday schools by 32. The number of churches reporting parsonages, however, increased 585, or 22.7 per cent, the total for 1916 being 3,166; and the value of parsonages rose from \$5,535,612 to \$8,325,422, or 50.4 per cent. While there was a decrease noted in the number of Sunday schools, the number of scholars increased from 851,269 to 1,028,952, a gain of 20.9 per cent. The total contributions for missions and benevolences fell from \$12,548,532 in 1906 to \$7,930,892 in 1916, a decrease of 36.8 per cent, the loss being entirely for domestic work, especially educational institutions. The figures for 1906 included a special contribution for a single university. The gifts for foreign work increased from \$815,636 to \$1,280,509, or 57 per cent.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	8,159	8,272	-113	-1.4
Members.....	1,232,135	1,052,105	180,030	17.1
Church edifices.....	8,105	8,244	-139	-1.7
Value of church property.....	\$94,644,133	\$74,620,025	\$20,024,108	26.8
Debt on church property.....	\$7,302,769	\$5,149,678	\$2,153,091	41.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3,166	2,581	585	22.7
Value.....	\$8,325,422	\$5,535,612	\$2,789,810	50.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	8,188	8,220	-32	-0.4
Officers and teachers.....	112,901	102,506	10,395	10.1
Scholars.....	1,028,952	851,269	177,683	20.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$7,930,892	\$12,548,532	-\$4,617,640	-36.8
Domestic.....	\$6,650,383	\$11,732,896	-\$5,082,513	-43.3
Foreign.....	\$1,280,509	\$815,636	\$464,873	57.0

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Includes contributions for Free Baptists, not separately reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$16,082,462, reported by 7,848 organizations, covered general running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 6,192 organizations in 1916, was 33,360, constituting 3.4 per cent of the 982,633 members re-

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ported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 249,502 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 41,830.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 8,159 organizations, 7,446, with 1,148,182 members, reported church services conducted in English only, and 713, with 83,953 members, reported services in foreign languages, of which 392, with 34,309 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 23. The German language was reported as being used by 173 organizations, with 22,168 members, of which 109, with 11,989 members, used German only; the Swedish language was reported by 332 organizations, with 29,669 members, of which 199, with 17,253 members, used Swedish only. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 1 in the number of foreign languages reported, but a large increase in the number of organizations reporting foreign languages and English, and a decrease in the number reporting the use of foreign languages only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 8,631. Schedules were received from 5,684, distributed by states, as shown in the table opposite.

Of the 5,684 ministers reported, 4,690 were in pastoral work and 994 not in pastoral work. The number reported as in pastoral work only was 4,132 and the average annual salary reported by 4,107 was \$1,166. The number of pastors reporting other occupations was 321, the number of supplies, assistants, etc., 237. Of those not in pastoral work, 503 were re-

ported as retired, while 75 were engaged in denominational work, 121 in educational and editorial work, and 144 in evangelistic and philanthropic work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	5,684	4,132	558	994	\$1,166
Arizona.....	35	18	3	14	1,073
Arkansas.....	1	1			
California.....	147	127	4	16	1,320
Colorado.....	88	59	10	19	1,186
Connecticut.....	91	86	5		1,169
Delaware.....	15	12	1	2	1,038
District of Columbia.....	29	23	3	3	1,843
Florida.....	3	3			802
Idaho.....	33	29	2	2	1,059
Illinois.....	569	327	105	137	1,183
Indiana.....	241	163	31	47	1,064
Iowa.....	183	139	13	36	1,112
Kansas.....	236	158	23	55	955
Kentucky.....	4	4			645
Maine.....	164	136	10	18	919
Maryland.....	3	1	1	1	1,500
Massachusetts.....	343	278	20	50	1,492
Michigan.....	283	216	31	36	995
Minnesota.....	138	125	8	5	1,094
Missouri.....	25	18	2	5	734
Montana.....	33	21	4	8	1,143
Nebraska.....	134	103	9	22	1,043
Nevada.....	4	3		1	1,367
New Hampshire.....	78	63	3	12	919
New Jersey.....	210	169	12	29	1,336
New Mexico.....	41	18	14	9	944
New York.....	755	550	52	153	1,267
North Carolina.....	4	3	1		1,200
North Dakota.....	47	40	1	6	925
Ohio.....	306	229	27	50	1,214
Oklahoma.....	2	1		1	1,200
Oregon.....	98	50	12	36	1,023
Pennsylvania.....	592	432	54	106	1,237
Rhode Island.....	93	75	4	14	1,286
South Dakota.....	71	56	3	12	991
Tennessee.....	1	1			
Texas.....	6	3		3	980
Utah.....	7	6		1	1,283
Vermont.....	81	71	2	8	868
Virginia.....	2	1		1	2,000
Washington.....	121	94	11	16	1,035
West Virginia.....	210	97	73	40	909
Wisconsin.....	133	111	4	18	1,014
Wyoming.....	14	12		2	1,130

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Northern Baptist Convention.....	8,159	8,148	1,232,135	7,295	417,285	685,732	7,746	206	8,105	7,748	\$94,644,133
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	399	397	32,537	355	9,670	19,335	388	4	395	386	1,907,742
New Hampshire.....	155	155	15,027	141	4,826	9,143	149	2	164	147	1,117,650
Vermont.....	113	112	9,797	105	3,182	5,601	112	1	116	112	818,600
Massachusetts.....	350	350	86,551	323	27,933	50,267	343	4	356	343	9,478,701
Rhode Island.....	103	103	18,771	98	5,685	11,062	100	2	106	99	1,707,030
Connecticut.....	152	152	26,243	152	10,195	16,048	149	2	162	150	2,780,372
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	936	932	182,443	815	59,239	99,838	924	10	943	923	20,423,318
New Jersey.....	270	270	62,769	244	21,507	35,510	269	1	295	269	6,067,525
Pennsylvania.....	749	748	153,864	643	51,037	78,850	727	19	800	725	12,615,613
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	466	465	77,775	410	26,844	42,572	451	.....	473	450	5,610,963
Indiana.....	494	494	75,374	429	26,207	40,288	487	3	502	486	3,203,181
Illinois.....	459	459	84,406	424	30,079	48,830	447	7	470	451	5,550,720
Michigan.....	399	399	49,766	357	16,815	29,185	389	3	408	388	3,712,216
Wisconsin.....	208	208	20,425	201	7,064	11,873	202	1	212	202	1,555,106
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	239	239	28,145	222	10,101	15,819	225	6	239	228	1,970,264
Iowa.....	357	357	44,939	347	16,152	26,435	349	3	364	349	2,575,253
North Dakota.....	90	90	6,268	90	2,640	3,628	72	13	74	72	299,290
South Dakota.....	102	102	8,852	76	2,403	3,496	90	9	99	91	542,050
Nebraska.....	188	188	19,643	177	7,193	11,561	170	9	175	170	919,725
Kansas.....	400	399	46,906	371	16,664	26,503	372	23	378	374	1,806,554
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	15	15	3,651	13	1,379	2,013	15	.....	16	15	485,500
Maryland.....	2	2	180	2	83	97	2	.....	2	2	12,000
District of Columbia.....	17	17	9,667	17	3,498	6,169	17	.....	18	16	967,900
West Virginia.....	636	636	82,459	511	20,362	29,436	519	35	525	506	1,670,115
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	1	1	22	1	9	13	1	.....	1	1	2,000
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	44	44	4,073	40	1,417	2,494	33	6	35	37	289,130
Idaho.....	61	61	5,682	58	2,000	3,529	56	4	55	55	224,803
Wyoming.....	35	35	1,841	26	640	959	28	3	28	31	123,425
Colorado.....	109	109	16,528	108	6,161	10,197	84	17	86	87	842,758
Arizona.....	44	44	2,927	41	1,129	1,689	34	6	35	38	158,030
Utah.....	14	14	1,305	14	458	847	14	.....	14	14	168,700
Nevada.....	7	7	356	5	126	222	7	.....	7	7	32,500
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	174	173	17,738	157	5,941	10,651	167	4	174	166	1,253,093
Oregon.....	127	127	15,635	105	5,636	9,239	118	7	124	119	710,808
California.....	244	244	39,570	217	13,110	22,333	239	2	254	239	3,041,498

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Northern Baptist Convention .....	8,159	1,783	\$7,302,769	3,166	\$8,325,422	7,848	\$16,082,462	7,517	8,188	112,901	1,028,952
New England division:											
Maine .....	399	29	37,020	188	382,900	356	376,352	342	371	3,908	32,447
New Hampshire .....	155	12	17,225	106	214,700	141	197,351	139	149	1,735	12,683
Vermont .....	113	8	5,748	87	165,285	110	138,837	109	112	1,232	8,491
Massachusetts .....	350	93	719,648	141	460,970	347	1,436,643	337	365	7,611	79,995
Rhode Island .....	103	18	89,352	43	149,500	102	287,644	97	101	1,999	16,069
Connecticut .....	152	32	119,078	82	284,450	144	369,217	137	148	2,352	17,866
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	936	205	1,772,239	510	1,418,650	918	2,590,955	873	900	14,900	137,368
New Jersey .....	270	133	677,787	170	685,645	265	965,971	262	292	5,940	52,136
Pennsylvania .....	749	253	1,172,078	248	825,150	726	1,919,782	700	753	12,438	129,657
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	466	84	392,276	119	345,860	460	917,963	456	496	7,301	69,470
Indiana .....	494	82	278,327	75	203,152	483	624,053	462	484	6,198	55,328
Illinois .....	459	112	441,999	176	537,875	446	1,125,838	435	488	7,323	68,715
Michigan .....	399	64	235,618	210	420,225	381	729,887	379	422	5,582	49,233
Wisconsin .....	208	52	82,481	88	228,300	202	307,326	184	212	2,285	17,175
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	239	52	129,795	100	221,325	231	498,472	214	258	2,735	24,742
Iowa .....	357	51	90,146	174	436,975	338	633,063	327	351	4,360	35,572
North Dakota .....	90	14	9,953	43	79,900	83	108,966	73	113	739	6,864
South Dakota .....	102	15	26,601	37	101,250	97	168,044	90	102	902	8,161
Nebraska .....	188	25	22,755	91	181,400	182	274,389	173	193	2,220	17,079
Kansas .....	400	76	96,035	143	262,015	386	470,399	368	387	4,705	40,363
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware .....	15	4	7,804	4	8,800	14	44,106	13	14	246	2,376
Maryland .....	2	1	100	1	1,800	1	950	1	1	16	110
District of Columbia .....	17	10	109,082	2	8,000	17	130,498	17	17	712	8,320
West Virginia .....	636	31	64,858	51	145,125	608	326,134	525	552	4,591	45,514
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	1					1	130	1	1	8	30
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	44	15	38,700	11	33,700	43	67,197	39	40	391	3,267
Idaho .....	61	26	23,191	25	38,900	58	68,623	58	64	668	5,446
Wyoming .....	35	8	9,220	7	12,250	31	23,659	32	38	315	2,460
Colorado .....	109	41	88,896	34	80,000	104	216,221	96	107	1,428	12,991
Arizona .....	44	11	7,790	18	31,375	40	37,708	42	48	356	2,911
Utah .....	14	7	24,167	3	3,000	14	20,764	14	17	162	1,244
Nevada .....	7	3	2,235	1	1,000	6	7,414	6	6	65	584
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	174	74	157,119	53	77,825	159	271,821	164	187	2,061	15,984
Oregon .....	127	44	40,556	37	96,975	114	162,661	111	125	1,503	12,839
California .....	244	98	312,890	88	180,645	240	673,424	241	274	3,914	35,462

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Northern Baptist Convention .....	8,159	8,148	1,232,135	7,295	417,285	685,732	7,746	206	8,105	7,748	\$94,644,133
Arizona:											
Arizona .....	44	44	2,927	41	1,129	1,689	34	6	35	38	158,080
California:											
Central .....	12	12	1,234	12	469	765	11	1	11	11	88,411
Clear Lake .....	10	10	806	8	204	392	10		10	10	46,600
German .....	7	7	562				7		8	7	45,800
Los Angeles .....	54	54	15,240	51	5,232	9,282	53		56	52	979,032
Nevada-Sierra .....	6	6	181	4	38	72	5		5	5	20,300
Pacific:											
Sacramento .....	12	12	1,229	12	412	817	11		11	12	133,500
Sacramento River .....	16	16	1,474	15	477	937	16		17	16	104,900
San Francisco .....	28	28	4,389	19	953	1,655	28		29	28	895,330
San Joaquin Valley .....	28	28	4,951	26	1,744	2,652	27	1	29	27	153,100
San Jose .....	20	20	1,863	20	742	1,121	20		23	20	170,100
Santa Ana Valley .....	16	16	3,553	16	1,365	2,188	16		17	16	241,000
Santa Barbara .....	10	10	836	10	264	572	10		11	10	47,500
South West .....	15	15	2,218	15	851	1,367	15		16	15	249,500
Colorado:											
Baca County .....	12	12	270	12	116	154		6			
Gunnison .....	13	13	1,532	13	510	1,022	12	1	12	12	55,058
Midland .....	12	12	1,607	12	675	1,032	8	4	8	8	74,350
Rocky Mountain .....	36	36	8,435	35	3,196	5,069	33	3	34	34	435,700
San Luis Valley .....	10	10	499	10	191	308	8	2	8	9	52,550
Southern Colorado .....	21	21	3,901	21	1,469	2,432	19		20	19	202,950
Southwestern .....	5	5	284	5	104	180	4	1	4	5	22,150

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS:  
1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Connecticut:											
Ashford.....	17	17	1,838	17	635	1,203	16	19	16	\$133,900	
Fairfield.....	25	25	4,059	25	1,454	2,605	25	27	25	517,530	
Hartford.....	30	30	5,937	30	2,481	3,456	30	31	30	920,900	
New Haven.....	37	37	8,116	37	3,296	4,820	36	1	39	800,040	
New London.....	25	25	3,563	25	1,285	2,278	24	1	26	278,802	
Stonington Union.....	18	18	2,730	18	1,044	1,686	18	20	18	129,200	
Delaware:											
Delaware Union.....	15	15	3,651	13	1,379	2,013	15	16	15	485,500	
District of Columbia:											
Columbia.....	16	16	7,364	16	2,922	4,442	16	17	15	922,960	
Philadelphia.....	1	1	2,303	1	576	1,727	1	1	1	45,000	
Idaho:											
Central.....	16	16	1,026	16	395	631	15	15	15	38,138	
Comas Prairie.....	4	4	237	4	66	171	4	4	4	16,600	
East.....	11	11	920	9	313	529	8	2	10	33,950	
First.....	23	23	2,669	22	912	1,682	21	1	21	119,915	
Palouse.....	2	2	205	2	87	118	1	1	1	2,000	
Spokane.....	3	3	445	3	160	285	2	2	2	7,800	
Association not given.....	2	2	180	2	67	113	2	2	2	6,400	
Illinois:											
Aurora.....	22	22	3,113	21	1,099	1,942	22	23	22	256,900	
Bloomfield.....	41	41	5,713	41	2,164	3,549	41	41	41	396,516	
Bloomington.....	29	29	4,815	29	1,801	3,014	28	29	29	294,000	
Chicago.....	87	87	25,769	86	9,587	16,110	83	2	84	2,257,164	
Dixon.....	12	12	1,755	12	619	1,136	12	12	12	127,750	
German.....	17	17	2,612	17	1,069	1,543	16	1	16	177,200	
Greene-Jersey.....	23	23	4,062	23	1,649	2,413	22	1	22	116,290	
Morgan-Scott.....	13	13	2,139	12	787	1,351	13	14	13	88,600	
Ottawa.....	19	19	2,473	19	895	1,578	19	20	19	190,300	
Peoria.....	24	24	5,348	24	2,066	3,282	24	25	24	300,700	
Quincy.....	19	19	2,476	19	1,010	1,466	19	20	19	83,600	
Rock Island.....	19	19	2,244	19	874	1,370	18	1	19	139,850	
Rock River.....	15	15	2,537	15	936	1,601	15	15	15	200,614	
Salem.....	21	21	2,592	21	1,108	1,484	20	1	20	130,825	
Southern Illinois.....	37	37	5,613	25	1,637	2,504	36	1	36	126,686	
Springfield.....	27	27	6,431	19	1,466	2,351	27	27	27	269,261	
Swedish.....	34	34	4,714	22	1,312	2,356	32	32	32	394,464	
Indiana:											
Bedford.....	11	11	2,072	7	565	834	11	11	11	36,100	
Bethel.....	9	9	1,069	7	323	541	9	9	9	40,050	
Brownstown.....	17	17	1,848	13	635	937	16	16	16	34,350	
Central.....	23	23	6,038	20	1,930	3,241	22	1	25	463,800	
Coffee Creek.....	21	21	2,107	16	628	859	21	21	21	27,250	
Curry's Prairie.....	25	25	3,459	19	745	1,281	25	25	25	156,905	
Evansville.....	17	17	1,636	17	582	1,054	16	1	16	55,825	
Flat Rock.....	25	25	4,676	23	1,584	2,627	25	26	25	166,600	
Fort Wayne.....	20	20	3,199	15	1,063	1,674	19	19	20	168,100	
Freedom.....	24	24	2,447	19	912	1,190	24	24	24	66,950	
Friendship.....	24	24	3,678	23	1,515	1,968	24	24	24	123,990	
Harmony.....	23	23	3,849	19	1,264	1,783	23	24	23	130,575	
Hillsdale.....	1	1	28	1	8	18	1	1	1	1,500	
Indianapolis.....	6	6	967	6	383	582	6	6	6	48,000	
Johnson County.....	10	10	1,762	10	777	985	10	10	10	65,700	
Judson.....	23	23	3,267	23	1,343	1,924	23	23	23	139,100	
Laughery.....	16	16	2,043	13	493	866	16	16	16	56,860	
Logansport.....	21	21	4,185	20	1,622	2,481	21	21	21	219,200	
Long Run.....	16	16	1,678	14	628	907	16	17	16	48,000	
Madison.....	18	18	2,823	17	985	1,778	18	19	18	61,550	
Monticello.....	12	12	1,399	11	504	706	12	12	12	43,100	
Mount Zion.....	10	10	742	6	175	252	10	10	10	15,306	
Noble-Lagrange.....	5	5	561	5	221	340	5	5	5	19,700	
Northern.....	14	14	3,542	14	1,333	2,209	14	17	14	359,600	
Orleans.....	13	13	2,061	12	791	1,204	13	13	13	49,850	
Perry County.....	8	8	460	8	153	307	8	8	8	9,000	
Salamonie.....	11	11	3,257	11	1,170	2,087	10	12	10	166,300	
Sand Creek.....	17	17	2,367	14	855	1,212	17	17	17	73,050	
Tippecanoe.....	11	11	2,594	11	977	1,617	11	14	11	172,800	
Union.....	22	22	3,336	22	1,362	1,974	20	1	20	135,100	
White Lick.....	21	21	2,224	14	687	858	21	21	20	48,970	
Iowa:											
Burlington.....	14	14	1,476	14	577	899	14	14	14	78,200	
Cedar Rapids.....	15	15	2,700	11	545	1,089	15	16	15	226,025	
Cedar Valley.....	40	40	5,991	39	2,162	3,817	40	41	40	396,026	
Central.....	22	22	4,462	20	1,341	2,305	22	24	22	271,800	
Creston.....	18	18	1,474	18	574	900	18	19	18	80,000	
Danish.....	11	11	1,313	11	589	724	11	11	11	38,725	
Davenport.....	8	8	2,401	8	849	1,552	7	7	7	149,000	
Des Moines Western.....	31	31	3,663	30	1,525	2,114	31	31	31	173,700	
Dubuque.....	17	17	1,530	16	528	953	17	17	17	104,300	
East Grand River.....	9	9	511	9	239	272	9	9	9	13,025	

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS:  
1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
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Iowa—Continued.											
East Nodaway.....	3	3	785	3	311	474	3	5	3	\$32,165	
English River.....	10	10	915	10	337	578	9	9	9	36,000	
Fox River.....	12	12	982	12	387	595	12	12	12	25,920	
German.....	12	12	1,570	12	697	873	12	13	12	63,200	
Keokuk.....	11	11	1,756	11	643	1,113	11	11	11	104,350	
Northern.....	18	18	2,135	18	849	1,286	17	18	17	83,100	
Oskaloosa.....	15	15	1,856	15	672	1,184	15	16	15	85,300	
Sioux Falls.....	1	1	50	1	20	30	1	1	1	2,500	
Sioux Valley.....	19	19	1,742	19	649	1,093	19	19	19	196,100	
Southern Iowa.....	30	30	2,977	30	1,128	1,849	26	26	26	95,752	
Southwestern.....	15	15	2,663	14	740	1,540	15	15	15	191,800	
Swedish.....	15	15	1,029	15	415	614	14	15	14	83,700	
Washington.....	11	11	958	11	377	581	11	11	11	44,565	
Kansas:											
Arkansas Valley.....	23	23	2,825	18	998	1,479	20	20	21	76,400	
Blue Valley.....	12	12	818	11	319	469	12	12	12	40,500	
Central.....	15	15	2,005	14	779	1,187	15	15	15	98,175	
Chikaskia.....	22	22	2,095	18	766	1,065	21	21	21	56,090	
Fall River.....	16	16	1,227	14	437	748	14	14	14	63,100	
Fort Scott.....	22	22	2,324	22	858	1,466	21	22	21	56,985	
German.....	16	16	1,306	16	597	709	16	16	16	62,100	
Jewell.....	7	7	766	7	317	449	7	7	7	26,725	
Kansas River.....	18	18	3,895	18	1,433	2,462	18	18	18	221,530	
Miami.....	25	25	3,082	25	1,242	1,840	24	24	24	112,040	
Missouri River.....	35	35	6,293	35	2,254	4,039	35	35	35	220,375	
Ninnescah.....	9	9	744	9	318	426	9	9	9	21,800	
North East.....	18	18	2,184	18	862	1,322	18	18	18	69,841	
Oberlin.....	16	16	1,124	14	427	640	13	13	13	25,243	
Republican Valley.....	10	10	1,272	10	517	755	10	10	10	68,150	
Solomon Valley.....	10	10	944	9	266	482	10	10	10	34,900	
South Central.....	10	10	518	10	210	308	7	7	7	20,550	
South East.....	26	26	4,748	22	1,393	2,473	25	28	25	193,525	
South West.....	13	13	655	9	247	347	8	8	9	25,050	
Swedish.....	11	11	843	10	317	506	11	11	11	39,800	
Upper Solomon Valley.....	11	11	544	11	197	347	11	12	11	31,250	
Wakeeney.....	8	8	371	8	150	221	6	6	6	8,350	
Walnut Valley.....	36	35	5,613	32	1,522	2,291	30	31	30	201,400	
West Central.....	11	11	710	11	238	472	11	11	11	32,675	
Kentucky:											
Portsmouth.....	1	1	22	1	9	13	1	1	1	2,000	
Maine:											
Androscoggin.....	23	23	2,316	15	668	1,281	21	22	21	171,250	
Bowdoinham.....	20	20	1,559	19	501	1,022	20	20	20	106,100	
Cumberland.....	26	26	3,075	25	630	1,405	26	26	26	236,992	
Damariscotta.....	18	18	1,076	16	364	613	17	18	17	53,700	
Farmington.....	28	28	1,067	23	370	602	26	26	26	57,250	
Hancock.....	25	25	1,438	24	429	866	23	24	24	71,250	
Lincoln.....	32	32	2,782	30	657	1,620	32	34	32	109,100	
New Durham.....	1	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	3,000	
North Aroostook.....	22	22	2,154	22	771	1,383	22	22	21	113,900	
North Kennebec.....	26	26	2,941	23	958	1,689	26	26	24	183,650	
North York.....	27	27	1,785	24	496	1,140	27	27	27	92,250	
Oxford.....	22	21	1,208	20	416	784	22	22	22	81,350	
Penobscot.....	29	29	2,503	26	785	1,455	29	29	29	174,200	
Piscataquis.....	15	15	1,336	14	470	844	13	14	13	56,400	
Rockingham.....	2	2	126	2	34	92	2	2	2	13,200	
South Aroostook.....	27	26	1,999	19	575	1,036	27	29	27	74,050	
South Kennebec.....	20	20	1,835	18	550	1,285	20	20	20	125,300	
South York.....	15	15	1,757	14	534	1,128	15	15	15	100,500	
Washington.....	21	21	1,552	21	462	1,090	19	19	19	84,300	
Maryland:											
Monongahela.....	1	1	25	1	13	12	1	1	1	2,000	
Welsh.....	1	1	155	1	70	85	1	1	1	10,000	
Massachusetts:											
Barnstable.....	17	17	765	16	226	504	17	18	17	77,080	
Berkshire.....	17	17	3,865	15	1,325	2,235	17	19	17	318,354	
Boston, East.....	34	34	12,990	31	4,021	7,491	34	35	34	1,447,279	
Boston, North.....	22	22	11,670	21	3,999	6,613	22	22	22	2,228,671	
Boston, South.....	23	23	6,431	21	2,056	3,853	22	23	22	531,400	
Boston, West.....	23	23	8,753	23	3,294	5,459	23	23	23	938,350	
Framingham.....	17	17	2,808	16	886	1,873	16	16	16	214,000	
Franklin Millers.....	15	15	1,260	14	385	791	15	16	15	96,750	
Merrimac River.....	27	27	8,394	24	2,669	4,393	26	26	26	547,150	
Old Colony.....	17	17	3,133	17	1,087	2,046	17	17	17	332,150	
Providence.....	2	2	102	2	34	63	2	2	2	4,500	
Roger Williams.....	3	3	83	3	21	62	3	3	3	9,600	
Salem.....	25	25	6,491	23	1,712	3,817	24	24	24	617,500	
Taunton.....	22	22	5,041	18	1,050	2,193	21	25	21	421,975	
Wachusett.....	24	24	3,539	23	1,242	2,292	23	23	23	328,292	
Westfield.....	29	29	6,063	29	2,291	3,772	28	30	29	697,600	
Worcester.....	33	33	5,163	27	1,635	2,805	33	34	33	668,050	

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<b>Michigan:</b>											
Alpena.....	24	24	1,253	22	424	786	21	22	20	\$71,100	
Detroit.....	44	44	11,133	41	4,357	5,931	43	46	43	1,098,550	
Flint River.....	18	18	3,019	18	1,147	1,872	18	21	18	209,600	
Grand Rapids.....	4	4	1,265	1	29	57	4	4	4	192,500	
Grand River.....	14	14	1,476	13	444	941	14	14	14	80,000	
Grand River Valley.....	17	17	2,284	16	863	1,403	17	19	16	132,175	
Grand Traverse.....	9	9	1,049	9	392	657	9	9	9	74,500	
Hillsdale.....	17	17	1,554	15	507	950	17	17	17	112,356	
Huron.....	28	28	1,891	26	571	1,262	26	26	26	87,550	
Jackson.....	26	26	3,445	26	1,178	2,267	26	26	26	157,200	
Kalamazoo River.....	23	23	4,039	23	1,333	2,706	23	24	23	268,950	
Lenawee.....	17	17	1,876	15	597	1,252	17	19	17	133,450	
Marquette.....	10	10	1,013	9	351	613	9	10	9	108,900	
Muskegon.....	12	12	1,774	9	200	351	12	12	12	61,175	
Osceola.....	16	16	1,247	12	373	663	16	18	16	57,800	
Saginaw Valley.....	26	26	3,172	21	992	2,041	26	27	26	297,800	
St. Joseph River.....	9	9	1,678	9	582	1,096	8	8	8	70,000	
St. Joseph Valley.....	10	10	1,709	9	178	327	10	10	10	43,700	
Shiawassee.....	21	21	2,887	19	955	1,685	21	22	21	204,100	
Swedish, Northern.....	14	14	658	11	203	348	12	13	13	49,400	
Swedish, Southern.....	11	11	715	11	280	435	11	12	11	41,710	
Washtenaw.....	10	10	1,322	9	402	857	10	10	10	90,700	
Wayne.....	19	19	1,307	17	457	685	19	19	19	69,000	
<b>Minnesota:</b>											
Central.....	12	12	1,614	11	505	854	11	12	11	98,400	
Dano-Norwegian.....	18	18	1,697	16	649	694	17	17	17	67,550	
German.....	9	9	885	9	419	466	9	10	9	49,600	
Lake Superior.....	4	4	842	4	286	556	3	3	4	85,050	
Minnesota Free Baptists.....	14	14	1,144	14	467	677	12	12	12	58,000	
Minnesota Valley.....	16	16	1,406	16	515	891	16	16	16	83,300	
Northwestern.....	18	18	1,737	17	559	1,148	18	20	18	83,450	
Southeastern.....	11	11	1,209	11	496	713	11	12	11	118,350	
Swedish.....	89	89	8,011	87	3,103	4,734	85	91	86	421,114	
Twin City.....	27	27	8,724	20	2,782	4,584	27	30	27	346,200	
Western.....	9	9	594	9	230	364	9	9	9	31,600	
Unassociated.....	12	12	282	8	90	138	7	7	8	27,650	
<b>Montana:</b>											
Eastern Montana.....	9	9	1,499	6	488	859	9	11	9	93,630	
Flathead.....	7	7	325	7	124	201	2	2	5	14,535	
Northern.....	13	13	700	13	260	440	8	8	9	64,285	
Southern.....	9	9	937	9	317	620	9	9	9	96,400	
Western.....	6	6	612	5	228	374	5	5	5	20,300	
<b>Nebraska:</b>											
Blue River.....	11	11	1,359	11	516	843	11	11	11	46,525	
Colored.....	4	4	948	4	373	575	4	4	4	22,000	
Custer.....	14	14	978	12	236	334	11	11	11	30,000	
Danish.....	3	3	175	3	73	102	3	3	3	3,150	
First Nebraska.....	11	11	1,799	11	607	1,192	11	12	11	139,150	
German.....	8	8	443	8	209	234	8	8	8	16,200	
Grand Island.....	18	18	1,815	18	707	1,026	18	18	18	87,350	
Nemehah.....	16	16	1,102	14	384	688	16	16	16	46,775	
North Central.....	6	6	174	6	110	44	4	4	4	4,200	
North Platte.....	9	9	701	7	215	315	7	7	7	45,500	
Northeastern.....	8	8	821	7	273	483	7	7	7	51,600	
Northwestern.....	12	12	849	11	310	529	7	7	7	23,600	
Omaha City.....	7	7	2,497	7	887	1,610	7	11	7	154,850	
Omaha Rural.....	10	10	1,366	9	474	789	10	10	10	38,000	
Southern Union.....	19	19	2,030	19	774	1,256	19	19	19	97,850	
Swedish.....	14	14	1,194	14	508	686	14	14	14	58,400	
York.....	12	12	1,159	12	483	671	12	12	12	49,575	
Unassociated.....	6	6	233	6	95	138	1	1	1	5,000	
<b>Nevada:</b>											
Nevada-Sierra.....	7	7	356	5	126	222	7	7	7	32,500	
<b>New Hampshire:</b>											
Belknap.....	11	11	931	11	299	632	11	12	11	51,900	
Dublin.....	10	10	945	9	295	609	9	9	9	110,300	
Lisbon.....	5	5	258	5	81	177	5	5	5	22,000	
Meredith.....	10	10	691	9	202	437	10	12	10	50,600	
Merrimack.....	7	7	1,073	7	405	668	7	7	7	136,000	
Milford.....	18	18	3,237	17	971	1,624	18	19	17	216,100	
New Durham.....	16	16	1,039	15	295	706	16	16	16	58,800	
Newport.....	13	13	1,435	11	556	827	13	17	12	69,500	
Portsmouth.....	17	17	1,719	15	495	1,141	17	19	17	132,600	
Rockingham.....	6	6	796	6	268	528	6	8	6	51,500	
Salisbury.....	18	18	1,850	16	622	1,186	15	13	15	136,850	
Sandwich.....	12	12	693	10	233	409	10	10	10	48,300	
Wentworth.....	2	2	37	2	10	27	2	2	2	2,500	
Wolfeboro.....	10	10	318	8	94	172	10	10	10	30,700	



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New Jersey:											
Camden.....	47	47	10,423	43	3,439	5,782	47	57	47	\$1,015,284	
Central.....	20	20	4,477	20	1,613	2,864	20	23	20	328,600	
East New Jersey.....	39	39	10,911	35	3,561	6,102	38	40	38	1,671,623	
Monmouth.....	25	25	4,773	23	1,440	2,379	25	28	25	377,750	
Morris and Essex.....	23	23	6,801	22	2,459	4,071	23	27	23	782,775	
North New Jersey.....	51	51	10,234	46	3,891	6,249	51	52	51	1,042,255	
Trenton.....	21	21	6,793	20	2,623	4,045	21	23	21	413,400	
West New Jersey.....	44	44	8,357	35	2,681	4,018	44	45	44	435,838	
New York:											
Allegany.....	16	16	2,215	15	810	1,365	16	16	16	122,100	
Black River.....	19	19	2,593	19	1,613	1,613	19	19	19	198,100	
Broome and Tioga.....	32	32	5,600	31	1,995	3,330	31	31	31	345,000	
Buffalo.....	46	46	8,509	43	3,171	5,053	46	47	46	965,850	
Cattaraugus.....	15	15	2,067	10	737	1,107	15	15	15	121,175	
Cayuga.....	18	18	2,756	18	1,065	1,691	18	18	18	215,400	
Chautauqua.....	30	30	4,002	28	1,308	2,294	30	30	30	267,200	
Chemung River.....	34	34	6,376	32	2,330	4,094	33	33	33	354,800	
Chenango.....	23	23	3,597	22	1,228	2,113	23	24	23	134,900	
Cortland.....	20	20	2,282	17	729	1,293	20	20	20	151,600	
Deposit.....	10	10	847	6	295	415	9	9	9	41,700	
Dutchess.....	11	11	1,027	7	297	411	11	11	11	60,550	
Essex and Champlain.....	12	12	1,012	10	27	527	12	12	12	81,800	
Fairfield.....	1	1	57	1	24	33	1	1	1	5,000	
Franklin.....	21	21	3,269	17	1,072	1,766	21	21	21	169,075	
Genesee.....	28	28	4,200	27	1,642	2,483	28	28	28	256,300	
Hudson River, Central.....	38	35	6,414	28	1,775	3,403	38	39	38	733,300	
Hudson River, North.....	41	41	9,350	32	2,403	4,009	40	41	40	1,117,300	
Lake George.....	13	13	815	12	507	276	13	13	13	38,900	
Livingston.....	9	9	901	8	282	470	9	9	9	59,800	
Long Island.....	72	72	24,063	62	7,730	13,438	71	77	70	2,887,440	
Madison.....	16	16	2,073	13	638	1,042	16	16	16	145,300	
Mohawk River.....	15	15	2,194	13	711	1,326	15	15	15	157,100	
Monroe.....	40	40	11,990	35	4,145	6,844	38	39	38	1,068,075	
Niagara.....	12	12	2,966	9	904	1,316	12	13	12	160,050	
Oneida.....	29	28	5,162	22	1,349	2,363	29	29	29	486,700	
Onondaga.....	21	21	6,333	21	2,531	3,802	21	22	21	961,000	
Ontario.....	13	13	2,151	12	775	1,241	13	13	13	132,300	
Orleans.....	11	11	2,086	10	691	1,212	11	11	11	129,900	
Oswego.....	17	17	2,385	16	949	1,393	17	17	17	183,900	
Otsego.....	14	14	1,774	14	739	1,035	14	14	14	64,400	
Rensselaerville.....	13	13	936	12	338	534	13	13	13	40,000	
St. Lawrence.....	19	19	2,030	16	453	917	19	19	19	165,100	
Saratoga.....	24	24	5,472	24	1,854	3,618	24	25	24	382,600	
Seneca.....	15	15	2,708	15	1,051	1,657	15	17	15	112,400	
Southern New York.....	59	59	27,679	42	7,584	12,576	55	58	55	7,100,300	
Stephentown.....	9	9	807	9	255	522	9	9	9	39,700	
Steuben.....	20	20	1,426	18	415	738	20	20	20	70,200	
Union.....	13	13	1,490	13	655	835	13	13	13	114,000	
Washington Union.....	22	22	3,532	19	1,132	2,167	22	22	22	296,303	
Wayne.....	16	16	2,155	14	684	1,198	16	16	16	131,700	
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	1	1	47	1	27	27	1	1	1	3,000	
Worcester.....	15	15	1,135	13	402	602	15	15	15	56,900	
Yates.....	13	13	1,960	9	498	813	12	12	12	95,000	
North Dakota:											
German.....	23	23	2,669	23	1,217	1,452	22	22	22	87,300	
North Dakota.....	11	11	1,002	11	370	632	9	9	9	86,100	
North Western.....	12	12	633	12	249	384	10	10	10	17,550	
Norwegian.....	13	13	559	13	236	323	9	9	9	23,950	
Red River Valley.....	10	10	798	10	298	500	9	10	9	59,940	
Russian.....	3	3	98	3	53	45	3	3	3	4,100	
Swedish.....	13	13	436	13	192	244	9	10	9	19,900	
Unassociated.....	5	5	73	5	25	48	1	1	1	450	
Ohio:											
Adams.....	8	7	688	6	276	387	8	8	8	28,100	
Ashtabula.....	17	17	1,901	17	683	1,218	17	18	17	145,200	
Auglaize.....	18	18	2,072	14	657	1,018	14	16	16	119,625	
Cambridge.....	16	16	1,918	14	722	1,071	16	16	16	71,800	
Central.....	9	9	444	9	181	263	9	9	9	6,800	
Clermont.....	7	7	493	2	31	65	7	7	7	17,050	
Cleveland.....	40	40	11,536	33	3,792	5,564	38	38	38	1,430,100	
Clinton.....	18	18	2,304	17	856	1,368	18	18	18	140,600	
Columbus.....	20	20	4,456	19	1,758	2,687	19	20	19	267,500	
Coshocton.....	10	10	1,220	7	317	478	9	9	10	40,250	
Dayton.....	35	35	8,560	29	2,734	4,298	35	36	34	687,400	
French Creek.....	1	1	63	1	19	44	1	1	1	3,500	
Gallia.....	8	8	1,000	3	85	134	8	9	7	6,700	
Huron.....	11	11	1,365	11	427	938	11	11	11	112,100	
Lorain.....	14	14	1,630	13	569	1,052	12	13	12	109,500	

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Ohio—Continued.											
Mad River.....	14	14	1,438	13	443	551	13	14	12	\$31,400	
Mansfield.....	10	10	1,368	10	497	871	10	10	9	83,453	
Marietta.....	22	22	2,224	22	705	1,519	22	22	22	98,150	
Marion.....	16	16	2,507	16	1,012	1,495	16	16	16	146,500	
Miami.....	26	26	8,336	25	3,124	4,765	26	32	26	632,400	
Mount Vernon.....	13	13	1,787	12	666	1,061	13	13	13	157,900	
Ohio.....	29	29	4,002	27	1,552	2,280	29	30	29	111,160	
Pomeroy.....	14	14	1,585	10	362	559	14	15	14	44,400	
Portsmouth.....	11	11	728	6	173	333	10	10	10	29,575	
Rio Grande.....	6	6	366	6	156	210	6	6	6	11,600	
Toledo.....	24	24	4,510	23	1,623	2,848	24	25	24	319,650	
Trumbull.....	11	11	3,050	11	1,294	1,756	10	11	10	297,000	
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	3	3	45	3	10	35	3	3	3	4,500	
Wooster.....	9	9	2,063	8	652	1,219	9	10	9	221,400	
Zanesville.....	16	16	2,225	15	703	1,465	15	15	16	102,350	
Zoar.....	10	10	1,861	8	765	1,020	9	12	8	133,300	
Oregon:											
Central.....	8	8	1,474	7	499	867	8	8	8	52,190	
Deschutes.....	4	4	371	4	137	234	4	4	4	17,950	
Eastern.....	8	8	236	8	236	236	8	8	8	12,300	
German.....	7	7	916	7	395	521	7	8	7	49,700	
Grand Ronde.....	13	13	1,221	13	443	778	9	4	10	44,300	
Middle.....	11	11	248	11	248	248	11	11	11	11,800	
Rogue River.....	9	9	1,198	9	467	731	8	1	8	47,400	
Swedish.....	4	4	363	3	192	139	4	4	4	28,450	
Umatilla.....	8	8	789	8	323	466	8	8	8	24,980	
Umpqua.....	15	15	2,002	15	780	1,222	13	1	15	63,600	
West Willamette.....	14	14	1,819	13	662	1,021	12	1	12	59,088	
Willamette.....	26	26	4,998	26	1,738	3,260	26	28	26	299,050	
Pennsylvania:											
Abington.....	30	30	9,731	26	3,173	4,609	30	30	30	514,400	
Allegheny River.....	11	11	1,039	10	354	672	10	10	10	64,000	
Beaver.....	20	20	4,392	16	1,263	1,818	19	1	19	250,700	
Bradford.....	18	18	1,369	14	397	563	18	13	18	56,800	
Bridgewater.....	16	16	1,373	13	472	636	16	16	16	52,809	
Broome and Tioga.....	2	2	108	2	43	65	2	2	2	4,000	
Center.....	29	29	4,250	25	1,568	2,453	28	32	28	376,300	
Central Union.....	37	37	7,395	30	2,574	4,154	37	43	37	502,550	
Chautauqua.....	1	1	160	1	80	80	1	1	1	1,500	
Chemung River.....	2	2	645	2	238	407	2	2	2	15,000	
Clarion.....	22	22	2,285	18	849	1,298	22	22	22	146,600	
Clearfield.....	23	23	2,730	16	822	1,533	23	27	23	175,900	
Deposit.....	2	2	46	2	23	23	2	2	2	4,500	
French Creek.....	22	22	3,669	18	1,296	2,289	22	23	22	240,880	
Harrisburg.....	17	17	2,407	17	937	1,470	16	1	17	255,000	
Indiana.....	21	21	1,857	20	763	1,087	20	20	20	54,350	
Monongahela.....	26	26	4,330	23	1,360	1,838	26	39	22	275,650	
North Philadelphia.....	43	43	9,947	42	3,704	6,168	42	1	44	882,650	
Northumberland.....	48	48	7,308	42	2,299	3,381	47	1	57	538,150	
Oil Creek.....	27	27	4,606	25	1,713	2,816	27	27	27	271,100	
Panhandle.....	2	2	226	2	98	123	2	2	2	6,000	
Philadelphia.....	89	89	43,628	76	13,488	20,937	84	5	97	4,131,039	
Pittsburgh.....	82	82	19,521	70	6,897	10,252	79	3	87	2,357,997	
Reading.....	30	30	4,162	23	1,035	1,588	27	3	32	366,725	
Riverside.....	9	9	2,226	7	678	1,239	9	9	13	204,090	
Ten Mile.....	21	21	2,838	18	1,041	1,331	21	21	21	119,500	
Tioga.....	32	32	2,721	30	949	1,623	32	32	32	110,678	
Wayne.....	18	18	1,189	17	453	693	16	2	16	48,200	
Welsh.....	16	16	3,908	14	1,304	2,034	16	16	16	234,000	
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	4	4	319	3	119	156	4	4	4	81,500	
Wyoming.....	29	28	3,509	21	987	1,509	27	2	29	273,045	
Rhode Island:											
Narragansett.....	26	26	3,043	26	1,108	1,935	26	26	26	171,000	
Providence.....	23	23	5,269	20	1,444	2,784	22	1	24	515,085	
Roger Williams.....	23	23	3,336	22	1,064	1,984	23	23	23	248,457	
Warren.....	31	31	7,123	30	2,069	4,359	29	1	33	771,888	
South Dakota:											
Black Hills.....	13	13	779	7	190	256	10	3	10	32,100	
Central.....	13	13	1,184	11	395	480	13	13	13	110,300	
Dano-Norwegian.....	13	13	478	12	214	246	8	3	8	15,050	
German.....	14	14	1,772	14	772	772	14	14	14	101,800	
German, North Dakota.....	2	2	273	2	120	153	2	2	2	9,500	
Northern.....	13	13	637	13	239	398	12	1	14	49,200	
Rosebud.....	5	5	300	4	67	123	4	1	4	7,800	
Sioux Falls.....	10	10	1,653	10	622	1,031	10	10	10	124,600	
Southern.....	8	8	910	8	332	578	8	8	8	46,500	
Swedish.....	11	11	866	9	224	231	9	1	9	45,200	
Utah:											
Utah.....	14	14	1,305	14	458	847	14	14	14	168,700	

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS:  
1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Vermont:</b>											
Addison.....	10	10	738	9	262	448	10	.....	10	10	\$101,500
Berkshire.....	1	1	94	1	39	55	1	.....	1	1	5,000
Danville.....	16	16	1,271	13	378	684	16	.....	17	16	76,250
Lamoille.....	16	16	1,578	16	556	1,022	16	.....	18	16	127,650
Shaftsbury.....	19	19	2,532	17	674	1,224	19	.....	19	19	182,500
Vermont Central.....	18	17	874	16	254	477	17	1	17	17	105,100
Windham County.....	17	17	1,436	17	556	880	17	.....	18	17	127,800
Woodstock.....	16	16	1,274	16	463	811	16	.....	16	16	92,800
<b>Washington:</b>											
Big Bend.....	8	7	527	3	168	248	6	.....	6	6	26,700
Columbia.....	9	9	1,018	8	342	623	8	1	9	8	70,400
Comas Prairie.....	2	2	38	2	14	24	1	1	1	1	1,250
Mount Pleasant.....	6	6	952	6	317	635	6	.....	7	6	80,250
Palouse.....	8	8	740	8	244	496	8	.....	8	8	22,400
Spokane.....	22	22	2,653	20	835	1,576	22	.....	23	22	197,610
Bellingham Bay.....	17	17	1,433	16	482	882	16	1	16	16	49,200
Cowlitz.....	18	18	1,332	15	307	536	18	.....	18	18	62,200
Finnish.....	2	2	209	2	72	137	2	.....	2	2	14,100
German.....	3	3	179	3	76	103	3	.....	3	3	11,000
Norwegian-Danish.....	4	4	366	4	169	197	4	.....	4	4	26,000
Puget Sound.....	16	16	1,892	16	536	1,356	16	.....	18	16	108,070
Seattle.....	36	36	4,407	35	1,634	2,768	36	.....	37	35	391,513
Swedish.....	16	16	1,703	15	648	936	16	.....	17	16	181,500
Association not given.....	7	7	289	4	97	134	5	1	5	5	10,900
<b>West Virginia:</b>											
Broad Run.....	33	33	3,256	33	1,325	1,931	33	.....	33	33	154,350
Coal River.....	26	26	2,522	23	954	1,441	21	.....	21	19	31,850
Eastern.....	10	10	406	6	92	164	6	.....	6	5	7,100
Elk Valley.....	41	41	2,420	35	850	1,229	31	3	31	30	55,282
Goshen.....	17	17	1,939	13	584	943	13	.....	13	13	58,100
Greenbrier.....	39	39	4,867	30	1,568	2,260	36	.....	37	34	90,625
Guyandotte.....	36	36	5,824	29	1,622	2,223	35	.....	37	35	134,000
Harmony.....	38	38	2,948	31	1,023	1,400	32	.....	32	32	41,375
Harrisville.....	24	24	1,484	21	540	768	21	.....	21	21	35,800
Hopewell.....	36	36	3,143	25	962	1,306	34	.....	34	25	33,697
Judson.....	40	40	3,878	34	1,290	2,022	35	.....	35	36	121,875
Kanawha Valley.....	59	59	4,735	35	865	1,352	39	10	39	39	179,125
Mount Pisgah.....	26	26	2,391	18	708	914	16	2	16	17	37,756
Panhandle.....	12	12	2,071	11	781	1,170	11	1	11	11	89,900
Parkersburg.....	32	32	3,695	21	1,046	1,808	22	.....	25	22	174,100
Raleigh.....	43	43	3,205	35	917	1,325	28	4	28	28	47,550
Rock Castle.....	33	33	2,385	33	961	1,424	17	14	17	18	30,750
Teay's Valley.....	35	35	3,419	34	1,327	1,985	35	.....	35	35	66,500
Ten Mile.....	1	1	92	1	39	53	1	.....	1	1	11,100
Twelve Pole.....	23	23	2,287	15	665	831	23	.....	23	22	38,200
Union.....	32	32	5,492	28	2,248	2,827	30	1	30	30	231,260
<b>Wisconsin:</b>											
Central.....	18	18	1,652	17	624	994	17	.....	18	17	95,326
Dano-Norwegian.....	9	9	548	9	223	325	9	.....	9	9	29,100
Dodge.....	12	12	760	12	282	478	12	.....	12	12	69,900
Eau Claire.....	24	24	1,545	24	558	987	22	.....	22	22	133,271
German.....	16	16	1,927	15	693	1,061	15	.....	19	15	97,150
Janesville.....	10	10	1,837	7	254	340	10	.....	10	10	111,700
La Crosse.....	11	11	906	11	299	607	11	.....	11	11	60,800
Lafayette.....	8	8	511	8	182	329	8	.....	8	8	45,200
Lake Superior.....	1	1	248	1	76	172	1	.....	1	1	12,000
Madison.....	9	9	1,362	9	524	838	9	.....	9	9	82,200
Milwaukee.....	26	26	3,821	26	1,402	2,419	26	.....	28	26	394,969
Swedish.....	27	27	1,479	25	615	826	25	1	27	25	92,515
Walworth.....	10	10	1,040	10	387	653	10	.....	10	10	84,100
Winnebago.....	27	27	2,789	27	945	1,844	27	.....	28	27	246,875
<b>Wyoming:</b>											
Big Horn.....	16	16	540	14	213	311	13	1	13	15	27,125
Wyoming.....	19	19	1,301	12	327	648	15	2	15	16	96,300

# NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Northern Baptist Convention.....	8,159	1,783	\$7,302,769	3,166	\$8,325,422	7,848	\$16,082,462	7,517	8,188	112,901	1,028,952
Arizona:											
Arizona.....	44	11	7,790	18	31,375	40	37,708	42	48	356	2,911
California:											
Central.....	12	5	21,800	2	4,200	12	22,629	12	12	159	1,225
Clear Lake.....	10	1	7,500	8	8,600	10	12,443	10	11	107	863
German.....	7					7	9,887	7	9	71	554
Los Angeles.....	54	39	100,751	12	32,700	54	277,617	53	62	1,319	12,558
Nevada-Sierra.....	6	3	2,140	2	5,000	6	3,859	6	6	39	251
Pacific.....	10	1	1,970	6	15,500	9	16,638	9	10	120	919
Sacramento.....	12	4	4,749	2	1,400	11	16,757	11	11	146	1,048
Sacramento River.....	16	6	11,085	8	16,200	15	17,917	16	18	177	1,359
San Francisco.....	28	18	78,005	2	2,500	28	79,541	28	31	443	4,075
San Joaquin Valley.....	28	6	7,650	22	45,445	28	68,511	28	35	428	4,857
San Jose.....	20	6	6,988	8	13,400	20	30,074	20	24	239	1,713
Santa Ana Valley.....	16	3	10,300	6	18,600	15	50,938	16	18	325	3,325
Santa Barbara.....	10	1	800	7	12,900	10	13,850	10	11	113	781
South West.....	15	5	59,152	3	4,200	15	52,763	15	16	228	1,934
Colorado:											
Baca County.....	12					10	733	3	3	20	169
Gunnison.....	13	4	9,800	9	17,500	13	18,314	13	13	171	1,576
Midland.....	12	4	3,990	2	6,350	11	17,235	12	17	191	1,496
Rocky Mountain.....	36	20	39,521	9	25,450	36	105,958	36	37	641	5,899
San Luis Valley.....	10	4	9,270	3	5,400	8	10,008	7	7	60	585
Southern Colorado.....	21	9	26,315	8	21,500	21	58,597	21	26	313	3,229
Southwestern.....	5			3	3,800	5	5,376	4	4	32	247
Connecticut:											
Ashford.....	17	3	14,100	9	17,850	16	22,506	16	17	214	1,498
Fairfield.....	25	5	10,738	12	39,600	25	60,021	24	26	363	2,617
Hartford.....	30	11	45,490	11	44,600	28	101,410	25	28	470	3,850
New Haven.....	37	9	26,650	23	111,200	34	103,144	35	39	706	5,494
New London.....	25	3	22,000	12	33,400	24	58,436	21	22	368	2,825
Stonington Union.....	18	1	100	15	37,800	17	23,700	16	16	231	1,582
Delaware:											
Delaware Union.....	15	4	7,804	4	8,800	14	44,106	13	14	246	2,376
District of Columbia:											
Columbia.....	16	10	109,082	2	8,000	16	120,854	16	16	680	7,820
Philadelphia.....	1					1	9,644	1	1	32	500
Idaho:											
Central.....	16	8	2,906	4	4,200	15	12,094	16	16	140	1,274
Comas Prairie.....	4	2	2,013	1	1,200	4	2,031	4	5	53	280
East.....	11	2	2,500	8	12,750	10	14,632	10	12	104	861
First.....	23	11	14,186	10	17,750	22	28,554	22	25	281	2,289
Palouse.....	2			1	800	2	2,680	1	1	11	160
Spokane.....	3	1	686	1	2,200	3	4,828	3	3	52	405
Association not given.....	2	2	900			2	3,795	2	2	27	177
Illinois:											
Aurora.....	22	4	3,850	11	22,000	21	34,334	20	23	318	2,619
Bloomfield.....	41	5	13,080	15	43,325	41	102,499	40	43	520	4,748
Bloomington.....	29	6	6,330	17	47,000	29	83,393	27	28	414	3,540
Chicago.....	87	51	283,053	20	86,450	86	468,758	85	114	2,197	22,611
Dixon.....	12	1	1,030	8	22,000	12	20,528	12	12	173	1,552
German.....	17	5	12,400	10	36,100	17	39,340	14	14	191	1,580
Greene-Jersey.....	23			6	18,000	22	17,382	22	22	300	2,769
Morgan-Scott.....	13	1	300	4	7,250	13	13,217	13	14	176	1,649
Ottawa.....	19	5	2,658	13	49,800	19	35,493	18	18	278	2,158
Peoria.....	24	1	150	12	23,300	21	55,484	21	26	380	4,036
Quincy.....	19			7	21,100	19	26,091	18	21	246	2,072
Rock Island.....	19	6	5,198	11	29,800	18	36,140	18	19	258	2,191
Rock River.....	15	2	1,100	10	32,000	14	30,567	14	16	263	2,048
Salem.....	21	1	1,300	10	22,550	21	24,465	20	21	234	1,971
Southern Illinois.....	37	5	10,600	4	9,400	34	29,841	36	36	404	4,324
Springfield.....	27	2	1,600	9	32,200	27	46,021	27	30	515	4,625
Swedish.....	34	17	99,350	9	35,600	32	92,285	30	31	456	4,222
Indiana:											
Bedford.....	11	1	1,200	1	3,000	11	5,757	11	11	111	1,014
Bethel.....	9	2	400	1	2,000	9	6,049	9	9	93	669
Brownstown.....	17	3	1,050	3	6,500	17	14,071	17	19	189	2,002
Central.....	23	9	17,200	6	16,500	23	80,338	22	24	477	5,587
Coffee Creek.....	21					21	6,412	21	21	186	1,253
Curry's Prairie.....	25	4	22,000	1	3,500	25	17,567	23	23	291	2,528
Evansville.....	17	4	4,017	2	2,750	17	11,602	16	18	179	1,334
Flat Rock.....	25	4	8,725	3	6,200	25	40,766	23	24	326	3,127
Fort Wayne.....	20	5	26,400	6	14,500	19	48,005	19	19	357	3,028
Freedom.....	24	4	9,000	2	3,000	23	18,325	20	20	223	1,415
Friendship.....	24	3	6,250	2	4,500	24	16,682	22	24	265	2,332
Harmony.....	23	4	18,300	3	4,202	22	35,433	21	22	308	3,189
Hillsdale.....	1					1	359	1	1	9	49
Indianapolis.....	6	1	3,000	1	1,800	6	7,953	6	6	87	657
Johnson County.....	10			1	6,000	10	12,656	10	10	113	1,073
Judson.....	23	4	19,650	4	7,500	23	23,144	23	23	308	2,466
Laughery.....	16	2	1,150	3	5,300	16	9,626	14	14	162	1,340
Logansport.....	21	3	17,160	6	17,000	21	65,295	21	21	324	3,149
Long Run.....	16			1	2,500	16	5,384	15	15	138	937
Madison.....	18	1	2,500	2	11,000	18	13,993	16	17	193	1,817
Monticello.....	12	2	1,131	3	10,300	12	17,770	12	12	177	1,244
Mount Zion.....	10					10	1,626	7	7	41	338
Noble-Lagrange.....	5			2	2,600	5	4,802	5	5	74	642

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
<b>Indiana—Continued.</b>											
Northern.....	14	11	\$68,025	5	\$21,600	14	\$46,966	14	18	305	3,214
Orleans.....	13	2	6,584	1	2,000	13	12,944	13	13	155	1,600
Perry County.....	8					8	2,850	7	7	41	267
Salamonie.....	11	4	13,200	6	22,300	10	38,047	11	12	216	2,647
Sand Creek.....	17	1	100	2	3,000	16	11,004	16	16	181	1,347
Tippecanoe.....	11	1	10,500	4	13,000	11	18,706	11	14	203	1,504
Union.....	22	5	19,835	5	10,600	18	18,655	18	21	276	2,327
White Lick.....	21	2	950			19	11,266	18	18	190	1,232
<b>Iowa:</b>											
Burlington.....	14	3	4,950	5	10,700	14	17,894	14	14	181	1,206
Cedar Rapids.....	15	4	20,625	12	43,000	15	39,536	15	15	233	2,268
Cedar Valley.....	40	9	9,265	26	55,100	35	109,797	36	38	629	4,935
Central.....	22	6	16,075	9	32,700	20	109,238	19	21	297	2,761
Creston.....	18	3	12,850	8	14,050	17	14,983	16	18	205	1,248
Danish.....	11			5	7,800	11	19,170	10	10	103	892
Davenport.....	8	1	3,000	3	9,400	8	25,140	8	14	215	2,524
Des Moines Western.....	31	2	2,300	17	45,950	31	54,176	31	32	370	3,127
Dubuque.....	17	3	1,612	13	31,150	15	18,340	14	14	183	1,328
East Grand River.....	9	2	800			9	1,169	7	7	50	252
East Nodaway.....	3					3	6,243	3	5	68	548
English River.....	10			4	6,000	9	7,818	9	9	124	663
Fox River.....	12	1	275			12	5,770	11	11	101	648
German.....	12	1	500	11	29,100	12	27,797	12	15	163	1,388
Keokuk.....	11	1	75	4	6,775	10	12,209	9	11	129	1,496
Northern.....	18	2	5,169	12	38,850	18	29,686	18	18	206	1,944
Oskaloosa.....	15	1	500	4	8,600	14	14,581	13	13	164	1,327
Sioux Falls.....	1					1	452	1	1	8	35
Sioux Valley.....	19	5	6,100	10	20,800	19	32,121	18	19	187	1,285
Southern Iowa.....	30	3	2,800	5	11,300	25	23,949	26	27	279	2,069
Southwestern.....	15	1	1,000	10	29,700	15	31,935	14	14	217	1,818
Swedish.....	15	3	2,250	12	27,100	14	18,997	13	15	122	989
Washington.....	11			4	8,900	11	12,062	10	10	126	821
<b>Kansas:</b>											
Arkansas Valley.....	23	3	1,100	14	24,400	22	29,591	21	21	259	2,598
Blue Valley.....	12	1	553	6	9,000	12	6,639	12	12	117	819
Central.....	15	4	3,250	4	6,800	15	29,181	14	15	200	1,917
Chikaskia.....	22	2	300	10	13,750	20	20,102	20	20	240	1,925
Fall River.....	16	3	10,025	3	4,400	15	9,714	14	14	188	1,047
Fort Scott.....	22	4	936	4	6,600	21	17,884	21	22	242	1,810
German.....	16	4	2,600	11	22,100	16	24,433	16	16	166	1,456
Jewell.....	7			3	5,600	7	10,205	7	8	82	544
Kansas River.....	18	5	11,189	10	14,070	18	38,102	17	19	312	2,834
Miami.....	25			5	10,500	24	19,153	23	24	333	2,512
Missouri River.....	35	20	24,018	6	13,300	34	55,323	35	36	528	4,671
Ninnescah.....	9	1	1,700	4	3,800	8	10,528	8	8	90	675
North East.....	18	3	8,982	7	15,450	18	24,886	17	17	205	1,532
Oberlin.....	16	4	1,732	4	3,820	15	9,562	10	13	121	1,122
Republican Valley.....	10	1	2,500	5	14,700	10	11,424	9	9	119	896
Solomon Valley.....	10	3	870	7	11,825	10	10,415	10	10	107	1,093
South Central.....	10	1	295	3	4,800	8	9,044	8	8	74	588
South East.....	26	6	14,950	8	19,600	25	37,464	26	34	452	4,297
South West.....	13	4	3,090	10	6,000	12	8,455	7	7	88	688
Swedish.....	11	2	650	7	17,000	11	14,104	11	11	113	853
Upper Solomon Valley.....	11	1	475	1	4,000	11	7,378	10	10	96	573
Wakeeney.....	8			2	1,950	8	5,086	7	7	60	444
Walnut Valley.....	36	3	5,950	7	24,550	35	51,807	34	35	453	4,662
West Central.....	11	1	900	2	4,000	11	8,719	11	11	119	787
<b>Kentucky:</b>											
Portsmouth.....	1					1	130	1	1	8	30
<b>Maine:</b>											
Androscoogin.....	23	3	2,600	5	14,500	17	27,178	18	18	258	2,232
Bowdoinham.....	20	1	214	12	20,100	18	16,164	16	16	203	1,654
Cumberland.....	26	3	12,700	12	24,000	23	44,572	22	24	386	3,015
Damariscotta.....	18			7	9,600	16	9,333	15	15	119	717
Farmington.....	28			8	13,600	23	10,210	24	26	223	1,403
Hancock.....	25	1	125	16	24,100	24	16,218	23	28	198	1,321
Lincoln.....	32	2	2,600	13	24,800	25	24,027	26	28	319	2,391
New Durham.....	1			1	1,000	1	500	1	1	8	50
North Aroostook.....	22	4	1,650	13	35,400	22	40,875	21	23	229	2,343
North Kennebec.....	26	4	3,850	14	33,100	25	36,066	22	22	263	3,007
North York.....	27	1	600	17	28,300	26	18,870	21	22	214	1,781
Oxford.....	22	3	5,750	10	25,250	21	16,090	19	19	159	1,250
Penobscot.....	29	2	3,506	11	22,900	26	30,880	25	31	279	2,734
Piscataquis.....	15			7	15,600	13	9,003	13	13	150	1,237
Rockingham.....	2			2	3,400	2	1,905	2	2	28	195
South Aroostook.....	27	3	975	15	29,050	22	19,664	26	34	270	2,322
South Kennebec.....	20	1	1,750	9	22,050	18	15,713	16	16	161	1,371
South York.....	15			9	25,300	15	23,158	15	15	239	1,796
Washington.....	21	1	500	7	10,550	19	15,926	17	18	202	1,628
<b>Maryland:</b>											
Monongahela.....	1										
Welsh.....	1	1	100	1	1,800	1	950	1	1	16	110

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		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
<b>Massachusetts:</b>											
Barnstable.....	17	1	\$225	9	\$12,610	17	\$17,091	16	16	110	786
Berkshire.....	17	2	18,400	11	29,750	17	43,422	16	21	237	2,749
Boston, East.....	34	13	138,470	6	36,425	34	241,272	34	38	1,111	12,865
Boston, North.....	22	9	804,147	1	4,000	22	275,072	22	23	714	10,615
Boston, South.....	23	7	40,700	6	20,600	23	98,506	23	24	599	6,492
Boston, West.....	23	7	24,250	9	52,425	23	145,316	23	24	656	8,019
Framingham.....	17	2	1,900	6	19,470	17	36,160	17	19	245	2,643
Franklin Millers.....	15	2	6,347	11	16,650	15	14,581	12	13	140	1,038
Merrimac River.....	27	4	13,350	9	24,800	25	91,183	24	27	628	6,728
Old Colony.....	17	7	57,736	9	27,600	17	53,904	17	18	360	3,486
Providence.....	2	2	4,500	2	4,500	2	1,475	2	2	31	142
Roger Williams.....	3	1	800	1	800	3	3,403	2	2	19	89
Salem.....	25	9	25,154	10	38,500	25	99,480	24	24	707	6,572
Taunton.....	22	8	25,316	8	24,015	21	79,646	21	25	521	4,846
Wachusett.....	24	3	3,828	16	48,655	24	55,218	24	26	443	3,572
Westfield.....	29	10	32,100	17	60,870	29	94,261	27	28	561	4,915
Worcester.....	33	9	27,725	10	39,300	33	86,653	33	35	529	4,438
<b>Michigan:</b>											
Alpena.....	24	2	1,350	7	12,900	20	12,806	21	21	203	1,398
Detroit.....	44	20	140,050	16	51,000	44	253,200	42	48	808	9,703
Flint River.....	18	1	6,000	13	29,900	18	31,513	18	23	228	2,758
Grand Rapids.....	4	1	1,500	1	1,500	4	23,000	4	4	96	619
Grand River.....	14	1	220	9	14,975	14	16,805	14	15	182	1,450
Grand River Valley.....	17	1	25,000	7	11,300	17	41,774	17	19	278	2,673
Grand Traverse.....	9	2	7,962	4	7,600	9	12,493	9	16	186	1,149
Hillsdale.....	17	2	3,600	8	13,800	17	23,855	17	17	253	1,699
Huron.....	28	1	650	12	27,750	27	20,943	26	26	280	2,311
Jackson.....	26	4	9,080	14	27,800	26	46,323	25	28	449	4,132
Kalamazoo River.....	23	3	2,850	14	32,100	23	45,069	23	27	461	4,422
Lenawee.....	17	3	3,475	12	17,700	15	20,013	15	16	226	1,768
Marquette.....	10	2	6,100	2	7,000	10	16,220	10	13	123	912
Muskegon.....	12	2	250	8	10,100	10	11,621	11	12	133	1,232
Osceola.....	16	2	940	9	12,450	16	10,611	12	14	127	1,157
Saginaw Valley.....	26	1	3,600	12	21,800	22	36,070	26	28	351	3,008
St. Joseph River.....	9	2	9,675	7	16,000	9	12,682	9	10	154	1,237
St. Joseph Valley.....	10	3	1,365	5	10,850	9	8,654	9	9	121	832
Shiawassee.....	21	3	9,100	15	34,400	21	39,690	21	23	334	3,212
Swedish, Northern.....	14	2	1,775	6	10,500	12	9,704	13	14	96	651
Swedish, Southern.....	11	4	1,026	6	11,350	11	9,163	11	13	93	500
Washtenaw.....	10	2	1,050	8	14,800	9	13,279	10	10	143	1,185
Wayne.....	19	1	500	15	22,650	18	14,399	16	16	197	1,225
<b>Minnesota:</b>											
Central.....	12	5	18,200	5	18,200	12	18,021	11	12	157	1,192
Dano-Norwegian.....	18	4	1,800	7	14,300	17	20,251	16	19	160	1,487
German.....	9	1	900	7	17,800	9	11,479	9	12	94	705
Lake Superior.....	4	2	8,700	3	2,500	4	13,070	4	4	74	618
Minnesota Free Baptist.....	14	2	1,100	9	20,200	14	35,658	14	14	146	1,012
Minnesota Valley.....	16	5	8,303	8	16,100	15	23,686	13	14	161	1,204
Northwestern.....	18	4	1,748	9	15,500	18	21,206	17	21	241	2,002
Southeastern.....	11	1	1,000	5	19,000	11	15,500	10	11	129	1,070
Swedish.....	89	21	30,469	36	70,625	89	131,365	77	102	774	7,229
Twin City.....	27	8	72,015	7	14,500	27	194,240	26	30	654	7,081
Western.....	9	2	475	4	12,600	9	9,130	9	9	95	843
Unassociated.....	12	2	3,285	6	4,866	6	4,866	8	10	50	299
<b>Montana:</b>											
Eastern Montana.....	9	5	15,290	1	2,500	9	14,508	8	8	95	853
Flathead.....	7	2	900	2	3,500	7	3,007	6	7	54	414
Northern.....	13	4	5,575	3	6,000	12	17,143	12	12	97	711
Southern.....	9	3	15,935	3	14,200	9	27,084	9	9	90	785
Western.....	6	1	1,000	2	7,500	6	5,455	4	4	55	504
<b>Nebraska:</b>											
Blue River.....	11	1	750	7	13,600	11	13,929	11	11	133	1,038
Colored.....	4	3	2,445	2	6,800	4	9,511	4	4	45	326
Custer.....	14	3	2,700	5	5,700	13	10,424	13	14	129	876
Danish.....	3	1	130	3	2,700	3	1,714	3	3	20	179
First Nebraska.....	11	5	16,350	5	16,350	10	34,141	10	11	176	1,486
German.....	8	2	775	3	4,600	8	7,906	7	8	56	428
Grand Island.....	18	2	1,000	7	13,800	17	19,934	17	20	220	1,788
Nemehah.....	16	2	1,700	5	9,400	16	11,766	15	16	177	1,227
North Central.....	6	1	600	1	600	5	1,580	4	4	30	228
North Platte.....	9	4	6,700	4	6,700	9	7,312	9	12	132	723
Northeastern.....	8	3	4,350	6	11,000	8	7,859	8	9	88	725
Northwestern.....	12	1	300	4	5,500	11	10,107	9	11	117	866
Omaha City.....	7	7	34,469	7	34,469	7	34,469	7	12	235	2,110
Omaha Rural.....	10	2	2,200	8	22,500	10	17,905	9	9	118	1,076
Southern Union.....	19	3	805	11	16,600	19	35,807	18	19	233	1,603
Swedish.....	14	1	2,600	11	28,950	14	31,940	13	14	142	1,213
York.....	12	9	16,600	9	16,600	12	16,318	12	12	140	951
Unassociated.....	6	1	3,000	5	1,767	5	1,767	4	4	29	236
<b>Nevada:</b>											
Nevada-Sierra.....	7	3	2,235	1	1,000	6	7,414	6	6	65	584

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

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<b>New Hampshire:</b>											
Belknap.....	11			9	\$12,600	10	\$13,276	10	10	121	765
Dublin.....	10	2	\$825	8	15,500	10	12,311	10	10	113	689
Lisbon.....	5			5	8,000	5	4,464	5	5	38	314
Meredith.....	10	3	6,500	9	21,700	10	17,491	9	9	117	692
Merrimack.....	7			3	8,200	7	16,014	7	7	128	900
Milford.....	18	2	7,700	13	29,600	18	33,322	18	21	297	2,586
New Durham.....	16			12	18,100	13	10,605	14	14	142	914
Newport.....	13	1	350	8	24,000	12	17,919	12	14	158	1,029
Portsmouth.....	17	2	700	14	30,550	16	22,162	14	15	214	1,492
Rockingham.....	6			5	12,500	5	8,435	5	5	67	719
Salisbury.....	18	2	1,150	9	19,350	16	29,089	16	18	188	1,568
Sandwich.....	12			5	8,200	9	7,310	9	9	77	676
Wentworth.....	2					2	294	2	2	11	45
Wolfeboro.....	10			6	6,400	8	4,659	8	10	64	394
<b>New Jersey:</b>											
Camden.....	47	29	153,275	31	109,095	47	147,971	47	69	1,330	12,107
Central.....	20	5	13,400	17	57,500	19	46,307	19	22	359	2,768
East New Jersey.....	39	25	194,751	18	103,000	39	222,005	38	41	1,050	8,645
Monmouth.....	25	10	34,615	19	80,300	24	62,054	24	25	402	2,998
Morris and Essex.....	23	13	79,750	12	62,500	23	147,010	22	25	456	4,789
North New Jersey.....	51	25	112,450	24	105,550	50	175,980	48	50	1,076	9,670
Trenton.....	21	7	37,166	16	57,900	21	74,320	21	23	514	4,782
West New Jersey.....	44	19	62,480	33	109,800	42	90,324	43	47	753	6,477
<b>New York:</b>											
Allegany.....	16	3	3,280	13	28,800	15	18,369	15	15	183	1,449
Black River.....	19	5	25,700	13	26,800	19	25,175	16	16	247	2,004
Broome and Tioga.....	32	4	40,650	18	50,800	31	62,539	28	29	502	4,447
Buffalo.....	46	20	102,600	17	55,300	45	123,313	45	46	786	7,237
Cattaraugus.....	15	5	10,565	9	19,000	14	17,374	13	13	193	1,631
Cayuga.....	18	1	200	12	24,800	17	34,671	17	17	254	1,981
Chautauqua.....	30	8	12,638	21	50,300	30	48,833	28	29	370	3,675
Chemung River.....	34	8	17,780	20	49,200	33	79,157	34	35	547	5,603
Chenango.....	23	2	1,100	14	31,500	22	35,522	21	22	288	2,351
Cortland.....	20	3	9,407	13	25,500	20	27,212	19	19	307	2,282
Deposit.....	10	1	150	6	13,300	8	7,716	8	8	100	654
Dutchess.....	11	1	500	5	9,500	11	12,980	11	11	80	501
Essex and Champlain.....	12	2	1,700	8	21,500	12	14,409	12	12	108	705
Fairfield.....	1			1	2,500	1	690	1	1	9	31
Franklin.....	21	4	2,679	13	36,500	21	31,163	17	18	301	2,667
Genesee.....	28	3	3,665	22	42,700	28	49,474	27	28	413	3,707
Hudson River, Central.....	38	12	35,290	19	73,000	35	100,257	31	33	518	3,687
Hudson River, North.....	41	10	70,285	20	61,200	41	129,188	39	41	772	6,484
Lake George.....	13	1	200	8	8,750	13	6,265	13	13	90	641
Livingston.....	9	1	75	7	13,700	9	11,907	9	9	104	658
Long Island.....	72	36	301,478	14	85,000	71	416,366	70	73	1,844	19,263
Madison.....	16	2	2,700	8	14,600	16	23,969	16	17	197	1,674
Mohawk River.....	15	3	11,600	9	21,150	15	29,470	15	15	235	2,287
Monroe.....	40	9	91,783	21	61,100	40	198,539	39	41	874	11,005
Niagara.....	12	1	7,000	7	17,500	12	32,165	12	12	265	2,413
Oneida.....	29	3	19,200	14	38,200	29	66,838	28	28	525	3,962
Onondaga.....	21	7	344,475	13	35,200	21	81,665	21	21	494	6,707
Ontario.....	13	3	1,167	11	29,000	13	20,287	13	13	206	1,831
Orleans.....	11			11	34,900	11	20,682	11	11	199	1,810
Oswego.....	17	4	17,650	10	19,800	17	29,876	16	16	236	2,267
Otsego.....	14			11	19,700	14	17,918	13	13	165	1,240
Rensselaerville.....	13			4	5,000	13	7,549	7	7	57	462
St. Lawrence.....	19	4	8,100	12	36,800	19	27,331	15	16	177	1,551
Saratoga.....	24	5	18,835	15	50,300	24	57,604	24	24	472	3,803
Seneca.....	15	1	1,692	11	20,750	15	25,199	14	14	214	2,236
Southern New York.....	59	23	592,100	12	120,200	58	487,180	57	64	1,374	14,376
Stephentown.....	9			6	8,400	9	5,646	9	9	96	479
Steuben.....	20	3	1,050	11	14,800	17	12,966	16	17	173	1,128
Union.....	13			9	30,500	13	13,535	11	11	86	591
Washington Union.....	22	2	465	14	40,700	21	34,723	20	21	294	2,722
Wayne.....	16	2	13,180	13	38,500	16	27,302	14	14	233	2,001
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	1			1	1,500	1	350	1	1	7	40
Worcester.....	15	2	900	8	16,400	15	9,923	14	14	134	844
Yates.....	13	1	400	6	14,000	13	17,658	13	13	171	1,281
<b>North Dakota:</b>											
German.....	23	6	3,357	20	39,000	23	40,214	23	59	279	3,125
North Dakota.....	11	1	2,500	7	17,700	10	30,152	10	10	129	1,047
North Western.....	12	2	290	6	6,650	11	8,000	11	12	103	702
Norwegian.....	13	1	175	3	4,700	13	8,244	6	7	48	458
Red River Valley.....	10	1	3,196	3	6,200	9	13,880	7	7	86	853
Russian.....	3			3	179	3	7,882	2	2	7	79
Swedish.....	13	3	625	3	4,950	11	7,882	11	13	71	490
Unassociated.....	5			1	700	3	415	3	3	16	110
<b>Ohio:</b>											
Adams.....	8	1	1,400	2	2,500	8	4,318	8	8	85	635
Ashtabula.....	17	4	18,088	10	20,750	17	21,215	17	17	220	1,794
Auglaize.....	18	4	6,400	3	5,550	17	21,620	17	17	234	1,954
Cambridge.....	16	2	11,100			15	11,854	16	19	174	1,682
Central.....	9	1	170			9	1,559	9	9	71	485
Clermont.....	7			1	1,000	7	3,158	6	6	62	380
Cleveland.....	40	8	65,950	17	82,800	40	178,666	40	43	964	10,468
Clinton.....	18	3	1,450	3	7,600	18	19,208	17	17	241	1,967
Columbus.....	20	6	25,463	6	18,600	20	49,650	20	21	390	3,570
Coshocton.....	10	1	9,000			10	9,222	9	11	145	956

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Ohio—Continued.											
Dayton.....	35	9	\$24,465	10	\$27,600	35	\$133,729	35	38	706	8,436
French Creek.....	1	1	500			1	2,070	1	1	18	94
Gallia.....	8					8	483	8	9	57	386
Huron.....	11	1	430	7	18,100	11	13,991	11	11	173	1,179
Lorain.....	14	3	7,000	7	12,200	13	20,845	12	13	210	1,664
Mad River.....	14	1	300	2	2,000	14	9,878	14	14	171	1,019
Mansfield.....	10			2	7,880	10	16,252	10	10	157	1,291
Marletta.....	22	2	3,430	2	6,600	22	10,103	20	22	199	1,497
Marion.....	16	2	2,900	10	21,450	16	25,870	16	17	279	2,893
Miami.....	26	11	81,050	4	24,500	26	119,974	26	35	704	7,468
Mount Vernon.....	13	1	10,500	7	13,700	13	22,911	13	14	183	1,212
Ohio.....	29	3	8,600	4	12,500	29	18,014	29	30	318	3,497
Pomeroy.....	14			4	5,900	14	10,122	14	15	156	1,372
Portsmouth.....	11			1	3,000	10	3,409	10	10	99	742
Rio Grande.....	6					6	1,267	6	6	54	428
Toledo.....	24	6	29,428	6	13,530	23	87,638	23	26	470	4,418
Trumbull.....	11	5	22,690	3	12,500	10	37,234	11	13	227	2,506
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	3	1	100			3	297	3	3	8	50
Wooster.....	9	4	32,000	3	16,000	9	26,476	9	11	161	2,081
Zanesville.....	16	3	10,200	3	5,100	16	19,733	16	16	230	1,764
Zoar.....	10	3	19,662	2	4,500	10	17,197	10	14	135	1,582
Oregon:											
Central.....	8	2	5,000	4	11,400	8	9,963	8	8	124	931
Deschutes.....	4	3	2,993	3	3,050	4	4,600	4	4	49	457
Eastern.....	8					8	1,072	8	8	11	103
German.....	7	1	155	5	7,250	7	13,254	7	8	93	781
Grand Ronde.....	13	5	4,000	3	9,100	12	12,556	12	14	148	1,197
Middle.....	11					11	10,772	11	11	101	896
Rogue River.....	9	4	5,350	2	3,900	9	10,772	8	8	101	896
Swedish.....	4	1	450			4	3,047	4	4	39	239
Umatilla.....	8	2	1,020	2	2,800	8	9,177	8	8	95	814
Umpqua.....	15	6	4,800	5	6,800	14	14,160	14	18	194	1,578
West Willamette.....	14	5	4,473	6	11,275	14	28,786	13	13	153	1,514
Willamette.....	26	15	12,315	7	41,400	26	55,274	25	32	496	4,329
Pennsylvania:											
Abington.....	30	14	55,060	12	46,300	29	85,016	29	29	594	6,860
Allegheny River.....	11	2	6,700	5	10,000	11	10,765	11	11	134	1,211
Beaver.....	20	8	33,635	11	32,200	20	40,884	20	20	342	3,383
Bradford.....	18	3	970	8	13,300	18	13,014	16	16	167	1,312
Bridgewater.....	16	2	140	6	13,000	15	8,929	13	13	154	1,113
Broome and Tioga.....	2			2	2,900	2	1,676	2	2	29	123
Center.....	29	6	46,130	10	40,500	27	63,458	27	32	408	4,018
Central Union.....	37	13	43,842	23	79,300	37	83,018	37	43	691	6,671
Chautauqua.....	1			1	1,000	1	1,111	1	1	10	40
Chemung River.....	2	1	2,050	2	4,500	2	4,247	2	2	39	519
Clarion.....	22	2	4,250	6	13,700	19	18,001	19	20	260	2,667
Clearfield.....	23	4	16,120	10	19,500	20	21,333	19	24	311	3,412
Deposit.....	2					1	216	1	1	7	46
French Creek.....	22	2	4,200	10	23,200	22	70,160	20	22	310	3,865
Harrisburg.....	17	9	26,475	6	34,000	17	30,379	17	18	264	2,078
Indiana.....	21	2	380	7	8,700	19	13,594	18	19	207	1,993
Monongahela.....	26	3	6,650	4	14,000	26	30,375	24	25	346	3,681
North Philadelphia.....	43	23	100,340	17	63,500	42	132,488	43	46	937	10,974
Northumberland.....	48	14	47,343	18	47,200	45	70,802	42	42	681	6,956
Oil Creek.....	27	10	22,946	7	20,300	27	56,961	26	26	409	4,000
Panhandle.....	2					2	1,438	2	2	31	168
Philadelphia.....	89	51	444,850	14	77,500	89	572,595	88	95	2,556	29,627
Pittsburgh.....	82	39	189,703	24	133,700	81	346,280	80	89	1,508	15,555
Reading.....	30	16	60,025	8	27,000	28	51,636	29	29	455	4,534
Riverside.....	9	2	13,500	4	18,000	9	29,357	9	11	238	2,396
Ten Mile.....	21	2	4,015	6	15,100	20	18,270	19	19	234	1,934
Tioga.....	32	7	7,966	10	19,550	32	23,431	28	33	319	2,608
Wayne.....	18	2	1,375	5	8,700	17	8,536	14	15	125	986
Welsh.....	16	9	26,300	3	11,000	16	71,025	16	18	279	3,129
West Pennsylvania, Welsh.....	4			1	3,000	4	5,664	2	2	24	155
Wyoming.....	29	7	7,113	8	24,500	28	35,123	26	28	369	3,643
Rhode Island:											
Narragansett.....	26	1	800	11	28,000	25	30,404	23	23	279	2,201
Providence.....	23	4	19,750	6	32,000	23	81,234	22	23	557	4,624
Roger Williams.....	23	5	4,077	13	36,600	23	42,538	22	22	423	2,951
Warren.....	31	8	64,725	13	52,900	31	113,468	30	33	740	6,293
South Dakota:											
Black Hills.....	13	1	3,000			13	7,359	9	9	83	465
Central.....	13	4	11,300	9	26,200	11	32,186	11	11	139	913
Dano-Norwegian.....	13			2	5,450	11	8,885	10	11	57	430
German.....	14					14	36,729	14	14	109	1,676
German, North Dakota.....	2	1	250	2	3,500	2	2,895	2	8	23	280
Northern.....	13	4	4,900	2	7,000	12	13,158	12	12	110	836
Rosebud.....	5			3	3,000	5	3,367	5	10	57	369
Sioux Falls.....	10	4	6,151	7	20,200	10	32,519	9	9	136	1,638
Southern.....	8			6	19,000	8	12,830	8	8	93	690
Swedish.....	11	1	1,000	6	16,900	11	18,116	10	10	95	864



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Utah:											
Utah.....	14	7	\$24,167	3	\$3,000	14	\$20,764	14	17	162	1,244
Vermont:											
Addison.....	10			9	17,000	10	11,360	9	10	91	592
Berkshire.....	1			1	4,000	1	1,330	1	1	9	65
Danville.....	16	1	950	14	29,850	16	19,838	16	16	198	1,228
Lamoille.....	16	3	2,298	13	27,100	15	19,645	15	16	178	1,379
Shaftsbury.....	19	3	1,900	16	33,400	19	34,206	19	20	239	1,862
Vermont Central.....	18	1	600	6	10,500	18	11,450	17	17	142	984
Windham County.....	17			14	17,800	16	21,930	16	16	192	1,252
Woodstock.....	16			14	25,635	15	19,078	16	16	183	1,129
Washington:											
Big Bend.....	8	3	3,700	1	2,000	3	5,235	4	5	43	306
Columbia.....	9	4	13,100	1	700	9	14,146	8	10	141	860
Comas Prairie.....	2	1	300			2	367	2	5	15	125
Mount Pleasant.....	6	4	19,075	2	5,000	6	40,784	6	8	99	782
Palouse.....	8	2	485	3	4,800	8	6,453	8	8	71	535
Spokane.....	22	8	28,759	5	5,525	21	33,795	21	23	299	2,098
Bellingham Bay.....	17	2	1,800	6	9,800	17	18,339	17	17	209	1,595
Cowlitz.....	18	9	5,874	8	8,450	15	11,448	17	18	201	1,515
Finnish.....	2	1	340	1	2,000	2	3,373	2	2	20	158
German.....	3	1	300	2	4,500	3	3,612	3	3	23	152
Norwegian-Danish.....	4	1	500	2	3,000	4	4,849	4	5	41	272
Puget Sound.....	16	5	4,649	6	11,000	15	24,907	15	17	204	1,668
Seattle.....	36	20	57,316	8	11,200	34	74,942	35	39	493	4,243
Swedish.....	16	9	19,371	7	8,850	16	27,667	16	21	158	1,341
Association not given.....	7	4	1,550	1	1,000	4	1,904	6	6	44	334
West Virginia:											
Broad Run.....	33	1	1,800	3	18,000	33	22,645	30	30	257	2,215
Coal River.....	26					24	5,062	20	25	166	1,800
Eastern.....	10	1	4,000			9	567	5	5	26	187
Elk Valley.....	41	7	2,143	3	3,900	39	9,965	28	30	224	2,349
Goshen.....	17	1	150	1	2,000	16	11,557	15	17	147	1,349
Greenbrier.....	39	3	2,900	6	18,225	39	18,601	32	35	273	2,981
Guyandotte.....	36	1	2,100	5	19,000	36	41,455	36	38	427	4,687
Harmony.....	38	1	300	1	2,500	36	8,735	33	35	247	2,088
Harrisville.....	24	1	500	2	7,500	23	8,854	21	21	164	1,201
Hopewell.....	36	1	600	6	4,500	36	10,356	24	27	188	1,769
Judson.....	40	3	17,500	4	4,500	39	24,005	39	39	334	2,939
Kanawha Valley.....	59	1	157	3	7,200	49	32,918	46	48	435	4,254
Mount Pisgah.....	26			1	2,500	26	10,289	19	19	129	1,243
Panhandle.....	12	2	5,700	3	11,200	12	15,523	12	12	179	1,868
Parkersburg.....	32	3	9,300	2	12,000	31	30,471	30	33	309	3,026
Raleigh.....	43			1	2,000	41	13,366	30	30	224	2,449
Rock Castle.....	33			1	1,800	31	5,070	19	20	110	1,148
Teay's Valley.....	35	2	208	1	600	35	10,645	33	33	269	2,574
Ten Mile.....	1	1	500			1	1,005	1	1	10	103
Twelve Pole.....	23	1	200	3	5,700	22	7,294	22	22	151	1,849
Union.....	32	1	17,000	5	22,000	30	37,751	30	32	322	3,435
Wisconsin:											
Central.....	18	7	4,522	5	9,000	18	29,080	15	16	175	1,389
Dano-Norwegian.....	9	5	3,685	3	4,700	9	6,041	8	9	56	399
Dodge.....	12	4	2,780	6	14,900	12	8,986	9	9	86	575
Eau Claire.....	24	9	6,318	6	14,400	21	19,373	22	22	215	1,718
German.....	16	2	1,035	10	28,700	16	29,245	14	22	184	1,399
Janesville.....	10	2	1,980	3	11,000	9	20,860	9	9	152	1,119
La Crosse.....	11	4	13,309	6	11,150	11	15,013	11	12	117	995
Lafayette.....	8			4	8,400	8	8,829	7	8	88	583
Lake Superior.....	1	1	8,000			1	1,691				
Madison.....	9			5	17,400	9	17,462	9	9	129	832
Milwaukee.....	26	4	20,244	12	52,900	25	79,685	24	26	406	3,364
Swedish.....	27	5	7,275	7	14,850	27	23,299	22	32	177	1,387
Walworth.....	10	3	1,320	7	15,400	10	13,882	10	10	141	949
Winnebago.....	27	6	12,013	14	26,000	26	33,880	24	28	359	2,466
Wyoming:											
Big Horn.....	16	5	2,020	4	4,750	15	7,919	15	16	118	937
Wyoming.....	19	3	7,200	3	7,500	16	15,740	17	22	197	1,523

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

## HISTORY.

At the time of the formation of the Triennial Convention in 1814,<sup>1</sup> the Baptist population was chiefly in New England and the Middle and Southern Seaboard states, and the center of executive administration was located first at Philadelphia and subsequently at Boston. With the growth of migration to the South and Southwest, the number of

churches in those sections of the country greatly increased, and it became difficult to associate in a single advisory council more than a small percentage of the Baptist churches in the United States, especially as means of transportation were deficient and expensive. At the same time the question of slavery occasioned much discussion between the two sections, which was brought to a focus by the impression in the Southern states that the foreign mission society of the denomination, which had its headquarters in Boston,

<sup>1</sup> See Baptists, p. 49.

was so thoroughly antislavery that it would not accept a slaveholder as a missionary. A letter addressed direct to that organization by the Alabama State Convention, asking for information, brought a courteous reply to the effect that while the board refused to recognize the claim of anyone, slaveholder or non-slaveholder, to appointment, "one thing was certain, they could never be a party to any arrangement which would imply approbation of slavery."

This decision led to formal withdrawal of the various Southern state conventions and auxiliary foreign mission societies, and to the organization at Augusta, Ga., in May, 1845, of the Southern Baptist Convention. About 300 churches were represented by delegates from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky, the largest number of Baptist churches in the South at that period being in Virginia. In all the discussions and in the final act of organization, there was very little bitterness, the prevalent conviction being that those of kindred thought would work more effectively together, and that, in view of the sharp differences between the two sections, it was wiser that separate organizations should exist. The specific purpose of the convention, as plainly set forth, was to carry out the benevolent purposes of the churches composing it; to elicit, combine, and direct their energies for the propagation of the gospel, and to cooperate for the promotion of foreign and domestic missions and other important objects, while respecting the independence and equal rights of the churches themselves.

Previous to the Civil War the convention met biennially; since that time it has met annually. Two boards were organized, both of which were appointed by and reported to the convention—a foreign mission board, located at Richmond, Va., and a domestic or home mission board, located first at Marion, Ala., afterwards at Atlanta, Ga. Subsequently boards were added to administer funds contributed for Bible distribution and to carry on Sunday school work. The Bible Board was afterwards consolidated with the Home Mission Board. The Sunday School Board failed through financial difficulties, but in 1891 a new board of the same nature was established at Nashville, Tenn., which has been highly successful.

Up to 1860 the missionary work of the convention was carried forward with marked enthusiasm and success. Every department of denominational life was quickened by the increased sense of responsibility and the increased confidence that sprang from direct control. Parallel with this was the growth in numbers and liberality of the denomination, which was strengthened by the standing conflict with the anti-missionary spirit rife throughout the South, and manifest more particularly among the Primitive, United, and Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian

Baptists. The denomination suffered severely during the Civil War, but since that time has shown great prosperity.

As was inevitable, emancipation brought about great changes in racial conditions, and, whereas before the war the Negro Baptists were, for the most part, identified with the white churches, after the war they formed their own state conventions and, later, a National Convention.<sup>1</sup> The first Negro association to be formed under the new régime was that in Louisiana in 1865, and it was soon followed by others in North Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Arkansas, and Kentucky. An indication of the development of the Southern Convention is found in the fact that, whereas at the time of its formation the estimated membership of the churches identified with it was 450,000, of whom 250,000 were white and 200,000 Negro, the report for 1890 showed a membership of 1,280,066, consisting of whites alone.

With the entrance of the United States into the war with Germany the Southern Baptist Convention took up religious work for the Army and Navy most heartily and effectively. It was represented on the General Committee on Chaplains of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, though not a constituent member of that body, and contributed liberally toward the work of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and kindred organizations.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Southern Baptist churches are in harmony with those of the North, although in general they are more strictly Calvinistic, and the Philadelphia Confession of Faith is more firmly held than in the northern churches. In polity, likewise, there is no essential difference. The northern and southern churches interchange membership and ministry on terms of perfect equality, and their separation is purely administrative in character, not doctrinal or ecclesiastical.

#### WORK.

The work of the Southern Baptist churches is carried on through 3 denominational boards, having charge, respectively, of home missions, foreign missions, and Sunday school work. The home mission work, under the care of the Home Mission Board, covers the entire territory of the South, Cuba, Isle of Pines, and the Panama Canal Zone. It also covers the territory of southern Illinois and New Mexico, in cooperation with the Baptist State Mission Board of Southern Baptists in the states of the convention. It does cooperative work with the Negro Baptists in the South, conducts missionary effort among the foreigners, maintains work among the Indians in Oklahoma and other Southern states, and operates 36 mountain mission

<sup>1</sup> See National Baptist Convention, p. 97.

schools in the southern Appalachian and Ozark highlands, with an attendance of nearly 6,000. A department of evangelism has a staff of 25 trained evangelists and Gospel singers, who participate both in the city campaigns and in other activities. A church extension department is raising a building loan fund of \$1,000,000, and the erection of church buildings is annually aided by gifts and loans to the extent of about \$100,000. An educational and publicity department conducts a large propaganda for the instruction of the denomination in the principles and activities of home missions. In 1916 the total number of persons employed in the work of the board was 1,507, the number of churches aided by them was 2,625, and the receipts for all purposes were \$474,792. To this may be added about \$600,000 raised by the state mission boards for work in their several states, making a grand total of \$1,074,792. The board holds as assets properties and invested gifts amounting to approximately \$800,000, most of which is church and mission school property, the remainder being in invested funds.

In close sympathy with the home mission work is that of the Sunday School Board, which is both missionary and educational in character. Pecuniary assistance is given by it to the Home Mission Board, and to the state boards for the employment of Sunday school missionaries and instructors, the expense being met from the proceeds of the business done in the publishing department at Nashville, Tenn. Assistance is also given to the Foreign Mission Board and to all the other activities of the denomination. A corps of trained specialists is maintained who traverse the territory of the convention, holding normal institutes for training Sunday school teachers, and instructing in efficient methods. Lectureships on Sunday school methods are sustained in the Louisville Theological Seminary, and the first chair of Sunday school pedagogy was established by this board in that institution. Free tract distribution, Bible distribution, and colportage work are also provided for by the board.

The foreign missionary work of the Southern Baptist churches, which was the immediate occasion of the organization of their convention, has always held a prominent place in their church life. The Foreign Mission Board occupies 61 stations and nearly 1,000 outstations in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina. The report for 1916 shows 307 American missionaries, 809 native helpers, and 458 organized churches with 47,161 members. The educational work of the board was represented by 509 schools with 14,038 students. Of these, 8 were theological institutions, 12 were colleges, and 10 normal training schools. The board has 33 hospitals and dispensaries, of which 29 are in China, the other 4 being in Africa and Mexico. The total number of patients treated during 1916 was 70,479. Including the hospitals, schools, and 226 buildings owned by the board for purposes of worship, the total value of the prop-

erty owned is estimated at \$1,000,000; and the receipts of the board for the year were \$529,405. There are publishing houses at Mexico City, Mexico; Canton, China; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The result of the work is apparent in the fact that during the year 6,347 natives were received into the churches on confession of faith.

The Woman's Missionary Union cooperates with all the boards of the denomination, contributing largely to their financial support. These contributions in 1916 amounted to \$491,111.

The educational institutions under the auspices of the Southern Baptists include 2 theological seminaries, 39 standard colleges and universities, 12 junior colleges, and 63 preparatory schools. The only one of these institutions with which the convention has organic relations is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the others being under the general supervision of the state conventions. The theological seminary at Louisville in 1916 reported 12 professors, 323 male and 100 female students, an endowment of \$1,160,000, and buildings valued at \$500,000. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Waco, Tex., under the control of the Texas State Convention, had 15 professors, 165 male and 120 female students, an endowment of \$450,000, and buildings valued at \$450,000. The women in these institutions are preparing for missionary and social settlement work. In the 114 colleges, junior colleges, and preparatory schools there were in 1916 a total of 1,471 teachers and 21,210 students, of whom 1,934 were students for the ministry. In addition, there were 34 mountain mission schools, with 181 teachers and 5,303 students, and with property valued at \$611,650. The total value of the land and buildings owned by these institutions is estimated at \$15,187,031, and there are endowments to the amount of \$7,964,382. The total amount contributed for the cause of education during the year was \$2,424,169.

The denomination maintains 11 hospitals, in which during the year about 20,000 patients were treated, and 12 orphanages and homes for the aged. The value of property of these institutions is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The number of young people's societies is reported as 4,711, with a membership of 175,540, an increase since 1906 of 2,818 societies and 105,530 members.

The publishing interests of the Southern Baptist churches are represented by 19 weekly, 4 monthly or semimonthly, and 2 quarterly publications.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 72 to 96, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	23,627	21,104	2,523	12.0
Members.....	2,708,870	2,009,471	699,399	34.8
Church edifices.....	19,770	18,878	892	4.7
Value of church property.....	\$58,348,373	\$34,723,882	\$23,624,491	68.0
Debt on church property.....	\$3,153,158	\$1,239,022	\$1,914,136	154.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1,820	1,271	549	43.2
Value.....	\$4,471,683	\$2,493,091	\$1,978,592	79.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	18,127	15,035	3,127	20.8
Officers and teachers.....	160,171	106,017	54,154	51.1
Scholars.....	1,665,996	1,014,690	651,306	64.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$4,028,366	\$1,622,650	\$2,405,716	148.3
Domestic.....	\$3,498,961	\$1,218,839	\$2,280,122	187.1
Foreign.....	\$529,405	\$403,811	\$125,594	31.1

From this table it appears that during the decade the denomination reported an increase in every respect. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 23,627 as against 21,104 in 1906, showing a gain of 12 per cent. The membership rose from 2,009,471 to 2,708,870, or 34.8 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 892, or 4.7 per cent, and the value of church property rose from \$34,723,882 to \$58,348,373, or 68 per cent. The debt on church property as reported in 1916 by 1,638 organizations was \$3,153,158 as against \$1,239,032 reported by 1,215 organizations in 1906. The number of organizations reporting parsonages increased by 549, or 43.2 per cent, the total in 1916 being 1,820; and the value of parsonages rose from \$2,493,091 to \$4,471,683, or 79.4 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased by 3,127, or 20.8 per cent, and the number of scholars increased from 1,014,690 to 1,665,996, or 64.2 per cent. The contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$1,622,650 to \$4,028,366, a gain of 148.3 per cent, the greater gain being for domestic work, especially along educational lines. Gifts for foreign work advanced from \$403,811 to \$529,405.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$15,063,743 were reported by 21,078 organizations. They cover general running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items passing through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 12,673 organizations in 1916, was 62,405, constituting 3.9 per cent of the 1,615,983 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,092,887 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number

of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 104,609.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 23,627 organizations, 23,466 with 2,698,547 members reported services in English only, and 161 with 10,323 members reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English, of which 125 with 6,317 members used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 10, including the Indian languages as one group. This group was reported by 112 organizations with 5,661 members, and following this was German, reported by 21 organizations with 1,669 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 5 in the number of languages reported, of 81 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages, and of 6,019 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 15,946. Schedules were received from 5,143, distributed by states, as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	5,143	2,434	1,767	942	\$1,072
Alabama.....	584	222	272	90	852
Arizona.....	1	1	1	1	1
Arkansas.....	382	134	140	108	969
California.....	3	2	1	1	1,000
Colorado.....	1	1	1	1	1
District of Columbia.....	1	1	1	1	1
Florida.....	200	80	78	42	1,057
Georgia.....	686	253	285	148	1,164
Idaho.....	2	1	2	1	1
Illinois.....	2	1	1	1	690
Iowa.....	1	1	1	1	1
Kansas.....	3	2	1	1	925
Kentucky.....	82	41	31	10	1,010
Louisiana.....	166	74	22	10	912
Maryland.....	47	39	1	7	1,460
Michigan.....	1	1	1	1	1
Mississippi.....	266	140	106	20	1,162
Missouri.....	30	8	10	12	1,016
Nebraska.....	1	1	1	1	1
New Jersey.....	1	1	1	1	1
New Mexico.....	4	3	1	1	1,440
North Carolina.....	580	298	204	78	1,035
Ohio.....	1	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma.....	403	135	149	119	1,056
Pennsylvania.....	3	3	1	1	1,290
South Carolina.....	352	239	81	32	1,086
South Dakota.....	1	1	1	1	1
Tennessee.....	377	134	148	95	1,137
Texas.....	713	390	156	137	1,081
Virginia.....	304	229	49	26	1,181
West Virginia.....	5	3	1	1	1,049

Of the 5,143 ministers reporting, 4,201 were in pastoral work and 942 not in pastoral work. In pastoral work only there were 2,434, and of these, 2,411 reported an average annual salary of \$1,072. The number of pastors reporting other occupations was 1,496, the majority of them being farmers. Of those not in pastoral work, 385 were on the retired list, 24 were in denominational work, 50 in educational and editorial work, 170 in evangelistic and philanthropical work, and 313 in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Southern Baptist Convention.....	23,627	23,580	2,708,870	17,117	869,610	1,202,591	19,597	1,126	19,770	19,268	\$58,348,373
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	1	1	81				1		1	1	2,000
Illinois.....	609	604	62,822	475	20,498	30,507	564	8	569	549	1,361,611
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	1,909	1,905	210,889	1,225	58,705	85,295	1,729	89	1,734	1,630	5,684,705
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	85	84	14,650	69	4,976	7,757	82	1	86	81	1,280,478
District of Columbia.....	5	5	2,767	5	1,153	1,614	5		6	5	166,600
Virginia.....	1,058	1,055	170,151	1,032	69,848	94,744	1,012	19	1,028	1,008	4,932,805
West Virginia.....	11	11	2,449	11	937	1,512	11		11	11	129,100
North Carolina.....	2,137	2,137	279,112	2,037	113,074	155,161	1,998	56	2,016	1,976	5,188,390
South Carolina.....	1,096	1,093	158,151	832	54,085	69,623	1,031	28	1,035	1,021	3,496,664
Georgia.....	2,408	2,408	305,065	2,147	113,239	155,966	2,234	47	2,251	2,227	6,582,197
Florida.....	686	683	57,732	497	17,963	25,944	597	63	606	600	1,753,561
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	1,839	1,835	252,554	1,176	74,166	102,815	1,622	93	1,634	1,619	5,349,799
Tennessee.....	1,727	1,718	202,867	1,041	55,889	76,571	1,447	38	1,453	1,432	3,766,547
Alabama.....	1,993	1,993	207,603	1,621	71,383	95,876	1,871	76	1,875	1,855	3,609,721
Mississippi.....	1,438	1,436	153,497	754	39,590	51,096	1,090	21	1,095	1,083	2,313,610
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,410	1,409	113,192	771	26,396	38,709	833	86	834	826	1,924,231
Louisiana.....	606	602	66,298	437	20,314	28,154	484	10	489	466	1,040,801
Oklahoma.....	1,112	1,108	87,028	717	24,760	36,237	665	116	677	652	1,881,552
Texas.....	3,362	3,358	355,251	2,136	99,986	140,966	2,260	323	2,309	2,163	7,678,015
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	135	135	6,721	134	2,648	4,044	61	52	61	63	205,986

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Southern Baptist Convention.....	23,627	1,638	\$3,153,158	1,820	\$4,471,683	21,078	\$15,063,743	17,555	18,162	160,171	1,665,996
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	1					1	500	1	1	10	28
Illinois.....	609	65	111,284	43	99,700	548	324,304	513	527	4,750	43,995
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	1,909	85	112,490	80	189,538	1,719	1,302,974	1,509	1,527	15,013	138,161
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	85	28	98,429	23	60,450	82	234,703	81	90	1,424	13,747
District of Columbia.....	5	2	22,000			5	33,489	5	6	146	2,866
Virginia.....	1,058	112	328,939	275	668,081	1,010	1,309,607	958	1,016	11,969	122,058
West Virginia.....	11	4	15,200	4	19,500	11	25,800	9	11	181	2,010
North Carolina.....	2,137	190	292,446	151	426,125	2,047	1,281,152	1,980	2,112	16,730	205,347
South Carolina.....	1,096	100	220,195	143	403,350	1,074	918,179	1,016	1,031	9,106	111,053
Georgia.....	2,408	138	194,698	114	381,375	2,219	1,317,049	1,791	1,852	15,575	162,054
Florida.....	686	67	107,446	54	188,614	643	372,322	488	505	4,057	37,896
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	1,839	81	165,816	83	250,500	1,649	1,227,699	1,439	1,483	13,064	137,696
Tennessee.....	1,727	90	216,395	93	218,450	1,548	863,833	1,253	1,284	10,551	119,254
Alabama.....	1,993	169	231,324	134	303,350	1,772	763,112	1,496	1,538	12,818	119,417
Mississippi.....	1,438	63	100,841	111	265,580	1,251	726,882	900	927	6,624	69,783
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,410	65	135,764	56	108,220	1,034	478,055	767	786	5,941	59,097
Louisiana.....	606	42	48,298	42	84,100	508	297,633	421	452	3,277	31,961
Oklahoma.....	1,112	83	206,880	122	172,750	867	693,762	621	638	5,959	61,897
Texas.....	3,362	231	527,955	286	622,000	2,974	2,827,434	2,217	2,282	22,171	221,692
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	135	23	16,756	6	10,000	116	65,254	90	94	805	6,586

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Southern Baptist Convention.....	23,627	23,580	2,708,870	17,117	869,610	1,202,591	19,597	1,125	19,770	19,268	\$58,348,373
Alabama:											
Alabama.....	13	13	862	9	230	290	12		12	12	6,950
Antioch.....	11	11	788	10	286	403	11		11	10	10,250
Baldwin County.....	20	20	1,213	14	396	503	13	5	13	13	19,750
Bethel.....	31	31	2,896	26	1,154	1,366	30		30	30	45,092
Bethlehem.....	28	28	2,457	22	948	1,116	26	2	26	26	20,530
Bibb County.....	33	33	3,433	23	1,150	1,445	32		32	32	34,675
Big Bear Creek.....	33	33	2,678	27	1,026	1,150	29	3	29	29	15,550
Bigbee.....	22	22	1,503	15	414	565	21		21	21	41,230
Birmingham.....	74	74	13,452	72	5,368	7,858	69	2	69	69	625,540
Blount County.....	39	39	3,189	32	996	1,529	36	2	36	35	30,200
Butler County.....	31	31	2,987	30	1,203	1,406	31		31	31	29,775
Cahaba.....	27	27	2,676	21	728	780	27		27	27	38,850
Calhoun County.....	53	53	6,721	41	2,256	2,956	48	3	48	48	139,210
Carey.....	31	31	3,404	25	1,279	1,761	30		30	30	69,045
Cedar Bluff.....	17	17	1,163	12	363	495	16	1	16	16	8,800
Centennial.....	16	16	1,054	16	435	619	15	1	15	15	27,280
Central.....	18	18	1,608	17	648	791	17	1	17	18	22,835
Cherokee County.....	26	25	1,812	26	806	1,006	25	1	25	25	20,125
Chilton County.....	25	25	3,170	11	445	666	23	2	23	28	21,035
Clarke County.....	48	48	5,002	38	1,827	2,070	46	2	46	47	41,010
Clay County.....	23	23	2,234	19	825	972	23		23	23	15,075
Clear Creek.....	38	38	2,801	34	1,032	1,412	30	5	30	30	30,300
Cleburne County.....	28	28	2,512	24	844	1,052	26		26	26	18,490
Coffee County.....	27	27	3,697	18	951	1,312	27		27	27	56,700
Colbert.....	14	14	2,286	11	752	986	12		12	12	41,950
Columbia.....	44	44	5,764	32	1,647	2,685	42	2	42	41	81,825
Conochee County.....	25	25	2,669	25	1,110	1,559	25		25	25	42,030
Coosa River.....	43	43	5,054	29	1,609	2,193	41	1	41	41	100,415
Coosa Valley.....	14	14	1,458	14	620	838	14		14	14	13,650
Crenshaw County.....	18	18	1,615	11	344	515	17		18	17	13,700
Cullman.....	48	48	4,271	47	1,734	2,460	46	2	46	45	54,050
Dale County.....	31	31	3,987	28	1,396	1,869	31		31	31	81,000
Dekalb County.....	50	50	4,236	36	1,407	1,925	45	5	45	44	28,015
East Liberty.....	24	24	3,133	21	1,109	1,533	22	2	22	22	49,650
Elmore County.....	26	26	2,924	21	990	1,401	25	1	25	25	34,150
Escambia.....	28	28	2,710	17	474	679	26	2	26	25	53,267
Etowah.....	34	34	4,597	28	1,577	2,044	34		34	33	68,047
Eufaula.....	19	19	2,037	15	729	1,020	19		19	19	63,375
Geneva.....	24	24	2,772	21	1,025	1,385	23	1	24	22	26,300
Gilliam Springs.....	24	24	2,110	18	681	899	23	1	23	23	19,900
Harmony Grove.....	14	14	1,070	14	445	625	12	1	12	13	10,050
Judson.....	22	22	2,522	21	1,032	1,450	22		22	22	17,100
Lamar County.....	13	13	918	12	372	456	12		13	12	7,115
Lauderdale County.....	14	14	1,066	13	374	588	13		13	13	23,035
Liberty.....	1	1	88				1		1	1	600
Limestone County.....	15	15	1,346	14	483	720	13	2	13	13	17,300
Lookout Valley.....	6	6	280	6	116	164	4	1	4	3	1,125
Macedonia.....	12	12	647	11	207	343	6	2	6	6	3,010
Madison County Liberty.....	19	19	1,874	19	733	1,141	19		19	19	31,930
Marshall County.....	35	35	4,462	27	1,645	2,236	35		35	33	35,965
Mineral Springs.....	13	13	881	12	301	445	12	1	12	12	9,375
Mobile.....	27	27	3,525	22	1,519	1,751	24	1	24	25	243,500
Montgomery.....	25	25	3,996	19	837	1,201	24	1	24	24	263,200
Mud Creek.....	9	9	730	8	294	422	8	1	8	8	13,950
Mussel Shoals.....	46	45	5,581	37	2,042	2,579	45	1	45	45	94,975
New Hope.....	1	1	22	1	10	12	1		1		
New River.....	17	17	1,469	11	397	498	17		17	16	6,430
North River.....	35	35	3,395	23	713	1,047	30	2	30	30	32,925
North St. Clair.....	24	24	1,882	17	595	788	21	3	21	21	16,950
Pine Barren.....	20	20	1,435	12	378	463	18	2	18	18	20,610
Pleasant Grove.....	14	14	1,054	11	368	570	12	1	12	10	13,485
Randolph County.....	27	27	3,120	17	737	961	27		27	27	42,300
Russell County.....	17	17	1,551	17	608	943	17		17	17	36,700
Salem-Troy.....	27	27	3,212	21	929	1,208	26		26	26	75,450
Sardis.....	14	14	1,316	14	536	780	12	2	12	12	6,545
Selma.....	19	19	1,899	13	575	734	18		18	17	112,500
Shady Grove.....	22	22	1,770	21	740	986	22		22	22	11,070
Shelby.....	29	29	2,800	22	1,010	1,297	27	1	27	25	40,450
Sipsey.....	16	16	1,350	8	267	422	15		15	15	10,500
Sulphur Springs.....	15	15	1,026	14	349	513	15		15	15	8,030
Tallapoosa County.....	22	22	2,667	16	587	788	18	2	18	18	48,000
Tennessee River.....	33	33	3,039	32	1,328	1,674	32	1	32	31	31,450
Tuscaloosa County.....	37	37	5,191	33	2,005	2,805	36	1	36	36	89,470
Tuskegee.....	29	29	2,907	22	970	1,469	29		29	29	86,242
Union.....	38	38	3,569	33	1,323	1,838	38		38	38	41,380
Unity.....	31	31	3,424	25	1,201	1,315	30		30	30	29,689
Washington County.....	20	20	1,535	19	665	852	18	1	18	18	22,050
Zion.....	37	37	4,059	28	1,518	1,823	34	2	34	34	45,624

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS:  
1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Arkansas:</b>											
Barry.....	1	1	72	1	30	42	1	1	1	\$1,000	
Bartholomew.....	67	67	6,550	44	1,824	2,412	52	7	52	100,725	
Benton County, No. 1.....	16	16	1,479	11	321	560	13	.....	13	33,600	
Benton County, No. 2.....	9	9	1,076	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Big Creek.....	14	14	771	13	293	371	9	2	9	3,050	
Black River.....	14	14	869	14	300	569	10	3	10	35,550	
Blue Mountain.....	13	13	868	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Buckner.....	42	42	3,162	34	1,032	1,511	31	2	31	24,640	
Buckville.....	25	25	1,415	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	1,900	
Caddo River.....	15	15	698	15	264	434	13	2	13	7,485	
Caddo Valley.....	8	8	334	1	17	16	1	.....	1	500	
Carey.....	16	16	1,471	13	450	587	15	.....	15	28,100	
Caroline.....	72	72	9,517	55	2,659	3,832	60	6	60	365,510	
Carroll County.....	13	13	1,068	10	318	551	9	.....	9	34,700	
Clear Creek.....	28	28	1,747	21	535	927	17	4	17	27,900	
Columbia.....	37	37	3,093	30	1,040	1,405	29	1	29	26,310	
Concord.....	35	35	3,739	25	1,059	1,646	26	4	26	105,300	
Crooked Creek.....	29	29	1,509	24	544	845	17	6	17	10,585	
Current River.....	18	18	1,412	10	408	582	12	.....	12	12,280	
Dardenelle.....	44	44	2,896	44	1,142	1,754	33	1	33	37,000	
Enon.....	1	1	121	1	44	77	1	.....	1	1,000	
Fayetteville.....	27	27	2,275	18	342	544	19	3	19	72,350	
Fourche Valley.....	18	18	864	10	194	395	7	.....	7	7,950	
Friendship.....	34	34	3,708	25	1,129	1,613	30	1	31	95,367	
Gainesville.....	37	37	3,177	18	585	959	35	1	35	34,925	
Grand Prairie.....	35	35	2,207	2	29	52	7	1	7	18,800	
Greenbrier.....	35	34	3,352	16	896	1,084	22	2	22	55,523	
Hope.....	24	24	2,931	20	921	1,176	21	1	21	121,100	
Howard.....	19	19	1,463	16	567	696	16	.....	16	13,325	
Independence.....	28	28	1,925	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	16	16,650	
Jonesboro.....	21	21	1,679	17	485	822	13	3	13	12,100	
Judson.....	37	37	2,281	13	415	598	21	2	21	13,550	
Liberty.....	43	43	4,349	31	1,323	1,792	38	3	38	68,375	
Little Red River.....	10	10	1,177	10	402	715	9	.....	9	13,300	
Little River.....	12	12	1,353	8	392	539	10	.....	10	28,050	
Madison County.....	11	11	341	2	15	29	.....	2	.....	.....	
Mount Vernon.....	36	36	2,594	18	706	991	15	2	15	73,750	
Mount Zion.....	62	62	5,234	42	1,603	2,376	37	10	37	205,500	
Ouachita.....	18	18	1,149	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	7	14,321	
Pee Dee.....	16	16	683	2	35	39	2	.....	2	800	
Pike County.....	17	17	1,184	13	361	567	12	.....	12	8,260	
Pine Bluff.....	43	43	3,687	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Red River.....	30	30	3,608	21	1,062	1,548	27	.....	27	63,900	
Rocky Bayou.....	30	30	1,865	16	312	479	20	4	20	6,050	
Russellville.....	29	29	1,710	20	497	832	18	4	18	24,050	
Saline.....	52	52	4,278	39	1,194	1,804	45	1	45	88,925	
Southwestern.....	15	15	1,003	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Spring River.....	21	21	1,318	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10	4,725	
State Line.....	9	9	610	5	115	161	5	2	5	3,750	
Stevens Creek.....	29	29	1,868	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Trace Ridge.....	8	8	344	5	86	134	3	.....	3	700	
Union, No. 1.....	30	30	1,915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Union, No. 2.....	7	7	339	4	75	150	3	1	3	1,500	
United.....	26	26	1,424	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
White River.....	24	24	1,380	14	315	493	12	3	12	9,500	
<b>District of Columbia:</b>											
Columbia.....	5	5	2,767	5	1,153	1,614	5	.....	6	166,600	
<b>Florida:</b>											
Alachua.....	20	20	1,590	20	648	942	19	1	19	32,629	
Bethel.....	25	25	1,727	24	667	1,007	22	2	22	12,647	
Beulah.....	16	16	1,308	13	564	578	16	.....	16	30,850	
Black Creek.....	17	17	810	16	337	452	11	5	11	7,483	
Caloosa.....	7	7	513	5	240	244	4	.....	4	6,900	
Central.....	11	11	816	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	11	11,174	
Florida.....	38	38	2,822	33	1,045	1,475	31	5	31	81,065	
Geneva.....	1	1	100	1	40	60	1	.....	1	600	
Graves.....	38	38	2,233	30	795	1,084	28	9	28	27,120	
Harmony.....	16	14	1,114	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	20,460	
Indian River.....	11	11	513	10	169	283	11	.....	11	25,957	
Jacksonville.....	33	33	3,808	33	1,447	2,361	30	1	30	264,063	
Lafayette.....	20	20	1,497	.....	.....	.....	8	12	8	3,500	
Little River.....	4	4	389	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	4,475	
Marion.....	32	32	2,523	25	930	1,196	31	1	31	126,110	
Mercer.....	1	1	192	1	96	96	1	.....	1	1,000	
Miami.....	11	11	1,484	8	492	735	11	.....	12	82,250	
Middle Florida.....	30	30	2,604	.....	.....	.....	29	1	29	23,866	
New River.....	15	15	969	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	9	8,460	
New Santa Rosa.....	23	23	1,543	15	490	673	19	3	19	15,042	
Pasco.....	16	16	1,032	15	402	608	16	.....	16	81,325	
Peace River.....	43	43	3,183	34	1,166	1,653	37	3	37	81,747	
Pensacola Bay.....	25	25	2,378	14	532	897	19	3	19	44,257	
Rocky Creek.....	17	17	990	13	284	498	15	.....	15	8,025	
St. Johns River.....	13	13	1,259	14	393	513	15	1	15	30,700	



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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Florida—Continued.											
Santa Fe River.....	14	14	1,575	14	661	914	13	1	13	13	\$39,570
Sardis.....	1	1	17	1	8	9	1		1	1	500
Seminole.....	22	22	2,140	22	871	1,269	21	1	21	21	104,605
South Florida.....	46	46	4,751	32	1,359	1,954	43	2	43	43	113,631
Southwestern.....	2	2	147	2	65	82	2		2	2	1,050
Suwanee.....	22	22	1,991	22	805	1,186	22		22	22	41,000
Tampa Bay.....	26	25	4,307	23	1,520	2,413	25	1	31	25	252,125
Wekiwa.....	20	20	1,834	18	720	1,027	17	2	18	17	101,300
West Florida.....	43	43	3,393	39	1,212	1,735	38	5	39	39	65,875
Zion.....	2	2	180				2		2	2	2,200
Georgia:											
Appalachee.....	32	32	4,106	25	1,443	1,740	30		30	30	107,865
Atlanta.....	49	49	18,239	28	4,076	6,450	48		49	48	1,075,000
Baptist Union.....	11	11	852	10	345	457	10		10	10	18,390
Bethel.....	47	47	4,781	44	1,903	2,691	47		47	47	114,550
Bethlehem.....	8	8	1,161	6	486	486	6	1	6	6	2,550
Bowen.....	36	36	2,722	36	1,126	1,596	33	3	33	33	40,106
Bullock County.....	20	20	2,398	19	921	1,411	20		20	20	38,850
Campbell.....	18	18	2,277	18	945	1,332	18		18	18	21,175
Carrollton.....	31	31	4,577	31	1,899	2,678	31		31	31	102,500
Catoosa.....	13	13	1,188	13	469	719	13		13	13	13,900
Centennial.....	22	22	2,457	17	705	1,015	21	1	21	21	66,050
Central.....	33	33	3,043	30	1,202	1,637	33		33	33	71,064
Central Western.....	11	11	1,239								
Chattahoochee.....	39	39	7,471	39	3,281	4,190	39		39	39	125,260
Chattoga.....	21	21	2,325	12	1,032	1,293	21		21	21	32,450
Chestatee.....	13	13	946	9	128	197	4		4	4	1,300
Clarkeville.....	13	13	1,482	11	563	706	12		12	13	14,050
Colquit County.....	30	30	3,350	27	1,348	1,678	28	2	29	28	80,755
Columbus.....	31	31	4,127	28	923	1,288	30	1	31	30	249,635
Concord.....	22	22	2,886	20	1,148	1,487	22		22	22	30,135
Consolation.....	28	28	2,747	28	1,237	1,510	22	3	22	21	18,565
Coosa.....	22	22	3,203	21	1,271	1,847	22		22	22	34,410
Coosawattie.....	7	7	533	7	206	327	7		7	7	6,450
Daniell.....	34	34	3,469	34	1,437	2,032	32		32	32	50,550
Dodge County.....	31	31	2,757	29	1,000	1,623	31		32	31	24,055
Ebenezer.....	27	27	2,236								
Ellijay.....	16	16	1,261								
Emanuel.....	20	20	1,706	17	546	929	19	1	20	19	30,240
Enon.....	16	16	1,898	14	681	860	15		15	15	12,650
Fairburn.....	27	27	3,443	27	1,604	1,939	26	1	26	25	42,235
Flint River.....	44	44	5,921	40	2,288	3,092	44		44	44	133,900
Floyd County.....	33	33	5,368	31	2,111	2,991	32	1	32	32	107,350
Friendship.....	44	44	4,346	44	1,759	2,587	42		43	42	129,550
Georgia.....	49	49	7,059	49	3,109	3,950	48		49	48	129,100
Gilmer-Fannin.....	6	6	546	6	232	314	5	1	6	5	1,550
Good Samaritan.....	12	12	973	11	350	538	12		12	12	10,350
Gordon County.....	25	25	3,508	25	1,377	2,131	25		25	25	30,538
Haralson County.....	12	12	1,403	10	409	624	10		10	10	12,450
Hebron.....	43	43	7,411	40	3,019	3,683	43		48	43	77,892
Hezbollah.....	45	45	6,674	37	2,472	3,140	44		44	44	232,500
Hiwassee.....	11	11	1,221	11	517	704	9	2	9	9	6,300
Hightower.....	57	57	9,536	57	4,043	5,493	57		57	56	56,862
Houston.....	27	27	3,404	26	1,397	1,964	27		27	27	87,600
Jasper.....	38	38	5,385	38	2,174	3,211	36	2	36	36	14,050
Kilpatrick.....	27	27	3,525	25	1,309	1,906	26		26	25	51,450
Kimbell.....	20	20	2,511	20	1,172	1,339	20		20	20	63,925
Laurens County.....	40	40	4,874	40	1,897	2,977	36	3	36	36	87,570
Lawrenceville.....	33	33	3,970	32	1,522	2,300	33		33	33	57,035
Liberty.....	24	24	2,841	22	1,084	1,367	24		24	24	27,460
Little River.....	41	41	5,083	40	2,108	2,793	41		41	41	85,453
Lookout Valley.....	6	6	293	6	108	185	4		4	4	1,400
Mallory.....	22	22	2,639	22	1,082	1,557	22		22	22	32,970
Mell.....	30	30	2,791	28	853	1,239	30		30	30	94,235
Mercer.....	22	22	2,674	18	1,108	1,284	22		22	22	80,060
Middle.....	37	37	4,610	34	2,056	2,415	35		35	35	75,055
Middle Cherokee.....	25	25	3,348	23	1,287	1,740	23		23	23	642,330
Miller.....	8	8	690	6	120	156	7		7	6	5,000
Morganton.....	20	20	2,251	19	903	1,291	19	1	19	19	16,150
Mountain.....	14	14	741	12	293	383	11	2	11	11	4,350
Mountaintown.....	14	14	1,157	9	341	446	9		9	9	9,000
Mount Vernon.....	23	23	3,077	21	1,260	1,573	22	1	22	22	45,050
Mulberry.....	22	22	3,372	18	1,289	1,564	22		22	22	27,505
New Hope.....	30	30	2,421	30	1,057	1,364	25	3	25	23	8,850
New Sunbury.....	24	24	4,648	23	1,793	2,780	23	1	23	23	114,566
New Union.....	10	10	660	9	375	460	10		10	10	7,350
Noonday.....	30	30	5,412	27	2,073	2,904	29		29	29	86,600
North Georgia.....	40	40	4,781	32	1,661	2,424	36		36	36	56,100
Notla River.....	21	21	1,918	19	684	957	20	1	20	20	11,150
Piedmont.....	46	46	3,984	37	1,531	2,144	45		45	45	117,170
Pine Mountain.....	26	26	2,282	26	909	1,373	25	1	25	25	36,825



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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Georgia—Continued.											
Pleasant Grove.....	15	15	1,339	15	547	792	13	1	13	13	\$8,850
Pleasant Valley.....	13	13	1,236								
Polk County.....	19	19	2,294	13	720	911	18		18	18	36,085
Pulaski County.....	22	22	2,772	22	1,093	1,679	22		22	22	45,340
Rabun County.....	15	15	1,467	15	652	815	15		15	15	9,475
Randolph County.....	1	1	82				1		1	1	500
Rehoboth.....	37	37	6,611	34	2,343	3,482	37		38	37	292,452
Roswell.....	15	15	1,433	11	501	685	15		15	15	14,900
Salem.....	12	12	780	5	162	198	12		12	12	4,700
Sarepta.....	60	60	9,825	59	4,166	5,659	60		61	60	131,285
Smyrna.....	30	30	2,461	30	1,008	1,453	28	2	28	28	40,950
South River.....	17	17	1,840	17	755	1,085	14	1	14	14	12,950
Southwestern.....	9	9	643	9	244	399	5	4	5	5	2,150
Stone Mountain.....	21	21	2,555	21	1,111	1,474	21		21	21	68,250
Summerhill.....	18	18	1,436	18	687	849	16	2	17	16	37,200
Suwanee.....	1	1	92	1	40	52	1		1	1	500
Tallapoosa.....	17	17	2,490	15	975	1,236	17		17	17	20,700
Tattall.....	17	17	1,656	16	623	996	17		17	17	20,935
Taylor.....	15	15	1,612	11	387	540	15		15	15	28,700
Telfair.....	21	21	1,865	20	793	1,053	19	2	20	19	28,700
Tucker.....	28	28	3,170	28	1,292	1,878	28		28	28	65,759
Tugalo.....	33	33	6,811	36	2,887	3,554	37		38	37	64,910
Turner.....	20	20	1,687	20	728	959	18	2	18	18	20,690
Valdosta.....	30	30	2,894	26	846	1,347	23		28	28	41,130
Washington.....	33	33	4,765	32	1,964	2,691	32	1	32	32	119,710
Western.....	54	54	7,008	42	2,068	2,713	51		51	50	165,435
Unassociated.....	1	1	85	1	35	50	1		1	1	300
Illinois:											
Alton.....	40	40	6,836	38	2,403	4,157	38	1	39	22	230,775
Antioch.....	12	12	729	12	272	457	11	1	11	11	11,000
Apple Creek.....	11	11	945	5	102	843	8		8	7	9,300
Bay Creek.....	8	8	723	3	132	268	6		6	6	11,650
Big Saline.....	21	21	1,356	13	351	561	13		13	13	9,300
Central Illinois.....	16	16	1,769	10	513	639	16		17	16	48,850
Clear Creek.....	44	44	4,987	39	1,686	2,682	40	3	40	40	73,500
Fairfield.....	37	36	4,271	28	1,438	2,029	36		36	36	86,102
Franklin.....	35	35	4,198	25	1,481	2,094	33		33	33	63,825
Kaskaskia.....	23	26	1,790	19	696	996	26		26	26	47,440
Louisville.....	18	18	1,641	17	637	983	18		18	18	30,850
Macoupin.....	26	26	2,830	26	1,147	1,683	25	1	26	25	71,025
Mattoon.....	10	10	529	5	93	184	9		9	9	11,440
Mount Erie.....	26	26	2,224	21	644	912	26		26	26	28,705
Nine Mile.....	34	34	4,366	23	1,476	2,035	32	1	32	31	94,175
Olney.....	14	14	999	11	322	433	13		13	13	63,500
Palestine.....	23	23	1,710	23	708	1,002	21		21	22	30,725
Rehoboth.....	33	33	2,698	25	746	1,236	32		32	32	44,475
Salem, South.....	28	27	2,482	24	826	1,239	27		27	27	28,315
Saline County.....	24	22	3,285	15	1,122	1,499	23		23	23	132,074
Sandy Creek.....	37	36	3,412	24	897	1,135	36	1	38	36	53,075
Shelby.....	8	8	447	8	177	270	7		7	7	13,900
Union.....	32	32	2,343	23	776	1,127	23		23	24	29,350
Westfield.....	12	12	1,240	11	442	617	12		12	12	19,750
Williamson.....	34	34	5,012	27	1,676	2,447	33		33	34	118,510
Kentucky:											
Allen.....	23	23	2,762	17	879	1,142	22	1	22	22	27,350
Baptist.....	15	15	2,531	15	1,105	1,426	15		15	15	44,600
Barren River.....	50	50	5,498	6	168	285	47	2	47	47	38,450
Bell County.....	38	38	2,696	8	227	408	10	26	10	10	23,800
Bethel.....	42	42	6,554	38	2,512	3,370	41	1	41	41	221,559
Blood River.....	40	40	4,964	38	2,058	2,684	37		37	37	60,500
Boones Creek.....	18	18	2,610	16	968	1,324	18		18	18	112,500
Booneville.....	22	22	1,089	1	70	90	1		1	1	1,000
Blackford.....	25	25	2,573	15	700	1,072	25		25	25	22,400
Bracken.....	31	31	3,046	20	716	994	29	1	30	29	157,550
Breckinridge.....	16	16	2,251	8	496	713	16		16	16	21,200
Campbell County.....	18	18	2,031	15	1,062	1,591	17	1	17	17	109,750
Central.....	13	13	2,567	9	850	1,035	13		13	13	68,400
Clover Bottom.....	6	6	505	1	22	43	1		1	1	500
Concord.....	23	23	3,656	23	1,613	2,043	23		23	23	60,900
Crittenden.....	18	18	2,585	17	1,102	1,463	16	1	16	17	25,475
Davies County.....	45	45	8,813	45	3,727	5,086	45		46	45	211,550
East Lynn.....	12	12	1,914	11	744	1,054	15		15	12	12,000
East Union.....	20	20	2,068	9	323	504	15	5	15	15	18,250
Edmonson.....	14	14	1,430	10	380	548	13	1	13	13	11,300
Elkhorn.....	32	32	9,355	31	3,835	5,175	32		33	32	465,000
Enterprise.....	23	23	1,262	14	208	393	18	5	18	18	41,900
Franklin.....	14	14	3,565	13	1,445	1,845	14		14	14	47,700
Freedom.....	11	11	959	7	295	452	11		11	11	13,208
Gaspar River.....	21	21	2,659	11	607	916	20	1	20	20	21,450
Goose Creek.....	11	11	903								
Goshen.....	17	17	1,507	13	508	752	15		15	15	17,850
Graves County.....	32	32	4,527	26	1,437	2,362	32		32	32	86,300
Green River.....	11	11	1,085								
Greenup.....	33	33	3,010	31	1,031	1,853	31	1	31	30	100,950

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Kentucky—Continued.											
Greenville.....	12	12	603	3	80	110	2	1	2	2	\$1,000
Henry County.....	11	11	1,941	7	419	680	11		11	11	33,900
Irvine.....	20	20	1,594								
Landmark.....	11	11	1,153	6	365	494	11		11	11	5,450
Laurel River.....	36	36	3,704	12	424	700	34	2	34	33	17,950
Liberty.....	41	41	4,661	25	1,891	1,775	38	3	38	38	60,310
Little Bethel.....	35	35	3,779	32	1,364	2,089	32	1	32	32	76,408
Little River.....	49	49	6,066	28	1,637	2,224	44	3	44	44	73,470
Logan County.....	21	21	2,220	19	938	1,101	21		21	21	26,100
Long Run.....	49	49	16,416	33	4,588	6,462	47	2	53	47	847,868
Lynn.....	31	31	4,704	13	1,066	1,326	27	4	27	27	35,550
Lynn Camp.....	19	18	1,697	14	571	803	15	1	15	15	11,050
Mount Zion.....	30	30	3,867	4	524	775	27	2	27	27	56,400
Muhlenberg.....	38	38	5,220	32	1,961	2,840	38		39	38	77,050
Nelson.....	21	21	4,107	11	1,088	1,365	21		21	21	107,700
New Lebanon.....	1	1	31	1	16	15		1			
North Bend.....	23	23	4,363	13	862	1,282	23		24	23	192,150
North Concord.....	25	25	2,086	8	308	513	16	5	16	16	14,200
Ohio County.....	39	39	5,679	26	1,824	2,394	38		38	38	50,775
Ohio River.....	39	39	4,288	39	1,759	2,529	39		39	39	67,500
Ohio Valley.....	38	38	6,150	26	1,902	2,561	37	1	37	37	180,750
Oneida.....	8	7	509				6	2	6	6	5,450
Owen County.....	10	10	1,728	5	524	548	10		10	10	12,500
Pulaski County.....	35	35	4,556	24	1,269	2,122	33	2	33	33	64,950
Rockcastle.....	25	25	2,852	20	880	1,298	23	1	23	23	17,850
Russell County.....	24	24	1,596	12	338	413	22	1	22	22	12,350
Russels Creek.....	41	41	4,630	33	1,635	2,160	38	2	38	38	93,100
Salem.....	24	24	3,169	15	930	1,317	24		24	24	45,300
Saverns Valley.....	21	21	3,635	17	1,232	1,600	21		21	20	53,800
Shelby.....	23	23	4,653	13	1,271	1,694	21	1	21	21	87,100
Simpson.....	13	13	2,338	6	522	578	13		13	13	31,300
South Concord.....	16	16	2,218	7	423	489	16		16	15	10,630
South District.....	29	29	5,905	24	2,237	2,994	28	1	28	28	141,500
South Kentucky.....	22	22	2,695	20	1,029	1,530	21	1	21	21	28,600
South Union.....	19	19	2,238	8	320	522	15	2	15	15	9,300
Sulphur Fork.....	20	19	3,080	10	697	966	20		20	20	76,033
Tates Creek.....	25	25	4,125	24	1,715	2,375	23	2	23	23	61,500
Ten Mile.....	15	14	2,282	8	480	625	15		15	15	28,100
Three Forks.....	12	12	1,159				6	2	6	6	35,600
Union.....	21	21	2,296	12	605	839	20		20	20	85,700
Upper Cumberland.....	14	14	1,035	5	149	164	8	2	8	8	11,240
Warren.....	24	24	4,468	14	1,521	1,694	24		25	24	174,750
Wayne County.....	21	21	2,288	13	689	939	20	1	20	20	23,700
West Kentucky.....	38	38	4,044	25	833	1,411	38		38	38	82,525
West Union.....	36	36	5,184	24	1,617	2,499	28	1	28	28	140,000
Whites Run.....	12	12	1,916	11	810	991	12		12	12	34,950
Stewart County.....	2	2	154	2	64	90	1		1	1	500
Stockton Valley.....	6	6	687	4	203	296	6		6	6	2,600
Louisiana:											
Amite River.....	17	17	1,529	12	417	615	16		16	14	17,163
Bartholomew.....	2	2	165				1		1	1	700
Bayou Macon.....	19	19	2,283	14	727	1,090	16	1	16	14	63,250
Bethlehem.....	37	36	3,503	34	1,302	2,019	34		34	34	26,400
Big Creek.....	27	27	3,455	20	1,126	1,528	20		20	19	14,955
Caddo.....	18	18	3,586	14	1,112	1,897	17		17	15	142,550
Carey.....	27	27	2,649	21	777	1,006	26		26	24	81,050
Central.....	26	26	2,514	16	696	812	21		21	21	18,050
Columbia.....	5	5	413	2	58	116	2		2	2	1,200
Concord.....	26	26	3,449	25	1,520	1,799	25		25	25	33,575
Deer Creek.....	14	14	1,804	11	628	855	9		9	9	19,150
Eastern Louisiana.....	28	27	3,020	19	1,002	1,218	19		19	19	21,800
Everett.....	26	26	2,404	19	908	908	16	1	16	16	9,300
German.....	1	1	24	1	15	9		1			
Grand Cane.....	23	22	2,162	18	719	953	20	1	20	20	63,160
Judson.....	8	8	1,183	6	390	695	8		9	8	44,850
Liberty.....	21	21	2,631	14	750	988	20		20	19	46,186
Louisiana.....	20	20	2,995	13	707	897	19		20	19	48,636
Magee.....	4	4	788	3	248	389	4		4	4	2,750
Mount Olive.....	25	25	2,791	24	887	1,192	20		21	19	21,500
Natchitoches.....	12	12	960	9	274	443	10		10	10	13,465
North Louisiana.....	14	14	1,039	12	359	484	11		11	10	10,900
North Sabine.....	25	25	2,695	16	826	1,098	18	1	18	18	20,861
Orleans-St. Tammany.....	15	15	1,823	13	642	946	14	1	15	13	194,300
Ouachita.....	24	23	1,781	20	636	962	23		23	22	19,550
Palestine.....	8	8	514	3	76	132	3		3	3	1,100
Red River.....	16	16	1,610	13	475	738	16		16	16	16,400
Sabine.....	26	26	2,170	19	600	842	21	3	21	20	12,200
Shady Grove.....	14	14	1,147	8	306	371	10		10	9	8,450
State Line.....	4	4	519	3	165	179	4		4	4	3,400

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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
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Missouri—Continued.											
Carroll County	1	1	137	1	44	93	1	1	1	\$1,000	
Cedar County	14	14	839	3	77	122	14	14	13	11,350	
Charleston	20	20	2,101	9	339	620	18	2	18	99,447	
Christian County	32	32	2,751	15	465	696	27	5	27	24,040	
Concord	39	39	5,855	19	1,175	1,651	37	2	38	83,994	
County Line	14	14	946	10	286	368	12	2	12	4,525	
Cuivre	20	20	2,073	14	556	810	20	20	20	36,500	
Current River	1	1	85	1	35	50	1	1	1	850	
Dade County	14	13	1,149	9	283	482	13	1	13	12,750	
Dallas County	12	12	1,132	2	67	94	2	2	2	1,515	
Davies County	22	22	2,106	11	420	662	22	22	22	54,150	
Dixon	19	19	1,947	15	725	1,058	19	19	17	17,396	
Dry Fork	19	19	1,537	6	251	374	13	13	11	28,450	
East Grand River	1	1	66	1	27	39	1	1	1	1,000	
Eleven Points River	12	12	905	6	187	330	12	12	10	16,250	
Franklin	28	28	3,935	14	762	1,242	27	27	25	61,150	
Franklin County	21	21	1,215	12	259	396	20	1	20	14,779	
Gentry	20	20	1,878	10	437	613	20	20	20	46,590	
Green County	43	43	7,199	27	2,215	3,411	43	43	43	153,255	
Harmony	21	21	3,458	17	865	1,298	21	21	21	95,625	
Howell County	18	18	1,422	6	171	267	17	1	17	25,289	
Jefferson County	20	19	1,165	16	426	613	18	2	18	15,700	
Johnson County	24	24	2,830	17	734	1,020	24	24	24	58,200	
Laclede County	18	18	1,575	9	279	397	16	2	16	18,320	
Lafayette County	15	15	2,043	10	445	660	15	15	15	61,750	
Lamine	23	23	2,501	14	726	915	21	1	21	48,600	
Lawrence County	34	34	3,795	17	625	864	25	5	25	16,140	
Linn County	21	21	2,798	18	1,075	1,433	21	21	20	107,220	
Little Bonne-Femme	41	41	5,940	30	2,116	2,878	41	41	41	195,950	
Livingston	16	16	1,879	14	754	1,032	16	16	16	44,900	
Macon	31	31	3,307	15	794	1,340	29	29	24	83,260	
Meramec	13	13	853	12	312	628	8	5	8	15,220	
Miller	24	24	2,444	14	531	762	24	24	23	42,280	
Missouri Valley	26	26	3,039	16	972	1,249	25	1	25	65,800	
Monroe	15	15	1,603	11	489	650	15	15	14	36,200	
Mount Moriah	10	10	881	6	189	256	10	10	10	15,500	
Mount Pleasant	37	37	4,228	21	1,258	1,633	33	2	33	129,300	
Mount Salem	15	15	986	7	253	274	15	15	15	11,625	
Mount Zion	27	27	2,645	19	798	1,071	25	2	25	72,000	
Mount Zion (Ark.)	1	1	53	1	10	43	1	1	1	1,600	
Nevada	22	22	2,534	16	733	1,279	21	1	21	48,550	
New Madrid	18	18	1,487	8	284	427	16	2	16	20,975	
North Central	17	17	1,410	13	329	492	16	1	16	27,900	
North Grand River	32	32	3,150	19	887	1,120	25	25	24	52,600	
North Liberty	38	38	4,271	31	1,445	2,244	37	37	30	109,350	
North Missouri	12	12	849	4	140	195	11	11	11	20,105	
Northwest Missouri	24	24	2,301	17	686	1,160	19	19	19	71,825	
Old Path	21	21	1,729	14	492	693	19	2	19	9,900	
Pheips County	13	13	605	7	91	126	6	4	6	3,370	
Pleasant Grove	22	22	2,153	14	612	768	22	22	22	40,950	
Polk County	34	34	4,359	20	1,045	1,657	31	1	31	45,325	
Pulaski County	24	24	1,770	14	516	347	20	3	20	14,125	
Reynolds County	22	22	1,967	16	554	917	17	4	17	22,400	
St. Clair	21	21	1,458	15	423	655	20	1	20	21,560	
St. Francis	23	23	2,404	9	537	590	23	23	23	32,250	
St. Joseph	39	39	5,862	37	2,336	3,277	38	1	39	309,250	
St. Louis	36	36	9,686	36	3,777	5,909	35	35	35	897,850	
Saline	25	25	3,154	16	754	987	25	25	25	84,975	
Salt River	26	26	3,175	16	632	846	26	26	26	100,000	
Shannon County	16	16	744	8	105	209	12	4	12	3,600	
Shoal Creek	35	35	3,198	23	873	1,373	34	1	34	56,125	
Spring River	31	31	4,792	28	1,991	2,645	30	30	30	139,300	
Stoddard County	22	22	1,684	21	621	959	19	2	19	31,850	
Taney County	7	7	147	6	48	76	2	4	2	600	
Tebos	24	24	3,337	16	1,027	1,425	24	24	24	54,900	
Texas County	32	32	2,006	18	498	762	29	2	29	19,060	
Washington County	19	19	851	12	249	291	13	2	13	9,600	
Wayne County	24	24	2,236	15	640	862	21	3	21	33,450	
Webster	26	26	1,992	18	559	824	25	1	22	26,525	
West Fork	12	12	1,116	6	260	334	8	8	7	34,100	
Wright County	24	24	2,018	13	412	688	22	2	22	19,450	
Wyaconda	29	29	4,083	20	1,273	1,682	29	29	29	98,750	
New Mexico:											
Central	15	15	873	15	335	538	7	7	7	30,300	
Lincoln	12	12	439	12	170	269	9	2	9	14,800	
Northeastern	33	33	1,388	33	519	869	16	13	16	36,831	
Pecos Valley	9	9	997	9	397	600	7	7	7	70,750	
Portales	40	40	1,928	40	805	1,123	12	19	12	30,500	
Southeastern	16	16	543	16	220	323	3	9	3	4,855	
Southwestern	10	10	553	9	202	322	7	2	7	17,950	
North Carolina:											
Alexander	30	30	4,234	30	1,781	2,453	29	1	29	19,762	
Alleghany	8	8	367	8	146	221	8	8	8	5,500	
Anson	15	15	1,443	15	610	833	15	15	15	13,225	
Ashe	34	34	2,198	34	913	1,285	31	2	31	21,010	
Avery	19	19	1,774	19	735	1,039	18	18	17	12,450	

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North Carolina—Continued.											
Beulah.....	22	22	2,358	22	963	1,395	22	.....	22	22	\$56,200
Bladen.....	22	22	2,014	22	856	1,158	20	.....	20	20	32,250
Briar Creek.....	29	29	3,983	13	835	1,148	28	.....	28	28	22,375
Brunswick.....	26	26	2,271	26	883	1,388	25	1	25	25	15,450
Brushy Mountain.....	24	24	2,751	24	1,094	1,657	23	1	23	23	52,200
Buncombe.....	36	36	5,082	33	1,912	2,828	34	1	35	34	161,175
Caldwell.....	42	42	4,319	42	1,755	2,564	38	2	38	38	53,450
Cape Fear-Columbus.....	37	37	5,071	37	2,045	3,026	36	1	36	36	44,790
Carolina.....	40	40	6,118	34	1,791	2,265	34	1	34	34	80,130
Caroline.....	2	2	245	1	32	63	1	.....	1	1	200
Catawba River.....	22	22	2,202	20	851	1,255	21	1	21	21	50,350
Central.....	31	31	6,446	31	2,316	3,130	31	.....	32	30	176,050
Chowan.....	55	55	11,726	55	4,979	6,747	55	.....	57	55	220,350
Cumberland.....	29	29	3,411	28	1,123	1,658	29	.....	31	29	61,559
Eastern.....	42	42	4,677	40	1,954	2,520	37	2	38	37	79,450
East Tennessee.....	1	1	34	1	12	22	1	.....	1	1	2,000
Elkins.....	11	11	1,391	11	577	814	10	.....	10	10	6,550
Flat River.....	36	36	6,367	36	2,869	3,498	36	.....	36	36	72,750
French Broad.....	29	29	3,748	26	1,490	2,041	25	.....	25	25	37,950
Green River.....	46	46	5,051	46	2,139	2,912	45	1	45	44	72,275
Haywood.....	24	24	2,800	16	900	1,406	22	2	22	15	49,400
Hiwassee.....	3	3	214	3	88	126	2	1	2	2	1,470
Johnston.....	44	44	4,874	44	2,075	2,799	44	.....	44	44	98,500
Kings Mountain.....	41	41	7,337	41	3,503	4,334	39	1	39	39	84,006
Liberty.....	25	25	3,359	24	1,237	1,968	23	1	24	23	94,500
Liberty Ducktown.....	29	29	2,445	18	717	952	23	1	23	23	12,450
Little River.....	27	27	3,910	27	1,750	2,160	27	.....	28	27	103,300
Macon County.....	28	28	3,401	25	1,345	1,626	25	2	25	24	30,050
Mecklenburg-Cabarrus.....	28	28	6,249	28	2,540	3,709	28	.....	28	28	235,500
Montgomery.....	22	22	2,001	22	806	1,195	21	.....	21	21	24,600
Mount Zion.....	50	50	10,112	49	4,134	5,804	49	.....	49	49	238,415
Neuse-Atlantic.....	62	62	5,391	59	2,128	3,093	54	2	54	54	229,925
New Found.....	20	20	1,582	20	674	908	19	1	19	19	23,400
North Spartanburg.....	1	1	135	1	58	77	1	.....	1	1	1,000
Pee Dee.....	23	23	3,012	23	1,279	1,733	21	1	21	21	101,475
Piedmont.....	37	37	4,973	37	1,877	3,096	34	2	34	34	201,050
Pilot Mountain.....	59	59	8,578	59	3,441	5,137	59	.....	59	59	245,559
Raleigh.....	33	33	6,049	32	2,491	3,198	32	1	33	32	140,600
Roan Mountain.....	23	23	2,820	23	1,233	1,587	19	2	19	19	21,500
Roanoke.....	63	63	7,641	61	3,068	4,369	62	.....	62	62	399,200
Roanoke (Va.).....	1	1	90	1	35	55	1	.....	1	1	1,500
Robeson.....	51	51	7,214	49	2,742	3,856	45	.....	48	45	165,885
Sandy Creek.....	51	51	5,501	51	2,297	3,204	49	2	51	49	81,556
Sandy Run.....	38	38	7,130	38	3,070	4,060	38	.....	38	38	106,150
South Fork.....	57	57	7,970	57	3,342	4,628	54	1	54	53	146,715
South Mountain.....	18	18	1,779	17	605	992	16	1	16	16	12,307
South River.....	29	29	3,230	27	1,281	1,698	28	1	30	26	33,550
South Yadkin.....	42	42	5,677	41	2,361	3,184	41	.....	41	41	116,383
Stanley.....	30	30	4,200	30	1,763	2,437	27	3	27	27	57,775
Stone Mountain.....	29	29	1,955	24	656	929	22	2	22	21	12,200
Stoney Fork.....	12	12	1,084	8	334	516	9	.....	9	8	7,100
Surry.....	33	33	2,558	32	1,093	1,425	33	.....	33	33	38,600
Tar River.....	58	58	8,339	55	3,598	4,508	55	.....	55	54	121,801
Tennessee River.....	43	43	4,496	36	1,493	2,231	33	3	33	31	29,305
Three Forks.....	36	36	3,809	35	1,599	2,137	32	1	32	32	32,310
Transylvania.....	24	24	2,458	24	1,036	1,422	21	2	21	21	31,400
Tuckasegee.....	26	26	2,459	26	943	1,516	21	3	21	20	27,250
Twelve Mile River.....	4	4	178	4	78	100	3	1	3	3	1,200
Union.....	39	39	5,964	39	2,499	3,465	39	.....	39	39	58,192
Waccamaw.....	2	2	138	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	1,500
West Buncombe.....	8	8	732	8	295	437	8	.....	8	8	7,200
West Chowan.....	58	58	12,703	58	5,835	6,868	57	.....	57	57	187,150
Western.....	26	26	2,715	25	1,084	1,559	21	3	21	21	17,350
Wilmington.....	34	34	5,274	34	2,263	3,011	34	.....	35	34	143,400
Yadkin.....	26	26	3,585	26	1,553	2,032	26	.....	26	26	30,050
Yancey County.....	32	32	3,210	26	1,214	1,634	27	2	27	26	35,200
Ohio:											
Bracken.....	1	1	81	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	2,000
Oklahoma:											
Atoka.....	24	24	1,473	6	157	300	6	1	6	5	20,050
Banner.....	31	31	1,892	18	452	777	11	6	11	11	29,573
Baron Fork.....	11	11	740	5	136	260	2	3	2	2	3,500
Beaver County.....	8	8	454	8	186	268	7	1	7	7	7,700
Beckham.....	20	20	1,911	12	574	753	13	2	13	13	27,400
Bryan County.....	28	28	2,098	28	848	1,250	14	4	14	14	28,475
Caddo County.....	28	28	2,641	18	810	1,104	22	3	22	22	46,000
Central.....	28	28	6,523	18	2,108	3,184	22	1	22	22	267,900
Cherokee.....	25	25	1,453	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chickasaw.....	15	15	1,113	13	439	549	10	2	12	10	1,140

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Oklahoma—Continued.											
Choctaw.....	25	25	754								
Comanche.....	33	33	2,524	23	904	1,298	19	1	19	18	\$43,050
Concord.....	23	22	2,592	14	863	1,223	16	1	16	16	33,825
Delaware.....	41	41	4,172	21	1,003	1,624	26	1	29	26	169,250
Enon.....	31	31	2,768	31	1,099	1,669	14	12	14	14	43,350
Frisco.....	31	31	2,367	16	461	711	20	3	20	13	35,400
Greer County.....	12	12	1,350	5	193	261	5	1	5	5	47,000
Harmon County.....	19	19	1,300	15	485	566	13	3	13	13	34,200
Harper County.....	7	7	328	6	105	138	5	2	5	5	7,600
Haskell County.....	21	21	1,398	10	299	386	9	1	9	9	14,000
Indian Mission.....	80	80	3,430	80	1,580	1,850	79		79	79	51,993
Jackson.....	23	23	2,257	20	641	810	18	1	18	18	35,300
Jefferson.....	18	18	1,052	18	337	715	10		10	10	15,790
Kiowa.....	12	12	1,221	7	408	598	6	1	6	6	36,000
Leflore-Latimer.....	38	37	2,961	15	532	748	23	1	23	23	23,700
Lincoln County.....	23	23	1,215	9	246	348	7	4	7	7	28,750
Little River.....	16	16	1,178	15	497	624	13		13	12	14,950
McClain.....	11	11	916	6	259	359	7	1	7	7	11,125
McIntosh.....	15	14	700	8	146	222	6	2	6	5	6,800
Mayes.....	13	13	745	8	245	332	5		5	5	9,500
Mills County.....	16	16	788	8	197	324	6	2	6	6	6,500
Mullens.....	35	35	2,655	18	511	853	17	9	17	17	52,362
Muskogee.....	25	25	2,732	18	955	1,455	19	5	19	18	144,450
Muskogee-Wichita.....	19	19	646	15	250	269	15		15	14	11,050
North Canadian.....	33	33	2,256	20	594	840	15	9	16	14	38,000
Northeastern.....	24	24	1,955	18	553	1,054	13	6	13	13	49,300
Oklahoma-Indian.....	17	17	1,687	15	660	844	15	2	17	15	24,295
Pawnee.....	12	12	762	8	206	310	8		8	8	16,220
Perry.....	24	24	2,802	10	432	554	22	1	22	22	36,000
Philadelphia.....	16	16	1,157	7	183	268	5	3	5	5	16,100
Pittsburg.....	23	23	2,087	23	828	1,259	19		20	20	108,125
Pontotoc.....	22	22	1,530	14	451	757	8	4	8	8	32,064
Pottawatomie.....	30	30	2,495	18	710	1,234	21	4	21	21	75,950
Salt Fork Valley.....	19	19	1,849	13	539	739	18	1	18	18	47,000
Sequoyah-Adair.....	11	11	835	9	250	405	6	3	6	6	13,900
Southwestern.....	5	5	481				3		3	3	4,275
Texas-Cimmaron.....	17	17	928	13	311	485	9	6	9	9	19,300
Tillman.....	25	25	2,430	14	621	878	18	1	18	18	45,800
Woodward.....	29	28	1,427	23	496	784	20	2	21	20	53,540
South Carolina:											
Abbeville.....	29	29	3,717	23	1,209	1,473	28		28	27	174,975
Aiken.....	23	23	3,200	16	952	1,300	23		23	21	57,400
Barnwell.....	39	39	5,279	26	1,929	2,194	37		37	37	87,650
Beaverdam.....	47	47	5,718	33	1,704	2,153	45	2	45	45	71,200
Broad River.....	48	48	8,559	39	3,319	3,970	46	1	46	45	150,550
Carolina.....	19	19	1,451	16	505	807	14	2	14	14	7,725
Charleston.....	29	29	3,951	23	973	1,117	28	1	29	28	198,775
Chester.....	19	19	2,170	15	691	837	17		17	17	53,900
Chesterfield.....	34	33	3,732	24	1,245	1,668	31	1	31	31	35,600
Colleton.....	26	26	2,898	4	118	142	26		26	26	38,170
Dorchester.....	7	7	469	3	73	77	7		7	7	2,300
Edgefield.....	19	19	3,083	14	1,007	1,404	19		19	19	65,200
Edisto.....	17	17	2,101	17	928	1,173	17		17	17	27,350
Fairfield.....	35	35	4,608	23	1,261	2,151	35		35	35	244,650
Florence.....	18	18	3,035	14	1,152	1,687	18		18	18	86,100
Greenville.....	47	47	10,183	38	3,615	4,718	40	4	40	39	302,300
Kershaw.....	25	25	3,213	19	1,130	1,352	25		25	25	55,500
Laurens.....	34	34	3,840	32	1,422	1,971	31	1	31	30	53,450
Lexington.....	24	24	2,814	23	1,211	1,553	24		24	24	28,400
Moriah.....	24	24	4,159	23	1,753	2,224	24		24	24	64,650
North Greenville.....	38	38	6,465	31	2,462	3,002	36	1	36	36	68,875
North Spartanburg.....	26	26	4,972	20	1,740	2,295	24	1	24	24	80,825
Orangeburg.....	36	36	5,347	25	1,963	2,190	35	1	35	35	130,350
Pee Dee.....	45	45	6,496	33	2,085	2,785	43	1	43	42	227,950
Pickens.....	13	13	1,993	11	709	889	13		13	13	18,450
Piedmont.....	25	25	3,962	21	1,513	2,044	22	3	22	22	56,400
Reedy River.....	14	14	1,371	13	529	677	12	1	12	12	58,200
Ridge.....	18	18	3,678	17	1,633	1,900	18		18	18	75,400
Robeson.....	3	3	342	3	141	201	3		3	3	4,700
Saluda.....	49	49	10,633	41	3,909	5,063	46	2	47	46	210,450
Sandy Run.....	1	1	198	1	66	132	1		1	1	1,500
Santee.....	25	25	3,225	21	1,304	1,519	25		25	25	106,715
Savannah River.....	47	47	4,211	43	1,706	2,204	46	1	48	46	110,846
Southeast.....	34	33	3,075	16	788	1,032	29		29	29	69,700
Spartan.....	31	31	7,388	19	2,071	2,858	30	1	30	30	165,050
Twelve Mile River.....	22	22	2,497	14	809	843	18	2	18	18	14,450
Union County.....	24	24	3,618	20	1,309	1,866	20		20	20	65,700
Waccamaw.....	37	36	3,645	21	664	1,038	32	1	32	28	39,608
Welsh Neck.....	24	24	4,217	18	1,373	1,742	23	1	23	23	131,300
York.....	19	19	2,428	17	1,009	1,262	18		18	18	53,350
Unassociated.....	2	2	210	2	100	110	2		2	2	1,000

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				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Tennessee:											
Beech River.....	36	36	3,385	15	606	899	36		36	35	\$37,950
Bell County.....	1	1	54					1			
Beulah.....	50	50	5,243	23	926	1,333	44	1	44	44	105,150
Big Emory.....	34	34	4,144	33	1,640	2,458	33	1	33	33	48,550
Big Hatchie.....	29	29	4,029	16	1,065	1,277	29		29	29	108,450
Bledsoe.....	17	17	1,828	13	635	844	16		16	16	27,750
Blood River.....	2	2	520	2	222	298	2		2	2	2,100
Campbell County.....	27	27	3,025	7	446	584	20	2	20	19	22,100
Central.....	50	48	8,543	38	3,061	3,951	48		48	48	285,680
Chilhowee.....	35	35	6,404	21	2,013	2,089	35		36	35	146,550
Clinton.....	33	33	4,047	15	797	1,172	31		31	30	45,650
Concord.....	33	33	4,017	14	833	1,156	31		32	31	97,558
Cumberland.....	26	25	2,839	25	1,310	1,529	26		26	26	111,750
Cumberland Gap.....	49	49	4,754	48	1,990	2,642	46	3	46	46	44,875
Duck River.....	40	38	3,817	24	1,066	1,408	32		32	32	81,950
East Tennessee.....	30	30	2,904	27	1,013	1,536	25	3	25	27	45,950
East Union.....	1	1	497	1	200	297	1		1	1	47,000
Eastmanles.....	33	33	3,373	20	690	959	30		30	30	23,448
Ebenezer.....	29	29	2,489	25	857	1,251	28		28	29	36,400
Enon.....	15	15	1,696	15	757	939	15		15	15	14,900
Freedom.....	1	1	25					1			
Friendship.....	44	43	5,064	12	586	821	14		14	15	32,700
Harmony.....	7	7	413								
Hiwassee.....	14	14	1,124	1	43	52	1		1	1	1,200
Holston.....	52	51	5,997	30	1,531	2,072	44	1	45	43	151,754
Holston Valley.....	26	26	2,396	6	350	461	26		26	24	24,055
Indian Creek.....	28	28	1,811	12	280	474	24	1	24	22	14,700
Judson.....	17	17	776	13	187	370	16		16	16	26,420
Lebanon.....	3	3	243	2	24	36	3		3	3	10,000
Lauderdale.....	1	1	62	1	25	37		1			
Liberty Ducktown.....	8	8	631	3	121	128	4	1	4	4	10,600
Little Hatchie.....	20	20	1,710	16	576	700	17		17	17	31,500
Midland.....	20	20	1,997	19	772	1,105	20		20	20	17,900
Mulberry Gap.....	48	48	5,782	34	1,944	2,494	44	1	44	40	27,770
Nashville.....	26	26	6,405	19	1,791	2,945	26		26	26	405,400
New River.....	41	41	2,381				24		24	23	13,750
New Salem.....	29	29	3,715	18	892	1,272	28	1	28	28	49,325
Nolochucky.....	56	55	7,221	27	1,887	2,388	56		56	56	160,000
Northern.....	33	33	3,916	17	969	1,051	28	2	28	28	24,250
Ocoee.....	56	56	8,650	56	3,332	5,318	50	2	51	50	251,675
Providence.....	22	22	1,983	10	390	506	19		19	19	17,450
Riverside.....	21	21	1,418	8	176	254	13	3	13	13	10,700
Robertson County.....	11	11	2,214	11	960	1,254	11		11	11	65,300
Salem.....	32	32	4,526	22	1,283	1,702	29	1	30	27	45,750
Squatchie Valley.....	15	15	902	15	357	545	14	1	14	14	17,700
Sevier.....	47	47	6,275	24	1,459	1,659	38	1	38	37	45,600
Shelby County.....	19	19	4,466	16	1,302	2,319	18	1	18	18	204,865
South Union.....	4	4	368	2	56	118	2	1	2	2	1,350
South Western District.....	40	40	3,938	18	785	1,110	21		22	21	19,700
Stewart.....	13	12	612	11	230	366	9	1	9	9	4,550
Stocktons Valley.....	15	15	1,126	9	226	345	12		12	12	8,400
Sweetwater.....	55	55	6,302	23	1,511	1,735	54		54	54	100,330
Tennessee.....	61	61	12,854	38	3,678	5,396	57		57	57	387,645
Tennessee Valley.....	16	16	1,610	6	272	374	13		13	12	10,600
Tishomingo.....	1	1	47	1	26	26	1		1	1	750
Union.....	13	13	981	12	308	574	11	2	11	11	6,950
Unity.....	49	49	4,273	33	1,255	1,770	43	4	43	43	39,050
Walnut Grove.....	9	9	976	4	150	238	4		4	4	2,200
Watauga.....	29	29	4,796	29	2,124	2,672	29		29	28	62,467
Weakley County.....	36	36	3,605	21	824	1,232	32		32	32	36,450
West District.....	26	26	3,109	25	1,195	1,799	26		26	26	46,330
West Union.....	46	46	3,393								
William Carey.....	29	29	2,927	26	1,220	1,440	29		29	28	35,450
Wiseman.....	17	17	2,111	8	618	685	8		8	8	9,200
Yancey County.....	1	1	128	1	52	76	1		1	1	1,000
Texas:											
Alvarado.....	44	44	6,257	39	2,549	3,196	38	3	41	38	127,525
Anderson County.....	9	9	312	3	61	69	6	3	6		
Angelina.....	23	23	2,394	12	535	756	16	5	16	6	10,400
Archer County.....	12	12	454	11	151	205	6	6	6	6	5,400
Austin.....	38	36	4,322	32	1,463	2,185	33	3	34	30	205,745
Baggett Creek.....	13	13	571								
Baylor County.....	9	9	675	5	202	276	3	3	4	3	24,250
Bethlehem.....	16	16	802	12	205	303	5	3	5	5	5,550
Big Spring.....	28	28	1,771	24	584	755	12	11	12	12	41,400
Blanco.....	34	34	2,445	26	704	863	28	5	28	28	55,250
Bowie County.....	14	14	1,728	3	65	105	12	2	12	2	1,000
Brady.....	27	27	1,773	14	466	639	24	3	24	16	25,500
Brown County.....	28	28	3,553	9	948	984	27	1	27	7	41,000
Brownfield.....	20	20	1,749	20	698	1,051	9	7	9	9	20,050
Buck Creek.....	25	24	1,212	5	102	176	13	5	13		

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS:  
1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Texas—Continued.</b>											
Burnet-Llano.....	12	12	1,080	12	416	664	10	2	12	10	\$20,675
Callahan County.....	21	21	1,811	18	605	972	16	2	21	16	22,400
Canadian.....	9	9	720	5	140	229	5	2	6	5	25,800
Central.....	16	16	1,205	16	462	743	14	.....	14	13	12,295
Central Texas.....	32	32	3,767	27	1,417	2,025	20	1	20	22	87,240
Cherokee.....	47	47	4,933	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	12	29,750
Cisco.....	33	33	3,362	31	1,385	1,887	24	4	24	23	35,300
Clay County.....	21	21	1,759	19	669	946	18	3	18	18	44,362
Coke County.....	6	6	540	6	224	316	4	1	4	4	7,800
Coleman County.....	29	29	2,498	15	791	1,037	26	2	26	16	48,840
Collin County.....	56	56	8,714	55	3,557	4,886	54	1	56	54	188,725
Collinsworth-Childress.....	16	16	1,584	14	458	607	8	4	8	8	39,600
Colorado.....	48	48	4,369	30	979	1,604	36	8	36	34	136,200
Comanche.....	26	26	2,693	26	1,033	1,660	24	2	28	23	30,350
Concho Valley.....	32	32	2,773	30	1,155	1,313	17	8	17	15	62,542
Corpus Christi.....	20	20	2,043	14	587	964	12	4	12	12	57,250
Corsicana.....	13	13	1,897	13	794	1,103	9	1	9	9	25,450
Creath.....	33	33	3,065	28	1,185	1,552	29	2	29	28	49,500
Dallas County.....	17	17	1,871	17	757	1,114	15	2	16	15	53,475
Dallas Missionary.....	40	40	10,154	30	3,524	5,461	37	1	37	38	720,200
Del Rio-Uvalde.....	22	22	1,775	20	574	854	14	4	14	15	40,100
Delta County.....	15	15	1,201	12	388	613	12	1	14	12	24,700
Denton County.....	28	28	4,009	27	1,624	2,325	27	1	28	27	82,400
Dickens County.....	15	15	816	15	359	457	6	5	7	6	6,000
East Fork.....	14	14	1,031	6	188	273	6	3	6	6	8,500
Ellis County.....	26	26	3,266	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	25	25	52,000
Ellis Missionary.....	13	13	2,491	13	995	1,496	11	2	11	11	137,000
El Paso.....	10	10	2,001	6	612	1,108	8	1	9	8	160,000
Enon.....	26	26	2,587	21	975	1,343	22	1	22	22	35,060
Erath.....	39	39	3,951	35	1,403	1,948	29	2	29	29	62,375
Fairland.....	8	8	466	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falls County.....	28	28	3,052	24	1,118	1,402	11	2	11	11	17,900
Fannin County.....	34	34	4,818	33	1,982	2,727	32	2	32	32	82,745
Fisher County.....	20	20	1,304	15	461	638	11	5	12	11	21,450
Freestone County.....	19	19	1,423	6	215	320	6	1	6	6	5,750
Freestone-Leon.....	9	9	1,065	9	403	662	8	.....	9	8	18,200
German.....	11	11	860	9	330	383	9	.....	9	9	27,700
Grayson County.....	30	30	2,004	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	30	30	20,000
Grayson Missionary.....	45	45	7,201	35	2,546	3,604	38	5	40	37	168,925
Hamilton County.....	18	18	1,807	9	326	436	14	2	14	14	27,050
Harmony.....	18	18	869	.....	.....	.....	17	1	17	17	11,200
Haskell County.....	29	29	2,432	28	1,016	1,406	17	11	17	17	57,925
Henderson County.....	16	16	1,578	6	156	238	3	3	3	3	3,530
Hill County.....	28	28	4,120	23	1,342	1,548	25	3	29	25	99,219
Hillsboro.....	14	14	1,034	5	125	189	7	1	7	7	9,800
Hopewell.....	20	20	2,294	14	598	894	12	2	12	12	14,150
Hopkins County.....	14	14	1,113	6	173	237	10	2	10	10	10,350
Hunt County.....	50	50	6,305	45	2,045	2,984	43	6	43	44	136,450
Jack County.....	16	16	992	16	393	599	13	1	13	13	17,350
Jones County.....	27	27	3,234	26	1,330	1,834	17	7	17	17	107,624
Kaufman.....	22	22	2,936	21	1,260	1,626	19	1	19	19	80,450
Lake Creek.....	8	8	600	1	38	46	6	.....	6	6	12,000
Lamar County.....	30	30	3,291	13	927	1,084	12	1	12	12	86,775
Lampasas.....	17	17	1,919	13	632	927	15	1	15	15	35,800
Lavaca River.....	19	19	1,635	15	366	574	16	2	16	16	50,400
Leon River.....	18	18	2,422	14	722	875	16	2	16	16	37,565
Liberty.....	31	31	2,564	11	374	564	9	1	9	9	7,153
Limestone County.....	27	27	3,478	14	785	1,147	22	.....	23	22	58,450
Little River.....	27	27	3,266	20	1,091	1,483	22	2	22	22	61,950
Medina River.....	16	16	1,423	15	572	726	13	1	13	13	15,050
Meridian.....	19	19	1,865	15	602	927	16	1	17	16	36,800
Mills County.....	21	21	1,230	19	483	674	11	5	11	10	11,550
Montague.....	22	22	1,653	10	413	651	14	1	14	14	29,943
Mount Zion.....	26	26	1,677	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nacogdoches.....	20	20	1,983	7	381	580	7	.....	7	7	15,400
Navarro.....	16	16	2,376	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	12	20,200
Navasota River.....	21	21	1,588	6	197	266	5	1	5	5	3,400
Neches River.....	44	44	3,600	34	1,107	1,484	34	1	35	34	56,875
New Bethel.....	29	29	2,172	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	4	5,300
North Colorado.....	12	12	760	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palo Duro.....	13	13	1,870	11	701	955	12	.....	13	11	85,200
Palo Pinto.....	26	26	2,334	19	909	1,033	14	1	14	14	52,012
Paluxy.....	24	24	1,816	5	263	398	16	.....	16	16	21,115
Panhandle.....	18	18	1,631	4	258	325	7	.....	7	7	53,250
Panola.....	9	9	650	7	226	277	8	.....	8	7	13,450
Parker County.....	43	43	3,831	30	1,434	1,906	35	2	36	34	46,875
Parker Landmark.....	8	8	545	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pecos Valley.....	10	10	1,248	7	408	649	5	2	5	6	37,755
Pedernales.....	12	12	639	7	160	269	5	1	5	5	4,150
Pittsburg.....	33	33	4,541	30	1,689	2,316	31	1	32	31	103,200





ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Southern Baptist Convention .....	23,627	1,638	\$3,153,158	1,820	\$4,471,683	21,078	\$15,063,743	17,555	18,162	160,171	1,665,996
<b>Alabama:</b>											
Alabama.....	13	3	425			11	1,230	10	10	52	399
Antioch.....	11	1	442			9	2,302	11	11	72	442
Baldwin County.....	20	3	2,385	2	3,300	18	12,935	13	13	104	906
Bethel.....	31	3	1,125	4	3,900	27	7,817	24	26	230	1,628
Bethlehem.....	28			1	2,000	23	4,760	16	16	114	950
Bibb County.....	33	2	1,562	2	1,750	33	8,591	28	31	242	1,993
Big Bear Creek.....	33					29	2,715	18	20	115	1,111
Bigbee.....	22	2	590	1	2,500	20	9,216	16	16	145	1,103
Birmingham.....	74	18	62,013	8	40,500	71	116,849	68	73	1,168	10,967
Blount County.....	39	4	347	1	1,000	36	6,980	30	30	206	1,958
Butler County.....	31			4	8,400	29	10,844	24	24	173	1,322
Cahaba.....	27	2	172	3	8,500	27	10,931	21	21	165	1,088
Calhoun County.....	53	3	148	3	13,500	47	26,993	45	45	412	3,821
Carey.....	31	2	8,000	3	6,500	28	21,836	24	24	196	2,223
Cedar Bluff.....	17					17	2,813	13	13	74	769
Centennial.....	16					14	5,646	9	9	72	516
Central.....	18	1	263	2	3,400	18	4,015	12	13	105	803
Cherokee County.....	26	1	500	1	1,500	22	4,463	18	18	133	1,289
Chilton County.....	25	1	30			24	2,464	19	19	141	1,132
Clarke County.....	48	7	508	8	4,100	41	10,459	39	44	259	2,220
Clay County.....	23	1	300			20	3,422	18	18	124	1,204
Clear Creek.....	38	2	4,950			31	6,781	22	22	134	1,341
Cleburne County.....	28	2	400			25	3,838	16	16	116	1,131
Coffee County.....	27	1	4,840	1	2,500	24	8,154	18	18	163	1,747
Colbert.....	14	2	1,911	1	1,400	14	8,559	14	14	131	1,141
Columbia.....	44	4	935	1	7,400	38	12,631	23	23	225	2,246
Conecuh County.....	25	4	3,550	2	4,000	23	9,228	21	22	141	1,243
Coosa River.....	43	1	8,000	5	7,800	39	20,240	38	38	307	2,881
Coosa Valley.....	14					13	3,238	11	11	80	678
Crenshaw County.....	18	1	300	2	2,250	12	3,853	7	7	60	422
Cullman.....	48	3	3,050			45	9,850	34	34	250	2,313
Dale County.....	31	1	168	4	9,000	29	8,439	26	26	203	1,822
Dekalb County.....	50	5	291	1	1,800	39	6,333	32	32	247	2,449
East Liberty.....	24			1	5,000	23	12,837	22	22	195	2,218
Elmore County.....	26	7	178	3	5,000	24	12,055	23	23	176	1,631
Escambia.....	28	3	288	1	1,500	22	13,821	24	24	178	1,749
Etowah.....	34	1	16	2	5,800	27	12,930	27	29	317	3,545
Eufaula.....	19			3	5,100	16	8,368	10	10	92	735
Geneva.....	24	1	20	4	5,500	23	7,874	20	20	173	1,836
Gilliam Springs.....	24	2	33			17	1,761	13	15	77	903
Harmony Grove.....	14	2	375	1	1,500	10	1,309	8	8	54	511
Judson.....	22	4	773	2	4,500	19	5,159	12	12	105	1,054
Lamar County.....	13	1	400	1	1,500	9	2,230	7	7	49	422
Lauderdale County.....	14	3	3,267	2	1,300	9	5,633	8	9	69	696
Liberty.....	1							1	1	4	15
Limestone County.....	15	1	115	1	5,000	14	5,627	12	12	106	945
Lookout Valley.....	6					6	237	4	4	21	154
Macedonia.....	12	2	135			8	1,285	7	8	45	254
Madison County Liberty.....	19	3	769	3	6,400	16	8,254	15	15	137	1,264
Marshall County.....	35	3	1,692	4	3,500	29	9,968	26	26	205	2,462
Mineral Springs.....	13	2	350			12	1,322	10	10	73	770
Mobile.....	27	7	79,295	7	25,600	25	36,046	25	25	342	2,847
Montgomery.....	25	4	18,649	4	11,800	23	28,877	20	22	301	2,884
Mud Creek.....	9	2	349			8	674	7	7	48	374
Mussel Shoals.....	46	3	4,175	4	10,000	40	23,934	35	39	318	3,177
New Hope.....	1					1	6				
New River.....	17					15	1,054	12	12	88	830
North River.....	35	9	300	2	4,500	30	12,034	24	24	221	2,272
North St. Clair.....	24					23	4,380	21	21	152	1,368
Pine Barren.....	20			3	5,500	18	7,366	15	16	118	884
Pleasant Grove.....	14	1	300			12	2,067	12	12	80	645
Randolph County.....	27	1	20	1	2,000	27	5,564	23	23	149	1,558
Russell County.....	17	2	700	3	5,500	17	9,462	15	15	102	893
Salem-Troy.....	27	2	5,700	2	7,000	24	11,647	15	16	165	1,651
Sardis.....	14	1	13			10	819	5	5	50	484
Seima.....	19	1	500	3	3,500	15	27,860	17	18	162	1,239
Shady Grove.....	22					18	2,220	15	15	95	815
Shelby.....	29	4	1,055	2	2,700	27	8,241	25	25	189	1,822
Sipsey.....	16					16	808	10	10	60	426
Sulphur Springs.....	15	1	15			13	1,166	7	7	43	409
Tallapoosa County.....	22	1	40	1	2,500	22	11,201	15	16	141	1,572
Tennessee River.....	33	1	450	1	2,000	32	6,714	30	31	209	2,003
Tuscaloosa County.....	37	3	1,450	4	17,500	34	18,764	31	33	338	3,423
Tuskegee.....	29	2	315	1	1,200	28	15,886	25	26	210	2,045
Union.....	38	3	1,300	2	2,300	36	11,304	31	33	225	2,196
Unity.....	31	3	716	3	3,300	30	10,899	29	29	240	2,240
Washington County.....	20	1	50			15	5,189	17	17	140	959
Zion.....	37	2	816	3	7,850	33	9,695	25	26	197	1,979

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Arkansas:											
Barry.....	1					1	\$61	1	1	4	35
Bartholomew.....	67	2	\$335	3	\$3,050	56	27,405	54	57	416	4,275
Benton County, No. 1.....	16					14	10,075	14	14	135	1,066
Benton County, No. 2.....	9										
Big Creek.....	14					7	396	6	6	35	236
Black River.....	14			1	800	12	8,102	10	10	93	836
Blue Mountain.....	13										
Buckner.....	42	3	276	1	1,000	32	10,864	32	34	244	2,389
Buckville.....	25					24	190				
Caddo River.....	15	3	372			10	2,676	6	6	37	328
Caddo Valley.....	8	1	40			1	350	1	1	5	70
Carey.....	16	2	460			15	6,301	11	11	81	691
Caroline.....	72	6	40,928	5	8,270	59	72,409	59	61	612	6,446
Carroll County.....	13	2	4,250			10	5,970	12	12	94	761
Clear Creek.....	28	2	3,250	2	1,700	19	5,384	18	18	123	1,020
Columbia.....	37			1	1,500	30	6,039	21	21	132	1,232
Concord.....	35	2	3,250	4	11,050	31	22,895	29	29	310	2,816
Crooked Creek.....	29	1	200	1	1,400	21	4,147	14	15	102	807
Current River.....	18			1	800	13	2,206	11	13	62	698
Dardenne.....	44	5	930	5	4,100	32	12,734	28	28	225	1,982
Enon.....	1					1	114				
Fayetteville.....	27					25	7,604	20	20	162	1,824
Fourche Valley.....	18	1	92			11	2,903	9	9	48	547
Friendship.....	34	1	2,500	3	6,850	31	22,071	22	24	183	2,164
Gainessville.....	37	3	644			36	11,666	16	16	111	1,194
Grand Prairie.....	35					25	12,217	17	17	98	975
Greenbrier.....	35	2	11,773	1	4,000	28	11,402	17	17	135	1,938
Hope.....	24	2	1,100	2	11,000	22	27,285	19	20	244	1,964
Howard.....	19	1	10			19	2,397	12	12	64	601
Independence.....	28					26	3,372	21	21	146	1,395
Jonesboro.....	21					18	1,881	17	17	106	910
Judson.....	37	1	100	1	800	23	3,816	19	19	73	951
Liberty.....	43	2	1,050	2	4,000	39	22,875	33	35	259	2,591
Little Red River.....	10	1	4,000	1	1,500	10	4,184	10	10	75	834
Little River.....	12	3	4,348	3	4,400	12	9,441	9	9	93	926
Madison County.....	11					10	279				
Mount Vernon.....	36	3	4,350	4	11,500	19	32,495	19	19	160	1,516
Mount Zion.....	62	7	32,066	6	9,400	53	50,523	44	46	377	4,041
Ouachita.....	18					16	3,248	16	16	70	1,066
Pee Dee.....	16					11	397	2	2	9	80
Pike County.....	17	2	250	1	1,000	15	2,816	10	10	69	575
Pine Bluff.....	43										
Red River.....	30			1	10,000	28	15,226	27	29	214	2,165
Rocky Bayou.....	30					24	1,408	6	6	30	271
Russellville.....	29	2	600	3	4,000	24	7,371	18	18	147	1,200
Saline.....	52	4	18,425	3	5,300	46	17,824	33	33	216	2,359
Southwestern.....	15										
Spring River.....	21					18	1,112	5	5	26	258
State Line.....	9					6	769	4	4	25	200
Stevens Creek.....	29					23	110				
Traco Ridge.....	8					4	263	4	4	24	282
Union, No. 1.....	30										
Union, No. 2.....	7					3	40				
United.....	26										
White River.....	24	1	165			21	2,742	11	11	66	542
District of Columbia:											
Columbia.....	5	2	22,000			5	33,489	5	6	146	2,866
Florida:											
Alachua.....	20	2	1,050	1	4,600	20	9,331	20	21	157	1,285
Bethel.....	25	2	49			23	2,659	22	22	127	1,076
Beulah.....	16	1	1,000	1	3,000	16	7,320	13	13	86	741
Black Creek.....	17	2	35			16	1,666	4	4	16	177
Caloosa.....	7	1	200	1	2,500	4	3,060	4	4	39	363
Central.....	11			1	1,500	11	1,629	8	8	50	415
Florida.....	38	2	8,660	4	10,900	35	15,886	27	27	215	1,846
Geneva.....	1					1	125	1	1	5	60
Graves.....	38	2	712			33	6,115	21	21	124	1,016
Harmony.....	16			1	475	15	2,530	11	11	91	791
Indian River.....	11	5	5,565	2	6,000	10	6,635	10	10	72	646
Jacksonville.....	33	6	13,964	3	17,189	33	31,453	22	25	306	3,024
Lafayette.....	20					19	866	5	5	25	207
Little River.....	4					4	520	4	4	24	190
Marion.....	32	2	4,250	2	5,300	31	15,932	28	28	228	1,957
Mercer.....	1					1	76	1	1	5	28
Miami.....	11	2	5,800	3	14,700	10	19,879	10	11	125	1,310
Middle Florida.....	30			2	4,500	29	9,213	16	16	113	1,053
New River.....	15					12	1,699	5	6	36	277
New Santa Rosa.....	23	1	400			21	2,196	17	17	99	1,017
Pasco.....	16	2	775	1	2,500	16	5,569	11	11	80	648
Peace River.....	43	6	4,191	4	11,000	40	22,479	26	27	222	2,094
Pensacola Bay.....	25			1	600	23	9,583	21	22	163	1,439
Rocky Creek.....	17	2	410			12	2,601	5	5	21	213
St. Johns River.....	18			2	4,250	18	14,245	14	14	90	875

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Florida—Continued.											
Santa Fe River.....	14	1	\$300	3	\$13,260	14	\$8,899	14	14	116	943
Sardis.....	1										
Seminole.....	22	4	4,683	6	21,000	22	30,725	20	20	208	1,999
South Florida.....	46	5	8,320	5	23,500	44	46,117	36	39	328	3,153
Southwestern.....	2					2	778	1	1	5	35
Suwanee.....	22	2	600	1	2,500	19	6,962	14	14	97	772
Tampa Bay.....	26	6	21,240	5	22,000	26	44,993	26	31	377	3,737
Wekiwa.....	20	5	23,481	2	7,500	20	19,757	16	17	161	1,844
West Florida.....	43	6	1,761	3	10,500	43	20,774	33	33	235	2,441
Zion.....	2							2	2	11	193
Georgia:											
Appalachee.....	32	1	140	1	2,000	30	21,086	27	27	239	2,620
Atlanta.....	49	15	87,900	4	31,500	49	169,137	49	52	1,097	13,292
Baptist Union.....	11	2	748			11	2,359	8	8	48	390
Bethel.....	47	4	862	2	4,500	47	30,660	36	38	313	2,683
Bethlehem.....	8					7	372	2	2	15	100
Bowen.....	36	4	2,140	1	2,500	34	13,816	30	30	214	1,915
Bullock County.....	20	1	149	2	4,500	20	9,739	18	18	129	1,267
Campbell.....	18	1	189			18	7,067	14	16	106	1,007
Carrollton.....	31	3	1,645	1	2,500	31	13,409	20	20	188	2,131
Catoosa.....	13	3	317			13	2,952	13	13	96	936
Centennial.....	22			1	3,000	22	9,644	12	12	109	1,172
Central.....	33			2	5,550	33	18,137	26	26	233	2,041
Central Western.....	11										
Chattahoochee.....	39	2	500	1	5,000	39	13,791	35	35	319	4,212
Chattooga.....	21	1	80	1	2,000	21	5,907	20	20	139	1,431
Chestatee.....	13					4	230	1	1	6	20
Clarkeville.....	13					13	2,549	11	12	83	617
Colquit County.....	30	2	3,535	1	2,500	28	23,400	20	23	172	2,099
Columbus.....	31	4	1,315	2	3,500	31	32,087	27	27	230	2,193
Concord.....	22	1	500			21	5,319	19	19	130	1,698
Consolation.....	28					28	6,994	27	31	210	2,102
Coosa.....	22			1	1,500	22	8,727	19	19	208	2,063
Coosawattie.....	7	1	25			6	1,252	7	7	35	326
Daniell.....	34	2	112	1	3,000	33	12,372	26	26	192	1,831
Dodge County.....	31	1	115	1	2,000	30	7,752	25	25	168	1,719
Ebenezer.....	27										
Ellijay.....	16										
Emanuel.....	20	2	200	1	1,600	19	6,807	11	11	70	661
Enon.....	16	1	100			14	1,067	12	12	70	612
Fairburn.....	27	1	50			27	6,755	23	23	199	1,888
Flint River.....	44	4	1,600	5	12,950	44	42,824	35	35	307	2,778
Floyd County.....	33	1	400			33	20,258	32	34	297	3,257
Friendship.....	44	2	7,300	5	16,500	41	24,552	31	33	292	2,958
Georgia.....	49	1	800	6	17,000	49	32,156	43	45	383	3,720
Gilmer-Fannin.....	6					5	198	5	5	22	210
Good Samaritan.....	12					11	1,287	6	6	37	378
Gordon County.....	25	4	262	1	4,000	24	4,932	23	23	163	1,636
Haralson County.....	12	2	140	1	1,000	12	4,960	7	7	56	616
Hebron.....	43	3	600			42	21,791	40	41	380	3,733
Hebzbah.....	45	2	1,000	7	29,225	43	54,557	34	38	373	3,986
Hiwassee.....	11					10	1,097	10	10	68	683
Hightower.....	57	3	626			54	8,266	33	35	234	2,606
Houston.....	27			3	14,000	27	26,120	21	21	186	2,071
Jasper.....	38					19	957	2	2	12	212
Kilpatrick.....	27			1	1,500	27	10,689	23	23	196	1,695
Kimbell.....	20	1	10,000	1	3,500	20	11,576	17	17	117	1,381
Laurens County.....	40					39	17,080	30	31	231	2,697
Lawrenceville.....	33	5	1,985			32	14,102	26	26	353	2,808
Liberty.....	24	2	125			24	4,196	19	20	156	1,694
Little River.....	41	4	12,275	5	6,900	41	27,173	35	36	298	3,170
Lookout Valley.....	6					6	271	6	6	37	288
Mallary.....	22	1	25	1	1,600	22	11,629	18	19	155	1,521
Mell.....	30	1	500	1	10,000	29	34,847	20	20	146	1,426
Mercer.....	22	1	25	2	9,000	22	23,289	16	18	149	1,505
Middle.....	37	2	1,700	2	4,000	37	21,010	31	32	202	1,830
Middle Cherokee.....	25	2	112	1	3,000	24	12,031	19	19	159	1,493
Miller.....	8					6	1,003	1	1	5	25
Morganton.....	20	2	764	1	1,250	19	2,890	18	18	108	1,172
Mountain.....	14					9	138	4	4	16	112
Mountaintown.....	14	1	1,500			9	3,365	8	8	48	478
Mount Vernon.....	23			1	2,000	23	8,588	21	21	156	1,722
Mulberry.....	22	1	12			22	3,181	22	22	171	1,497
New Hope.....	30					14	847	1	1	8	45
New Sunbury.....	24	2	4,510	1	15,000	23	30,424	20	21	243	2,447
New Union.....	10					9	881	6	6	46	359
Noonday.....	30	3	2,248	3	12,200	29	20,592	25	26	243	3,650
North Georgia.....	40			1	5,000	34	7,303	30	32	247	2,578
Notla River.....	21					21	1,728	18	18	98	971
Piedmont.....	46	6	4,585	4	13,500	44	24,170	41	41	297	3,023
Pine Mountain.....	26			2	3,300	26	7,547	20	20	132	1,127

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<b>Georgia—Continued.</b>											
Pleasant Grove.....	15					11	\$664	7	7	87	373
Pleasant Valley.....	13										
Polk County.....	19	1	\$10	1	\$2,500	18	6,577	13	13	100	1,503
Pulaski County.....	22	2	6,600	3	9,500	22	13,480	19	20	150	1,717
Rabun County.....	15	1	100			13	2,272	13	13	90	925
Randolph County.....	1					1	20				
Rehoboth.....	37	5	20,875	7	23,000	37	99,525	33	40	495	5,009
Roswell.....	15					15	1,335	11	11	78	732
Salem.....	12					7	209	8	9	42	405
Sarepta.....	60	5	6,944	2	9,000	60	45,946	57	60	583	6,096
Smyrna.....	30			1	2,500	30	8,913	20	21	130	1,509
South River.....	17					13	1,363	11	11	85	618
Southwestern.....	9	1	20			9	676	2	2	14	157
Stone Mountain.....	21			3	15,500	21	12,632	17	17	156	1,580
Summerhill.....	18	1	5,500	2	4,000	18	7,167	16	16	114	893
Suwanee.....	1					1	50				
Tallapoosa.....	17	3	110			17	4,738	16	17	126	1,460
Tattnall.....	17	1	34	1	1,500	17	6,615	10	10	80	832
Taylor.....	15	2	280			14	3,656	10	10	67	712
Telfair.....	21	1	100	2	4,450	18	5,027	18	19	105	949
Tucker.....	23	1	41	3	9,500	28	10,111	24	24	164	1,896
Tugalo.....	38	2	150			38	12,038	33	36	295	3,305
Turner.....	20					19	3,569	9	9	62	681
Valdosta.....	30			1	2,500	29	17,455	16	16	133	1,394
Washington.....	33	1	40	4	15,500	32	33,733	30	34	272	2,868
Western.....	54	3	178	6	17,750	54	41,771	42	42	345	3,611
Unassociated.....	1					1	135	1	1	7	45
<b>Illinois:</b>											
Alton.....	40	14	27,513	11	34,100	39	59,203	39	49	622	6,965
Antioch.....	12		500			11	4,253	10	10	64	482
Apple Creek.....	11					10	2,850	9	9	74	488
Bay Creek.....	8	1	600			4	1,778	4	4	27	194
Big Saline.....	21					10	1,187	8	9	48	444
Central Illinois.....	16	2	1,800			15	8,800	13	13	115	1,160
Clear Creek.....	44	6	5,476	3	4,500	42	17,018	41	41	367	3,362
Fairfield.....	37	1	100	2	4,000	33	12,099	27	28	211	2,078
Franklin.....	35	4	5,125	2	5,000	33	18,741	32	32	284	3,351
Kaskaskia.....	28	2	1,100	1	600	26	8,281	25	25	198	1,478
Louisville.....	18	2	1,450	2	3,000	17	5,747	17	17	143	1,065
Macoupin.....	26	3	3,075	3	6,600	26	13,849	25	25	218	1,972
Mattoon.....	10	2	400			8	2,260	6	6	45	219
Mount Erie.....	26	1	1,100			24	6,412	23	24	210	1,517
Nine Mile.....	34	3	5,100	6	16,300	31	25,621	28	29	271	2,884
Olney.....	14			3	10,100	12	3,996	12	12	105	772
Palestine.....	23	1	1,200	1	1,500	20	8,865	18	18	198	1,275
Rehoboth.....	33	4	1,397			33	8,869	32	32	243	1,706
Salem, South.....	28	2	450			28	7,492	26	26	207	1,587
Saline County.....	24	4	19,800	4	7,500	19	62,841	19	19	211	3,606
Sandy Creek.....	37	7	3,500	1	800	35	8,642	34	34	277	1,908
Shelby.....	8					7	1,497	6	6	67	345
Union.....	32	2	1,600			25	8,335	21	21	161	1,451
Westfield.....	12			2	2,700	10	6,423	11	11	124	839
Williamson.....	34	3	30,000	2	3,000	32	19,245	27	27	260	2,847
<b>Kentucky:</b>											
Allen.....	23	1	1,200	1	600	22	9,968	16	17	109	1,228
Baptist.....	15	1	5,750	1	4,500	15	16,903	14	14	126	1,138
Barren River.....	50					49	4,852	21	21	119	1,312
Bell County.....	38	2	450	1	8,000	27	15,431	31	32	198	2,067
Bethel.....	42	2	10,400	12	37,200	42	49,857	42	42	407	3,938
Blood River.....	40	1	75			37	21,816	31	31	293	3,341
Boones Creek.....	18	1	7,000	1	10,000	17	44,472	12	13	130	1,485
Booneville.....	22					1	50	1	1	6	100
Blackford.....	25					24	4,018	22	22	139	1,252
Bracken.....	31	1	450	4	9,500	27	41,394	27	33	256	2,187
Breckinridge.....	16			1	1,500	16	6,205	15	15	143	1,155
Campbell County.....	18	3	8,772	1	2,500	18	21,761	18	18	245	2,759
Central.....	13			3	9,000	13	10,490	13	13	137	1,665
Clover Bottom.....	6					1	40	1	1	5	33
Concord.....	23	1	100	3	11,000	23	14,941	18	18	178	1,674
Crittenden.....	18					17	7,813	16	16	136	1,125
Daviess County.....	45	3	11,300	4	12,900	45	47,287	40	41	470	4,452
East Lynn.....	12					12	3,124	11	11	64	629
East Union.....	20			1	450	18	2,769	14	14	100	927
Edmonson.....	14					14	1,577	12	12	69	763
Elkhorn.....	32	6	26,850	6	22,500	32	90,695	32	34	499	6,034
Enterprise.....	23	4	4,247			19	6,709	20	20	144	1,359
Franklin.....	14			1	10,000	14	12,465	14	16	156	1,989
Freedom.....	11	1	220			10	1,724	10	10	55	598
Gaspar River.....	21			1	1,000	20	4,919	21	22	146	1,385
Goose Creek.....	11										
Goshen.....	17					15	5,288	11	11	91	968
Graves County.....	32	2	2,318	1	5,000	31	18,390	22	22	219	3,160
Green River.....	11										
Greenup.....	33	1	500	2	4,000	32	13,200	29	31	268	2,315

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Kentucky—Continued.											
Greenville	12					4	\$77				
Henry County	11			1	\$2,000	11	9,991	10	10	86	1,005
Irvine	20										
Landmark	11	1	\$100			6	488	5	6	36	276
Laurel River	36					26	2,567	21	21	130	1,308
Liberty	41					39	19,573	24	24	214	1,628
Little Bethel	35	1	700	1	2,000	34	19,390	30	30	249	2,118
Little River	49					47	20,988	37	37	249	2,736
Logan County	21			1	1,600	21	11,370	18	18	125	1,055
Long Run	49	6	25,232	3	13,500	49	170,172	48	54	964	11,249
Lynn	31					31	6,169	22	23	168	1,791
Lynn Camp	19	2	158			19	1,456	15	16	95	869
Mount Zion	30	1	170	1	1,200	27	21,734	24	24	213	1,884
Muhlenberg	38	2	539	1	1,500	38	12,424	37	37	231	3,160
Nelson	21	1	1,500	2	6,000	21	13,449	19	20	194	2,063
New Lebanon	1										
North Bend	23	4	15,000	4	10,000	23	33,973	22	27	367	3,408
North Concord	25	1	700			23	5,523	15	15	95	1,141
Ohio County	39			2	2,700	38	12,143	35	37	304	3,299
Ohio River	39			1	600	39	20,348	35	35	251	2,422
Ohio Valley	33	5	15,875	1	750	36	40,644	33	33	322	3,754
Oneida	8			1	500	7	360	5	5	32	525
Owen County	10					10	2,766	9	9	66	778
Pulaski County	35	3	3,800	2	6,300	34	16,134	33	34	334	3,670
Rockcastle	25	4	1,040			24	4,483	23	24	164	1,952
Russell County	24	1	200			21	1,790	16	16	98	880
Russels Creek	41			1	2,000	36	31,649	29	30	231	2,218
Salem	24			1	1,000	23	12,115	21	22	127	1,617
Severns Valley	21					20	14,925	16	18	168	1,707
Shelby	23	1	6,000	2	7,500	23	20,466	22	22	218	2,097
Simpson	13			1	4,000	13	10,486	13	13	118	1,050
South Concord	16					12	606	11	12	72	944
South District	29	2	400	4	15,000	28	40,373	29	30	288	3,273
South Kentucky	22	2	146			19	8,311	20	20	151	1,599
South Union	19					13	490	10	10	59	680
Sulphur Fork	20			1	4,000	19	10,345	19	19	150	1,425
Tates Creek	25	1	3,000			25	14,700	24	24	205	2,064
Ten Mile	15					15	6,196	13	13	103	786
Three Forks	12	1	2,500			5	6,682				
Union	21	2	4,200	2	3,200	19	27,216	14	14	146	1,142
Upper Cumberland	14	1	200			13	4,482	8	8	64	945
Warren	24	1	100	2	7,500	24	18,294	23	25	202	2,605
Wayne County	21	2	510	1	2,000	19	4,441	18	18	133	1,276
West Kentucky	33	4	1,195	3	6,000	38	19,822	31	31	256	2,659
West Union	36	2	2,919			29	34,785	31	31	292	3,256
Whites Run	12					12	9,617	12	12	108	1,018
Stewart County	2					2	160	2	2	11	88
Stockton Valley	6					3	370	3	3	17	160
Louisiana:											
Amite River	17					14	1,977	11	12	75	559
Bartholomew	2					2	1,536	1	1	6	40
Bayou Macon	19	3	9,000	3	11,900	18	17,192	15	15	127	1,307
Bethlehem	37	2	310	2	2,500	32	11,567	17	17	111	967
Big Creek	27					25	10,318	22	28	164	1,848
Caddo	18	6	18,200	3	13,500	16	34,727	14	14	196	1,930
Carey	27	3	1,275	5	5,400	22	18,521	21	23	186	1,945
Central	26	2	137	1	3,000	20	5,795	18	18	91	1,014
Columbia	5	1	15			4	104	1	1	5	45
Concord	26	1	2,000	3	2,950	24	12,559	24	25	159	1,621
Deer Creek	14	3	4,105	3	3,000	13	12,041	12	12	90	880
Eastern Louisiana	28	1	75			27	5,452	23	23	163	1,440
Everett	26	1	50			23	2,456	17	18	87	780
German	1					1		1	1	3	32
Grand Cane	23	1	400	3	6,800	22	25,700	21	21	188	1,601
Judson	8			3	5,100	8	11,831	8	11	84	919
Liberty	21	1	2,600	2	7,000	17	15,313	11	11	87	1,004
Louisiana	20	1	150	5	11,050	20	19,730	13	13	88	946
Magee	4					4	744	4	5	24	234
Mount Olive	25	3	5,900	3	4,800	22	12,171	11	11	93	1,140
Natchitoches	12	2	90			9	4,137	9	9	70	656
North Louisiana	14	2	1,100	1	600	12	5,559	8	8	56	433
North Sabine	25	2	340			24	5,975	19	19	132	1,169
Orleans-St. Tammany	15					14	18,288	15	20	228	1,499
Ouachita	24					21	3,058	21	26	157	1,419
Palestine	8					3	140				
Red River	18	1	26			14	6,478	14	14	91	839
Sabine	26					23	3,448	19	20	107	896
Shady Grove	14					11	605	7	9	35	425
State Line	4					3	516	4	4	20	168
Tangipahoa	10	2	400	3	5,500	10	8,552	9	9	109	1,115
Vernon	24					1	205	1	1	7	75
Washington	21	3	750	1	500	21	13,652	21	22	158	2,010
West Pearl River	12					3	311	3	3	14	187
Unassociated	7	1	1,375	1	500	6	6,975	6	8	66	813

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Maryland:											
Columbia.....	1	1	\$500			1	\$2,368	1	1	28	195
Union.....	84	27	97,929	23	\$60,450	81	232,335	80	89	1,396	13,552
Mississippi:											
Aberdeen.....	34	3	3,650	3	8,000	29	33,152	25	25	195	2,001
Bay Springs.....	27	1	25	2	3,200	26	5,931	17	18	130	1,233
Bethel.....	8					1	50	1	1	5	75
Bogue Chitto.....	21			1	1,500	21	22,239	17	17	167	2,485
Calhoun.....	43			1	500	32	3,527	21	21	145	1,418
Carey.....	12			4	5,750	12	6,662	10	11	82	721
Central.....	40	2	1,400	11	35,700	37	43,533	32	32	278	3,082
Chester.....	36			2	3,200	32	5,418	26	26	153	1,509
Chickasaw.....	32	1	25	3	4,530	30	9,545	21	23	156	1,462
Chickasaw.....	42			1	3,000	42	13,279	24	25	153	2,060
Choctaw.....	17					7	1,624	6	6	31	404
Coldwater.....	45	2	740	7	13,000	45	30,024	34	34	234	2,201
Columbus.....	25			7	16,600	22	38,471	16	17	150	1,773
Copiah.....	25	2	275	5	9,850	25	20,545	20	20	153	1,872
Dear Creek.....	38	6	21,950	11	36,850	32	58,543	30	30	232	2,405
Gulf Coast.....	32	1	6,800	4	8,500	31	19,179	26	27	237	2,281
Harmony.....	31	1	800			25	6,061	16	16	80	779
Harmony-Tennessee.....	3										
Hobolochitto.....	28			3	3,500	24	8,351	15	16	101	1,121
Hopewell.....	21			1	2,000	21	6,651	11	11	79	817
Jefferson Davis County.....	13					13	6,267	5	5	30	416
Jones County.....	29			2	4,000	29	12,151	15	15	120	1,529
Judson.....	14					13	1,980	6	6	28	190
Kosciusko.....	29			1	2,500	28	7,472	16	16	89	970
Lauderdale.....	29	3	8,663	4	14,600	29	33,730	23	24	248	3,319
Lawrence County.....	20			1	2,500	20	7,470	14	14	82	999
Leaf River.....	18	3	260			18	5,756	14	14	87	704
Lebanon.....	23	3	14,537	5	10,500	23	37,428	19	20	216	2,419
Liberty.....	18					16	1,089	9	9	47	350
Lincoln County.....	38	3	7,125	1	5,000	37	20,009	35	41	309	3,151
Louisville.....	32	3	2,115	3	5,600	28	21,292	24	25	147	1,857
Macedonia.....	3					2	494	2	4	31	239
Magee Creek.....	2					2	603	2	2	8	95
Mississippi.....	28	1	4,000	4	6,000	27	16,582	24	24	192	1,760
Monroe.....	12	5	1,102	1	3,000	10	3,784	12	13	88	747
Montgomery.....	6	1	25			6	1,745	5	5	35	317
Mount Pisgah.....	40	2	450			30	6,145	15	15	84	809
New Choctaw.....	7					7	96				
New Liberty.....	47	2	158	1	1,500	36	3,931	35	36	178	1,932
Oktibbeha.....	26	1	300			23	3,425	9	9	50	637
Oxford.....	24			2	9,000	24	19,978	14	15	126	1,401
Pearl Leaf.....	21			1	1,000	21	9,143	18	18	151	1,608
Pearl River.....	19			1	5,000	18	10,174	14	15	105	1,074
Pearl Valley.....	13										
Rankin County.....	28	1	1,000	1	1,000	23	8,394	24	26	147	1,338
Red Creek.....	27										
State Line.....	4					3	398	2	2	8	88
Strong River.....	30	2	519			29	9,305	21	21	130	1,661
Sunflower.....	23	3	5,725	4	13,500	23	44,720	18	18	152	1,257
Tallahala.....	8										
Tippah.....	32	1	1,500	3	2,950	29	15,540	13	13	131	1,401
Tishomingo.....	47	4	15,235	2	6,200	42	19,361	24	25	170	1,519
Trinity.....	23	1	100			20	1,622	15	15	79	800
Union.....	17					6	2,041	5	6	37	228
Walthall.....	12	1	1,800			12	14,482	8	8	62	866
West Judson.....	29	2	337	1	2,000	27	13,215	14	14	88	1,004
Yalobusha.....	28	1	50	3	6,050	24	13,585	19	19	115	940
Yazoo.....	34	1	175	3	6,000	34	13,391	22	22	144	1,181
Zion.....	24			1	2,000	24	7,079	16	16	139	1,168
Unassociated.....	1					1	150	1	1	7	110
Missouri:											
Audrain.....	19			2	7,500	16	14,784	16	16	165	1,491
Barry County.....	33					32	11,526	19	19	123	1,268
Barton County.....	9					9	7,330	9	9	97	769
Bear Creek.....	21			1	800	20	7,797	15	15	97	731
Benton County.....	15					13	4,803	13	13	101	914
Bethel.....	26	1	7,000	3	8,500	25	33,580	24	24	288	2,786
Big Creek.....	2					2	185	2	2	18	105
Black River.....	21	2	1,075	2	2,700	20	8,547	16	16	136	1,475
Blue River.....	60	10	22,325	3	24,000	60	174,590	60	62	1,070	11,602
Bourbois.....	11										
Butler.....	29					29	41,908	28	28	286	1,956
Caldwell-Ray.....	23	1	600	2	5,000	19	14,931	19	19	247	2,102
Camden County.....	21					5	258	4	4	19	181
Cane Creek.....	30	1	700	3	6,500	28	8,449	25	25	194	1,883
Cape Girardeau.....	17	3	600	2	3,500	16	9,370	17	18	152	1,403
Carroll County.....	1					1	300	1	1	9	80
Cedar County.....	14	1	650			13	1,551	8	8	53	358
Charleston.....	20	1	3,500	1	9,000	20	41,902	20	20	185	2,031
Christian County.....	32	1	25			30	5,217	21	22	171	1,302
Concord.....	39	1	25	1	2,000	39	27,283	38	36	365	3,989



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Missouri—Continued.											
County Line.....	14					14	\$1,000	7	7	48	375
Cuivre.....	20	1	\$2,700			19	8,291	17	18	130	1,123
Current River.....	1					1	210	1	1	5	30
Dade County.....	14					12	3,188	13	13	114	827
Dallas County.....	12					2	309	2	2	12	141
Davess County.....	22	1	220	1	\$2,400	20	14,415	19	19	190	1,387
Dixon.....	19	1	48	1	2,000	17	5,151	16	16	118	1,111
Dry Fork.....	19	1	5,000	1	2,000	10	4,147	5	5	62	571
East Grand River.....	1					1	263	1	1	10	53
Eleven Points River.....	12					12	2,843	9	9	75	727
Franklin.....	28	4	1,411	3	3,200	25	16,706	21	21	220	2,474
Franklin County.....	21					18	1,978	14	14	98	629
Gentry.....	20					18	12,348	17	17	159	1,242
Green County.....	43	5	11,512	2	7,500	43	50,244	43	44	504	5,204
Harmony.....	21			1	3,500	20	16,844	20	22	247	2,586
Howell County.....	18			2	4,200	18	5,624	11	11	95	953
Jefferson County.....	20					20	3,052	12	12	80	596
Johnson County.....	24					22	19,170	18	18	191	1,835
Laclede County.....	18	2	1,530			16	4,853	15	15	119	980
Lafayette County.....	15	1	200	4	6,600	15	15,582	15	15	152	1,322
Lamine.....	23	1	1,000	1	2,000	20	13,831	21	21	208	1,874
Lawrence County.....	34			1	1,500	29	16,018	23	23	333	2,207
Linn County.....	21	2	4,070	4	6,300	20	21,788	19	19	208	2,073
Little Bonne-Femme.....	41	2	3,150	1	1,500	41	37,074	38	38	341	3,078
Livingston.....	16					15	9,663	15	15	162	1,380
Macon.....	31					26	17,449	13	13	154	1,435
Meramec.....	13					10	2,561	9	9	66	476
Miller.....	24					22	8,049	18	18	140	1,442
Missouri Valley.....	26			2	3,500	26	15,050	22	22	252	2,141
Monroe.....	15	1	150	1	2,000	15	17,499	11	11	71	512
Mount Moriah.....	10					9	3,735	8	8	63	760
Mount Pleasant.....	37	1	650	3	8,000	33	24,729	28	28	290	2,563
Mount Salem.....	15					10	2,250	10	10	64	430
Mount Zion.....	27	1	800	1	3,000	23	14,175	21	21	164	1,463
Mount Zion (Ark.).....	1					1	688	1	1	7	100
Nevada.....	22	2	1,625			22	10,510	22	23	239	1,604
New Madrid.....	18	1	75			15	7,116	15	15	124	1,589
North Central.....	17			1	1,800	15	4,702	15	15	119	968
North Grand River.....	32	2	1,136			25	12,901	22	22	202	1,448
North Liberty.....	38	2	2,450	2	7,000	34	25,553	31	31	343	2,582
North Missouri.....	12					7	2,825	10	10	78	631
Northwest Missouri.....	24	3	2,497	6	7,450	20	17,252	19	19	186	1,636
Old Path.....	21					21	2,440	17	17	109	849
Phelps County.....	13					7	632	3	3	25	272
Pleasant Grove.....	22	1	700			21	11,120	21	21	169	1,421
Polk County.....	34			1	1,000	33	12,944	33	33	257	2,280
Pulaski County.....	24					22	4,579	23	23	167	1,357
Reynolds County.....	22	3	2,475			20	10,247	14	14	98	802
St. Clair.....	21	1	600	1	900	20	6,038	18	18	154	1,182
St. Francis.....	23			1	3,000	22	5,901	16	16	132	1,355
St. Joseph.....	39	2	1,700	2	5,000	37	60,283	37	38	513	4,606
St. Louis.....	36	8	18,225	5	10,800	35	148,552	35	40	671	8,319
Saline.....	25			2	6,300	23	20,820	23	23	219	2,295
Salt River.....	26	1	150			26	17,978	24	24	220	2,076
Shannon County.....	16					14	2,106	7	7	44	296
Shoal Creek.....	35	3	582			30	15,620	29	31	292	2,764
Spring River.....	31	2	8,125	3	4,350	29	30,479	28	28	349	3,937
Stoddard County.....	22	2	467	3	6,000	21	6,493	18	18	150	1,375
Taney County.....	7					5	77	1	1	6	36
Tebow.....	24			2	5,438	23	15,869	22	22	213	2,147
Texas County.....	32			2	1,800	28	4,808	20	21	150	1,126
Washington County.....	19					14	1,152	4	4	23	256
Wayne County.....	24	1	400			23	3,679	18	18	128	1,165
Webster.....	26	3	1,442			26	6,015	22	22	182	1,314
West Fork.....	12					8	4,265	8	8	81	522
Wright County.....	24	1	300			24	4,455	20	20	149	1,203
Wyconda.....	29	1	600			29	20,475	28	28	293	2,267
New Mexico:											
Central.....	15	3	2,100			12	10,336	12	13	129	1,095
Lincoln.....	12	4	1,500	2	1,000	12	4,725	10	11	61	542
Northeastern.....	33	6	3,138	1	2,000	27	12,382	18	18	148	1,199
Pecos Valley.....	9	3	8,500	1	1,500	9	12,640	7	7	92	862
Portales.....	40	3	500	2	5,500	34	14,933	29	31	268	1,999
Southeastern.....	16					14	2,996	7	7	48	386
Southwestern.....	10	4	1,018			8	7,242	7	7	59	502
North Carolina:											
Alexander.....	30	1	252			29	2,817	24	25	148	1,714
Alleghany.....	8			1	2,500	7	642	6	6	30	306
Anson.....	15			1	1,000	15	3,438	15	15	96	946
Ashe.....	34	1	30			33	4,761	27	29	162	1,628
Avery.....	19	2	2,085			19	2,277	17	17	127	1,413
Beulah.....	22	2	135	5	4,400	21	10,187	20	24	173	1,479
Bladen.....	22					22	6,449	21	21	138	1,379
Briar Creek.....	29	2	712			28	1,876	23	23	124	2,057
Brunswick.....	26			1	2,000	26	3,994	25	26	194	1,496
Brushy Mountain.....	24			1	1,000	23	6,098	20	20	127	1,748



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North Carolina—Continued.											
Buncombe.....	36	2	\$3,564	7	\$19,850	36	\$44,501	34	37	327	4,574
Caldwell.....	42	4	1,300			42	12,034	40	41	272	3,223
Cape Fear-Columbus.....	37	8	1,839	2	2,500	37	15,977	37	40	318	3,269
Carolina.....	40	3	4,200			37	15,345	39	39	308	3,175
Caroline.....	2					1	73	2	2	15	138
Catawba River.....	22	2	318	1	5,000	22	10,827	20	21	137	1,929
Central.....	31	3	31,200	2	11,000	30	37,170	30	38	389	5,224
Chowan.....	55	4	7,000	12	24,600	55	67,869	53	62	725	7,849
Cumberland.....	29	2	5,080	1	5,500	29	12,383	28	30	251	2,804
Eastern.....	42	1	150	4	8,500	40	21,331	40	47	344	3,626
East Tennessee.....	1							1	1	11	200
Elkins.....	11	1	66			11	634	11	12	65	857
Flat River.....	36	1	800	1	5,500	35	22,173	36	37	297	3,620
French Broad.....	29	2	810	1	2,000	28	10,855	25	26	197	2,168
Green River.....	46	4	3,808	3	5,200	45	11,937	44	45	329	3,296
Haywood.....	24	1	3,000	3	6,600	17	10,333	23	24	197	2,205
Hiwassee.....	3					3	155	3	3	13	200
Johnston.....	44	7	1,175	7	12,600	44	27,467	39	39	295	4,142
Kings Mountain.....	41	1	1,000	1	1,000	41	18,404	39	42	324	4,934
Liberty.....	25	5	12,530	3	4,900	25	13,603	25	28	276	3,190
Liberty Ducktown.....	29					22	1,792	24	24	130	1,377
Little River.....	27	6	15,100	2	1,300	24	17,589	23	24	186	2,712
Macon County.....	28	1	400	1	1,000	28	6,667	27	30	187	2,138
Mecklenburg-Cabarrus.....	28	8	24,525	9	35,500	28	54,447	27	29	298	5,339
Montgomery.....	22	2	505	1	1,000	22	7,865	21	21	129	1,272
Mount Zion.....	50	4	3,175	7	28,000	50	73,782	48	49	499	7,817
Neuse-Atlantic.....	62	6	7,469	7	17,100	60	54,682	50	51	404	4,761
New Found.....	20	1	40			20	1,762	19	19	119	1,069
North Spartanburg.....	1					1	255	1	1	9	90
Pee Dee.....	23	3	4,750	7	18,225	21	35,383	20	22	185	2,152
Piedmont.....	37	13	11,675	4	15,500	34	44,224	33	33	360	5,037
Pilot Mountain.....	59	7	13,725	3	10,500	56	49,007	55	61	507	7,148
Raleigh.....	33	3	12,420			32	37,127	32	34	397	5,774
Roan Mountain.....	23					22	4,413	23	27	196	2,309
Roanoke.....	63	13	49,415	8	35,200	61	110,512	56	62	520	6,572
Roanoke (Va.).....	1					1	125	1	1	8	75
Robeson.....	51	6	18,750	4	18,500	51	40,250	49	51	463	6,177
Sandy Creek.....	51	4	3,900	3	11,500	49	25,431	45	45	348	3,791
Sandy Run.....	38	4	9,889			37	21,205	36	36	358	4,966
South Fork.....	57	9	6,182	10	29,200	56	37,603	54	54	461	6,938
South Mountain.....	18	1	156			16	2,362	18	19	115	1,238
South River.....	29	5	904			28	12,922	27	31	191	2,539
South Yadkin.....	42	4	3,200	6	19,000	41	30,294	40	41	360	4,932
Stanly.....	30	4	6,380	4	6,000	27	17,238	28	28	226	3,064
Stone Mountain.....	29					21	687	22	22	117	1,332
Stoney Fork.....	12	1	25			12	1,344	9	9	49	543
Surry.....	33	4	1,781			31	4,526	31	31	195	2,341
Tar River.....	58	5	2,855	2	9,350	55	32,501	57	61	482	5,491
Tennessee River.....	43	3	117			40	7,345	37	44	263	3,076
Three Forks.....	36	1	1,500	1	2,000	34	10,896	36	37	237	2,710
Transylvania.....	24	1	14			22	5,258	22	23	163	1,729
Tuckasegee.....	26	1	22			25	3,858	22	28	163	1,739
Twelve Mile River.....	4					4	125	4	4	23	145
Union.....	39	3	4,700	1	4,000	38	17,673	38	40	311	3,533
Waccamaw.....	2					2	83	1	1	7	30
West Buncombe.....	8					8	1,153	8	8	49	506
West Chowan.....	58	3	820	7	16,500	58	66,352	57	70	681	7,888
Western.....	26	1	100	2	5,600	24	7,102	24	29	168	1,910
Wilmington.....	34	3	6,880	4	12,500	30	27,309	34	38	375	4,217
Yadkin.....	26	1	18			26	5,964	26	26	198	2,649
Yancey County.....	32			1	3,000	29	6,429	28	28	186	1,964
Ohio:											
Bracken.....	1					1	500	1	1	10	28
Oklahoma:											
Atoka.....	24	2	2,618	1	1,000	7	4,470	6	6	46	547
Banner.....	31	5	2,050	4	5,150	20	8,658	15	15	124	1,333
Baron Fork.....	11			1	2,500	6	2,243	4	5	34	350
Beaver County.....	8					7	4,470	8	8	68	516
Beckham.....	20	1	150	1	400	16	26,854	14	14	113	1,178
Bryan County.....	28	3	1,550	1	2,500	24	9,967	17	17	143	1,408
Caddo County.....	28	4	3,711	2	3,000	26	18,994	22	22	168	2,091
Central.....	28	7	44,990	7	13,200	23	97,077	20	23	369	4,629
Cherokee.....	25										
Chickasaw.....	15			1	1,000	13	5,224	10	10	74	721
Choctaw.....	25			2	2,200	24	17,792	22	22	206	1,898
Comanche.....	33	1	300			17	19,580	16	16	174	1,917
Concord.....	23	3	8,700	8	15,100	29	60,493	28	30	354	4,813
Delaware.....	41	1	2,000	2	2,000	30	19,719	22	22	185	2,164
Enon.....	31					25	14,525	22	22	193	1,901
Frisco.....	12	2	20,165	2	3,500	8	9,877	6	6	61	712
Greer County.....	19	2	6,280	2	1,250	13	5,330	12	12	93	899
Harmon County.....	7			1	650	7	6,841	4	5	31	302
Harper County.....	7					14	5,551	10	10	72	771

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<b>Oklahoma—Continued.</b>											
Indian Mission.....	80	2	\$110	2	\$2,050	80	\$21,532	18	18	169	1,834
Jackson.....	23	3	1,050	3	5,000	21	15,608	15	15	114	1,183
Jefferson.....	18	1	285	1	1,000	12	7,261	5	5	61	590
Kiowa.....	12	2	5,100	1	1,000	7	8,247	23	24	168	1,712
Leflore-Latimer.....	38	5	884	3	3,100	30	14,523	7	7	66	649
Lincoln County.....	23	1	9,000	1	2,000	14	12,529	9	9	61	698
Little River.....	16	1	20	2	2,500	13	7,004	7	8	56	677
McClain.....	11	1	135	1	600	10	4,797	7	7	41	385
McIntosh.....	15	1	1,100	1	1,500	11	4,310	4	4	37	475
Mayes.....	13	1	108	1	500	8	2,598	8	8	54	493
Mills County.....	16	1	108	1	500	8	2,598	21	21	227	1,804
Mullens.....	35	2	3,200	3	5,500	32	15,328	22	23	295	3,538
Muskogee.....	25	6	22,250	8	14,850	24	52,873	1	1	3	26
Muskogee-Wichita.....	19					15	3,436	24	24	212	2,115
North Canadian.....	33			4	6,500	27	15,624	19	22	217	1,904
Northeastern.....	24			5	10,300	21	13,794	6	6	27	358
Oklahoma-Indian.....	17			13	15,850	16	5,558	8	8	67	573
Pawnee.....	12	2	350	7	2,821	7	2,821	21	22	241	2,077
Perry.....	24			3	4,450	21	18,436	11	11	96	981
Philadelphia.....	16			2	1,500	15	7,639	19	21	213	1,925
Pittsburg.....	23	3	20,400	6	7,400	23	18,940	11	11	105	1,245
Pontotoc.....	22	3	6,500	2	4,900	20	8,538	20	20	189	1,894
Pottawatomie.....	30	3	21,700	1	900	25	15,575	19	20	231	1,920
Salt Fork Valley.....	19	1	200	5	6,000	19	25,557	9	9	62	692
Sequoyah-Adair.....	11	2	3,300	1	1,000	7	3,249	4	4	16	143
Southwestern.....	5					4	1,483	10	10	81	859
Texas-Cimmaron.....	17	3	994	5	5,850	16	10,833	21	21	177	1,730
Tillman.....	25	2	1,800	2	5,000	25	18,789	18	18	181	1,410
Woodward.....	29	5	15,430	8	7,550	25	16,260	27	27	323	3,213
<b>South Carolina:</b>											
Abbeville.....	29	1	6,000	5	16,000	28	35,206	22	22	178	2,010
Aiken.....	23	1	5,500	3	9,300	23	27,977	32	34	241	2,295
Barnwell.....	39	2	230	9	21,250	37	26,936	44	44	347	3,850
Beaverdam.....	47	4	1,730	2	4,000	47	15,714	46	47	446	5,590
Broad River.....	48	2	4,100	3	8,000	46	29,100	18	18	136	1,131
Carolina.....	19	2	352			18	1,635	26	28	288	3,744
Charleston.....	29	4	24,300	7	21,700	28	41,235	14	14	113	1,181
Chester.....	19	2	700	7	13,400	19	13,022	34	34	220	2,697
Chesterfield.....	34	1	11			34	9,895	19	19	125	1,098
Colleton.....	26			2	900	26	6,553	4	4	18	126
Dorchester.....	7					7	549	17	17	162	1,824
Edgefield.....	19	1	5,000	1	1,500	18	14,657	17	17	104	1,127
Edisto.....	17	3	6,034	3	6,000	17	7,841	31	32	309	3,921
Fairfield.....	35	7	21,505	5	20,000	34	41,292	17	17	169	2,527
Florence.....	18	2	6,800	2	11,500	18	24,535	45	45	549	8,044
Greenville.....	47	6	38,275	6	22,600	46	77,880	25	26	176	2,022
Kershaw.....	25	2	2,385	1	2,500	25	8,741	32	32	246	2,909
Laurens.....	34	3	6,221	2	7,500	34	27,273	22	22	173	2,018
Lexington.....	24	1	28	1	2,500	24	7,164	23	23	199	2,584
Moriah.....	24	3	7,165	3	7,200	24	17,093	35	35	315	3,484
North Greenville.....	38	4	492	2	5,450	36	21,111	27	27	259	3,832
North Spartanburg.....	26	2	1,300	4	9,000	26	25,536	33	33	295	4,054
Orangeburg.....	36	3	11,050	6	19,500	35	34,208	44	45	394	4,687
Pee Dee.....	45	6	5,300	10	21,200	45	51,094	13	13	92	1,022
Pickens.....	13					13	3,959	24	24	214	2,694
Piedmont.....	25	2	2,000			25	11,040	13	13	122	1,391
Reedy River.....	14	5	10,165	4	8,000	14	20,382	18	18	196	2,482
Ridge.....	18			5	11,800	18	20,148	3	3	26	208
Robeson.....	3	1	40			3	947	49	49	549	7,560
Saluda.....	49	4	2,760	6	32,000	49	69,288	1	1	9	90
Sandy Run.....	1					1	155	23	23	214	2,287
Santee.....	25	5	7,172	8	23,500	25	46,892	43	43	326	2,742
Savannah River.....	47	3	4,900	8	21,000	47	27,130	32	32	209	2,386
Seamans.....	34	2	8,000	5	7,250	29	21,491	30	31	364	5,749
Spartan.....	31	4	13,030	4	7,500	31	44,611	18	18	116	1,535
Twelve Mile River.....	22	1	150			21	2,775	20	20	186	2,785
Union County.....	24	2	1,460	3	8,200	22	19,500	34	34	242	2,580
Waccamaw.....	37	1	1,300	1	4,000	36	5,812	24	24	264	3,427
Welsh Neck.....	24	4	10,150	8	32,000	24	37,751	18	18	178	2,027
York.....	19	4	4,600	7	17,100	19	19,846	2	2	14	120
Unassociated.....	2					2	205	17	17	92	1,071
<b>Tennessee:</b>											
Beech River.....	36	2	2,015			33	6,792	1	1	3	30
Bell County.....	1					1	39	25	25	175	1,604
Benlah.....	50	3	903	3	2,200	47	25,424	30	30	282	3,403
Big Emory.....	34			3	5,400	34	12,886	15	16	171	1,881
Big Hatchie.....	29	2	1,700	6	14,500	28	30,587	13	13	107	1,231
Bledsoe.....	17			2	6,600	16	7,316	1	1	7	100
Blood River.....	2					2	528	23	24	157	2,059
Campbell County.....	27	1	60	2	4,200	26	4,753	42	42	441	4,803
Central.....	50	10	46,835	7	19,000	48	68,102	35	35	361	5,213
Chilhowee.....	35	3	12,725	7	25,300	35	36,137				

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Tennessee—Continued.											
Clinton.....	33	1	\$450	4	\$6,000	33	\$7,166	28	29	225	2,517
Concord.....	33	1	64	1	1,500	32	20,701	27	27	234	2,332
Cumberland.....	26			3	7,500	26	28,052	23	23	181	1,684
Cumberland Gap.....	49	1	250			46	4,031	30	30	182	2,327
Duck River.....	40	1	800	5	10,700	33	25,201	35	36	278	2,785
East Tennessee.....	30					26	6,841	30	30	230	2,446
East Union.....	1					1	12,703	1	1	40	697
Eastmanles.....	33					32	4,220	26	26	146	1,409
Ebenezer.....	29			3	3,400	27	14,000	23	24	154	1,481
Enon.....	15					15	1,745	9	15	77	930
Freedom.....	1					1	2				
Friendship.....	44	3	2,375	2	3,000	42	20,661	40	40	305	2,728
Harmony.....	7										
Hiwassee.....	14					1	130	1	1	4	45
Holston.....	52	2	15,200	3	6,000	41	18,401	45	46	347	4,804
Holston Valley.....	26	1	300	1	1,500	25	6,000	25	25	188	1,937
Indian Creek.....	28					27	3,164	16	16	96	1,019
Judson.....	17					16	4,004	12	12	79	645
Lebanon.....	3					3	1,730	3	3	23	328
Lauderdale.....	1					1	110				
Liberty Ducktown.....	8					5	1,604	8	8	50	453
Little Hatchie.....	20	1	136	1	2,000	18	6,581	15	16	107	810
Midland.....	20					20	2,680	17	17	122	1,163
Mulberry Gap.....	48					46	2,699	34	35	194	1,995
Nashville.....	26	9	15,281	3	9,600	26	101,162	25	25	526	5,042
New River.....	41					31	531	16	16	96	860
New Salem.....	29			1	2,500	29	13,459	17	17	132	1,189
Nolochucky.....	56	2	15,500	5	14,850	56	28,246	51	52	447	5,735
Northern.....	33	1	500			32	2,062	23	24	126	1,263
Ocoee.....	56	9	36,485	2	4,500	54	65,715	47	48	534	6,704
Providence.....	22					21	2,563	16	17	102	956
Riverside.....	21					21	2,406	14	14	92	762
Robertson County.....	11	2	875	3	9,600	11	14,686	11	11	99	1,101
Salem.....	32			1	2,000	30	9,724	27	30	234	2,171
Squatchie Valley.....	15			1	3,000	14	3,207	13	13	71	780
Sevier.....	47	1	20	1	2,000	45	11,418	26	26	247	2,644
Shelby County.....	19	6	14,650	6	18,950	19	52,120	19	21	344	4,221
South Union.....	4					3	25	2	2	10	88
South Western District.....	40	3	420			28	4,649	18	18	97	910
Stewart.....	13	1	30			13	912	9	9	44	461
Stocktons Valley.....	15					6	802	12	13	82	713
Sweetwater.....	55	2	3,150	5	8,100	55	26,181	52	52	433	5,080
Tennessee.....	61	11	41,581	6	11,800	59	80,124	56	57	702	11,205
Tennessee Valley.....	16					16	2,756	12	12	75	782
Tishomingo.....	1					1	91	1	1	6	31
Union.....	13					12	2,522	9	9	58	601
Unity.....	49	2	435	2	2,250	43	8,664	19	19	121	1,112
Walnut Grove.....	9					4	370	2	2	12	106
Watauga.....	29	4	2,450	3	5,500	29	11,708	23	24	183	2,767
Weakley County.....	36	1	170			33	7,451	20	20	197	1,779
West District.....	26	3	935	1	5,000	24	15,828	16	17	116	1,268
West Union.....	46							16	16	87	701
William Carey.....	29	1	100			29	6,684	19	21	149	1,431
Wiseman.....	17					16	2,577	11	11	63	776
Yancey County.....	1					1	200	1	1	8	85
Texas:											
Alvarado.....	44	4	4,150	5	13,000	44	53,007	43	46	446	4,426
Anderson County.....	9					7	135				
Angelina.....	23			1	5,000	20	11,828	8	8	76	1,006
Archer County.....	12	1	250			11	2,640	6	6	39	360
Austin.....	38	1	20,000	2	3,200	37	70,884	19	21	217	1,895
Baggett Creek.....	13										
Baylor County.....	9					9	21,130	5	5	48	451
Bethlehem.....	16	1	94			5	727	4	4	21	181
Big Spring.....	28	1	150	2	1,800	26	18,513	22	22	175	1,686
Blanco.....	34	3	1,050	1	2,000	34	19,747	26	26	200	1,835
Bowie County.....	14					12	357	2	2	9	80
Brady.....	27	2	482	2	3,850	27	11,556	15	15	100	984
Brown County.....	28	3	2,786			27	48,359	8	9	146	1,275
Brownfield.....	20	3	2,091	2	3,300	20	12,761	17	17	162	1,737
Buck Creek.....	25					17	3,537	1	1	6	40
Burnet-Llano.....	12	1	169	3	4,100	10	7,712	6	7	73	589
Callahan County.....	21	1	100	3	3,150	19	8,832	19	19	147	1,389
Canadian.....	9	1	700	3	5,500	5	7,972	6	6	62	565
Central.....	16					13	12,765	12	12	81	1,147
Central Texas.....	32	3	2,460	3	5,000	29	21,593	23	24	243	2,138
Cherokee.....	47					30	6,264	27	27	186	2,030
Cisco.....	33	1	700	5	7,500	31	20,637	22	22	234	2,230
Clay County.....	21	1	1,500	3	7,500	20	19,555	17	17	162	1,308
Coke County.....	6					5	3,038	5	6	42	481
Coleman County.....	29	3	4,568	2	4,500	25	33,179	19	19	141	1,654

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Texas—Continued.											
Collin County.....	56	5	\$3,225	7	\$18,200	54	\$62,213	51	52	490	5,668
Collinsworth-Childress.....	16	2	9,700	3	4,200	16	20,372	11	12	113	1,467
Colorado.....	48	5	10,600	4	9,450	47	37,241	35	36	323	3,167
Comanche.....	26	2	700	4	6,200	24	11,420	22	23	197	1,868
Concho Valley.....	32	3	2,050	3	10,500	27	23,448	21	25	205	1,932
Corpus Christi.....	20	6	15,100	4	9,500	16	17,255	18	20	170	1,619
Corsicana.....	13	2	775	3	6,400	12	9,044	12	13	118	1,246
Creath.....	33	2	635	3	8,000	30	21,604	28	29	255	2,052
Dallas County.....	17	5	5,005	1	5,000	17	15,834	15	15	198	1,817
Dallas Missionary.....	40	12	134,551	3	9,500	40	207,035	38	40	957	11,510
Del Rio-Uvalde.....	22	7	6,675	5	9,700	21	20,184	21	21	194	1,762
Delta County.....	15	2	525	1	3,000	15	6,350	15	15	123	1,055
Denton County.....	28	3	1,400	6	11,200	28	27,156	25	26	250	2,837
Dickens County.....	15	2	345	2	2,000	14	7,977	10	10	76	645
East Fork.....	14					14	4,664	10	10	64	717
Ellis County.....	26					26	12,237	19	19	172	1,744
Ellis Missionary.....	13	2	22,165	3	6,000	12	20,675	10	10	169	1,928
El Paso.....	10	2	6,000	2	13,000	10	38,547	7	8	158	1,533
Enon.....	26			3	7,000	26	8,281	17	17	118	1,074
Erath.....	39	1	70	3	6,250	39	20,697	26	28	230	2,377
Fairland.....	8										
Falls County.....	28	1	100	2	2,500	13	8,348	28	28	232	2,328
Fannin County.....	34	1	88	5	10,350	33	27,522	34	34	349	3,797
Fisher County.....	20			1	2,000	19	8,990	14	14	125	1,086
Freestone County.....	19	1	275			19	3,191	8	8	53	509
Freestone-Leon.....	9	2	500	1	2,000	9	7,109	7	7	59	819
German.....	11	1	1,500	6	8,750	9	11,928	9	9	62	668
Grayson County.....	30					30	2,694	15	15	75	675
Grayson Missionary.....	45	4	22,572	1	6,000	43	46,260	39	41	456	4,839
Hamilton County.....	18					18	9,953	8	8	67	618
Harmony.....	18	2	280			18	2,635	11	11	63	358
Haskell County.....	29	4	7,970	3	3,000	27	38,508	25	26	205	1,884
Henderson County.....	16	1	500	4	6,394	16	6,394	4	4	22	328
Hill County.....	28	1	350	3	7,600	28	31,178	26	28	360	3,175
Hillsboro.....	14					11	1,512	5	5	29	286
Hopewell.....	20	5	785			13	3,487	8	8	52	553
Hopkins County.....	14					12	3,177	4	4	26	238
Hunt County.....	50	7	11,498	3	6,000	48	41,811	39	40	468	4,524
Jack County.....	16	1	375	2	2,300	14	5,794	11	11	85	598
Jones County.....	27	3	890	4	7,800	25	30,906	22	22	304	2,385
Kaufman.....	22	1	70	4	8,550	22	20,029	15	15	150	1,856
Lake Creek.....	8					8	3,713	5	5	32	355
Lamar County.....	30	4	22,140	3	8,500	28	16,647	22	22	215	2,149
Lampasas.....	17	1	145	3	4,500	17	8,684	15	15	123	1,186
Lavaca River.....	19			3	7,800	18	19,434	13	16	121	902
Leon River.....	18					18	12,160	16	16	137	1,543
Liberty.....	31					26	3,086	5	5	40	361
Limestone County.....	27	4	2,127	2	4,250	27	23,919	21	21	206	2,235
Little River.....	27	3	640	5	8,500	23	24,259	24	24	228	2,042
Medina River.....	16	2	4,200	6	5,800	16	18,027	14	14	100	1,091
Meridian.....	19	1	1,000	2	2,500	18	11,562	13	13	123	1,037
Mills County.....	21			1	1,500	13	6,959	15	15	108	970
Montague.....	22	1	400	1	1,500	22	11,206	12	12	121	1,128
Mount Zion.....	26										
Nacogdoches.....	20			1	2,500	17	9,112	6	6	53	566
Navarro.....	16					16	5,790	14	14	148	1,497
Navasota River.....	21					19	787	13	13	74	779
Neches River.....	44	4	4,750	5	8,500	42	20,272	29	29	206	1,910
New Bethel.....	29					26	3,581	20	20	122	1,150
North Colorado.....	12										
Palo Duro.....	13	1	1,500	3	8,250	12	33,514	13	13	139	1,749
Palo Pinto.....	26	1	1,300			19	11,472	16	16	182	1,496
Paluxy.....	24			1	600	21	4,853	5	5	54	437
Panhandle.....	18			4	7,250	14	23,449	7	7	105	978
Panola.....	9	1	150	1	1,000	6	2,543	7	7	42	377
Parker County.....	43	1	150	2	2,500	35	18,218	30	31	252	2,226
Parker Landmark.....	8										
Pecos Valley.....	10	2	5,500	3	6,000	10	22,894	9	9	102	951
Pedernales.....	19			1	500	7	1,711	7	7	47	462
Pittsburg.....	33	5	809	4	8,200	31	26,800	30	30	250	2,928
Polk County.....	13					11	1,385	3	3	14	139
Red Fork.....	15	1	3,500	1	1,500	13	17,408	12	12	126	1,912
Red River County.....	19					7	823	5	6	38	365
Red River Missionary.....	26	1	22	2	4,000	26	15,196	22	22	163	1,373
Rehoboth.....	50	1	375	1	2,000	50	31,328	39	39	323	3,890
Rio Grande.....	24	2	1,350	7	14,700	22	15,086	20	20	170	1,769
Round Grove.....	19					18	5,161	6	6	45	329
Runnels and Concho.....	22	2	6,609	3	3,500	22	31,188	12	12	134	1,429
Rusk County.....	12	1	165	1	3,750	11	8,682	10	11	91	747
Sabine River.....	13					11	6,428	8	8	86	799

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Texas—Continued.											
Salado.....	40	3	\$3,860	4	\$18,500	40	\$71,460	37	38	398	4,382
Salem.....	25					22	2,711	2	2	15	175
Saline.....	17					17	17,153	3	3	16	183
San Antonio.....	45	8	25,669	9	21,550	42	90,300	38	39	558	5,047
San Marcos.....	26	4	1,800	5	7,700	26	36,699	20	20	218	1,868
San Saba County.....	17	3	1,225	2	2,200	14	5,701	6	6	48	426
Scurry County.....	16			2	2,400	14	10,103	10	10	77	866
Shelby County.....	35	2	160			32	4,771	9	9	55	585
Shiloh.....	28	1	1,500	2	2,800	27	24,139	25	25	257	2,336
Smith County.....	36	5	20,603	1	5,000	35	28,905	27	27	267	2,769
Soda Lake.....	20	1	900	2	2,700	19	22,319	10	10	119	1,392
Southeast.....	54	4	21,218	7	18,250	48	61,888	45	47	470	4,311
South Panhandle.....	11										
South Texas.....	12	1	50			8	2,139	2	2	16	114
Staked Plains.....	24	1	350	5	11,500	24	44,717	19	19	167	2,163
Stephens County.....	12	1	150	1	750	12	2,530	5	5	41	272
Stonewall.....	15	1	200			13	9,631	4	4	23	163
Sweetwater.....	54	1	5,000	5	11,300	54	49,251	41	42	503	5,399
Tarrant County.....	51	3	7,275	4	6,750	48	108,210	45	49	656	6,224
Texarkana.....	17	3	5,300	3	8,200	15	23,664	12	13	167	1,467
Thornton.....	21	1	200			21	3,847	16	16	97	895
Throckmorton.....	10					3	600	3	3	18	178
Tierra Blanco.....	13			3	5,700	11	17,878	6	7	80	732
Trans-Canadian.....	12			4	5,000	11	7,520	8	8	65	512
Trinity River.....	26										
Tryon.....	8					3	249	2	2	11	85
Tryon Evergreen.....	29	1	100	2	2,250	24	10,801	11	16	76	609
Union Baptist.....	48	10	43,400	7	38,000	46	131,456	45	48	621	6,222
Unity.....	14			1	3,000	10	4,832	5	5	50	417
Van Zandt County.....	21					20	2,370	5	5	30	259
Van Zandt Missionary.....	21			1	1,500	21	11,994	6	6	44	467
Waco.....	48	5	7,050	4	14,500	45	109,171	44	47	649	6,653
Walker County.....	16	1	450	1	3,000	16	6,945	12	12	108	1,005
Western Branch.....	20	2	139	2	1,800	19	7,137	14	14	105	901
Wheeler County.....	9					9	5,776	8	8	64	520
Wichita County.....	6			4	13,500	6	19,855	5	8	151	1,606
Wilbarger.....	15			2	5,000	15	15,051	14	15	159	1,496
Wise County.....	41	1	1,000	3	4,700	41	21,697	37	37	243	2,818
Wood County.....	26	1	15,000			26	15,106	8	8	59	707
Young County.....	20			2	3,500	19	21,643	15	15	112	1,173
Virginia:											
Accomac.....	30	4	11,800	15	38,950	29	37,766	30	34	460	4,100
Albermarle.....	28	3	1,550	6	20,500	25	23,123	26	30	402	3,212
Appomattox.....	42	2	15,200	16	33,250	42	54,204	40	43	390	4,276
Angusta.....	38	2	796	18	52,173	37	57,583	35	35	391	4,351
Blackwater.....	27	3	21,550	18	37,000	27	43,133	27	28	405	4,746
Blue Ridge.....	37			8	15,950	30	9,220	24	28	274	1,820
Clinch Valley.....	15	3	3,375	3	7,500	13	7,478	15	15	138	1,678
Concord.....	44	8	15,400	12	19,963	43	41,718	41	42	400	3,618
Dan River.....	29	2	1,400	4	8,000	29	21,774	29	34	316	2,918
Dover.....	54	14	70,614	12	37,500	54	266,605	53	54	1,359	15,194
Flat River.....	1					1	191	1	1	5	30
Goshen.....	47	4	530	7	13,050	45	30,330	45	46	477	4,937
Hermon.....	25	3	1,800	5	9,600	25	22,810	25	26	302	2,962
James River.....	27	2	700	15	25,150	25	9,614	24	26	196	1,597
Lebanon.....	43	4	14,930	3	10,500	38	43,922	35	36	328	3,297
Middle District.....	37	3	7,474	1	7,000	37	30,028	36	38	479	4,326
Mulberry Gap.....	1					1	100				
New Lebanon.....	33			5	10,325	32	9,875	22	26	166	1,524
New River.....	24	1	165	1	1,600	23	3,596	22	22	148	1,660
Peninsula.....	27	4	5,665	7	22,300	27	46,646	27	31	382	4,751
Petersburg.....	31	7	19,325	10	20,450	30	51,534	28	28	371	3,750
Piedmont.....	31	3	3,800	8	10,512	29	14,423	29	30	248	2,158
Pilot Mountain.....	1					1	29				
Portsmouth.....	37	10	74,690	13	49,600	36	145,100	37	37	816	9,213
Potomac.....	61	7	22,143	10	36,525	58	46,817	54	58	567	5,039
Powells River.....	26	1	150			20	3,937	17	18	113	889
Rappahannock.....	60	5	1,176	25	40,933	55	50,686	55	59	710	6,607
Roanoke.....	40	4	2,801	8	24,300	40	57,163	38	38	430	5,345
Shenandoah.....	18	1	200	9	19,050	18	10,942	15	15	152	1,407
Shiloh.....	41	1	225	6	13,800	41	21,135	35	38	351	3,151
Strawberry.....	40	2	12,100	10	28,200	40	44,985	39	39	407	4,393
Tar River.....	1					1	266	1	1	7	47
Valley.....	62	9	19,380	20	54,400	53	103,876	53	60	779	9,062
West Virginia:											
New Lebanon.....	3	1	2,000	1	7,000	3	10,610	3	4	59	808
Shenandoah.....	7	2	10,200	3	12,500	7	11,229	5	5	95	865
Valley.....	1	1	3,000			1	3,961	1	2	27	337

## NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

## HISTORY.

The early history of the Negro Baptists in the United States is closely interwoven with that of the white Baptists, and yet from the period prior to the War of the American Revolution until the present day there have been distinctive Negro Baptist churches—that is, churches whose members, officers, and pastors were of the Negro race. The first organization of this kind of which there is any record was at Silver Bluff, in Aiken County, S. C. It was formed by eight slaves on the plantation of George Galpin in a settlement on the Savannah River, near Augusta, Ga., and appears to have dated from some years previous to 1778. Two of the slaves who were constituent members of this church became noted preachers. One of them, David George, was pastor until the capture of Savannah by the British in 1778. Subsequently he founded the First Baptist Church at Shelbourn, Canada, and went from there to Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, in 1792. The other, Jesse Peters, helped Abraham Marshall (white) reorganize the First African Baptist Church at Savannah in 1788, where there had already been a Negro Baptist church since 1779, of which George Lisle was pastor. Since then there has always been somewhere in the county of Chatham, Ga., a Negro Baptist church.

The First African Baptist Church of Savannah grew, and in 1802 and 1805 two other churches were organized, the Second Baptist Church and the Ogeechee Colored Baptist Church, both of which are still in existence and strong and prosperous. In 1805 the Joy Street Baptist Church, the first in New England, was organized in Boston; in 1808 the Abyssinian Church in New York City; in 1809 the First African Baptist Church in Philadelphia. These three were the first Negro Baptist churches in the North.

The First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., was organized in 1802, including in its membership many Negro people. In 1833, when the congregation moved to a new edifice, the Negro members were encouraged to continue in the old building. In 1839 they organized as the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and the building passed into their hands. This experience in Washington was repeated in many places in the South where the Negro members worshiped with white organizations, until it seemed wise for them to have their own churches. During this time the number of Negro Baptists had multiplied in the South, though, as they had no ecclesiastical organization, any attempt to present consecutive history is very difficult.

The first effort at ecclesiastical organization appears to have been the formation of the Wood River Association of Illinois in 1838, although one was also established in Louisiana in the same year. The first state convention was organized in North Carolina in

1866, and in 1867 the second, third, and fourth, in Alabama, Arkansas, and Virginia, and in 1869 the fifth in Kentucky.

As in other cases the general denominational organization of the Negro Baptist churches arose from association in evangelistic and educational work. Previous to 1880 there were 3 organizations or societies covering more than 1 state among the Baptists for this work: The New England Missionary Convention, The Consolidated American Missionary Convention, and the General Association of Western States and Territories. Each of these covered but a small part of the country. In November, 1880, the Foreign Missionary Baptist Convention was organized in Montgomery, Ala., 10 states responding with delegates: Alabama 61, Arkansas 3, Florida 1, Georgia 3, Louisiana 2, Mississippi 10, North Carolina 4, Ohio 1, Tennessee 6, and Virginia 5.

In 1886 the National Baptist Convention was organized in St. Louis, Mo., the special object being “to consider the moral, intellectual, and religious growth of the denomination, to deliberate upon the great questions which characterized the Baptist churches, and further, to advise and consider the best methods possible for bringing us more closely together as churches and as a race.” In 1893 the National Educational Convention was organized in Washington, D. C. In September, 1895, the Foreign Missionary Convention of the United States of America, the National Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Educational Convention met in Atlanta, Ga., and all united in the present National Baptist Convention. The preamble to the constitution adopted at that meeting says: “It is the sense of the colored Baptists of the United States of America, convening in the city of Atlanta, Ga., September 28, 1895, in several organizations known as the Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention of the United States of America, engaged in missionary work on the west coast of Africa, the National Baptist Convention, which has been engaged in missionary work in the United States, and the National Baptist Educational Convention, which has sought to look after the educational interests, that the interest of the Kingdom of God requires that these several bodies above named should unite in one body. The object of this convention shall be to do missionary work in the United States of America, in Africa, and elsewhere, and to foster the cause of education.”

During the years 1880–1897 the National Convention had grown until every state and territory where Negro Baptist churches existed was represented in it and also South America, the West Indies, and West and South Africa. Meanwhile two schools of thought had developed: One group holding that their own scholars were competent to produce the literature needed for

the young people; the other group felt otherwise, and at Boston in 1897 delegates from North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia withdrew and organized the Lott-Carey Convention for Foreign Missions, which sought to cooperate with the American Baptist Missionary Union (white). It was accepted on condition that the convention adopt and sustain their method of organization and of raising funds, should select and appoint their own missionaries, subject to the approval of the executive committee of the Missionary Union, and that the convention should receive the benefit of advice and experience of the union in gathering its fund and in the conduct of its home missions. The union declined to accede to the suggestion that the convention be represented upon its executive committee and that the union pay one-half of the traveling expenses of the traveling secretary. For at least five years a general agreement for cooperation was carried out, but in 1905, at the Chicago session of the National Baptist Convention, the Lott-Carey Convention returned, though retaining a part of their autonomy, and became a district body of the National Baptist Convention.

In 1915 at the meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Chicago there arose a division in regard to the National Baptist Publication Board, which had been created in St. Louis in 1896. This board withdrew from the National Baptist Convention and was followed by a number of delegates, mostly from Texas and Arkansas, and was named the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated. The two bodies held conventions in 1916 and 1917 and at the last meetings steps were taken to secure a reunion.<sup>1</sup>

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine and polity the Negro Baptists are in close accord with the Northern and Southern Conventions.<sup>2</sup> They represent the more strictly Calvinistic type in doctrine, and in polity refer the settlement of any difficulties that may arise to an ecclesiastical council. Their churches unite in associations, generally along state lines, for the discussion of topics relating to church life, the regulation of difficulties, the collection of statistics, and the presentation of annual reports. These meetings are consultative and advisory rather than authoritative.

In addition to the associations there are conventions which are held for the consideration of the distinctively missionary side of church life and not infrequently extend beyond state lines.

The lack of close ecclesiastical relations, characteristic of all Baptist bodies, is emphasized in the Negro Baptist churches, with the result that it has

<sup>1</sup>As this report is completed word comes that this reunion has been accomplished, so that once more there is one and only one National Baptist Convention consisting of Negro Baptists in the whole world.

<sup>2</sup> See *Baptists*, p. 48.

been very difficult to obtain satisfactory statistics of the denomination. The methods adopted in connection with the report for 1916 were such as to bring in probably the most complete returns that have been gathered at any time, and to this may be attributed largely the considerable increase noted below.

#### WORK.

At the first meeting of the Consolidated National Baptist Convention in 1895, the general interests and work of the churches were planned by the election through the state delegations of three boards—the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and the Educational Board. Since that time the work has expanded until there are now eight boards or agencies engaged in the prosecution of this work, including, in addition to those just mentioned, the Church Extension Board, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Sunday School Publishing Board, the Baptist Young People's Board, and the Baptist Ministers Benefit Board. The Lott-Carey Convention continues its distinctive missionary work, although identifying itself with the National Baptist Convention.

The home mission work of the Negro Baptists is carried on chiefly through the Home Mission Board, with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark. The report for 1916 shows 16 home missionaries employed, 750 churches aided, and \$17,408 contributed for this work. This board cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Church Extension Board works along parallel lines with the Home Mission Board.

The foreign mission work, under the care of the Foreign Mission Board, located at Philadelphia, is carried on in Central, South, and West Africa, the West Indies, and northern South America. Its first company of missionaries consisted of 6 persons who went to West Africa in 1883. In 1916 there were reported 13 missionaries and 96 native helpers, occupying 80 stations; 88 churches, with 19,812 members; 52 schools, with 15,311 pupils; and contributions to the amount of \$21,587. The value of property owned is estimated at \$41,400.

The National Baptist Educational Board reports 115 schools, including 31 colleges and academies, and 84 secondary schools. Of these, 13 colleges and 10 secondary schools are supported in whole or in part by the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, while 18 colleges and academies and 66 secondary schools are in cooperation with the National Baptist Educational Board. The total number of students and pupils reported in these schools for 1916 was 9,775, and the amount contributed for their support was \$220,297. The property valuation is placed at \$1,872,620, with an endowment amounting to \$56,608. This is exclusive of the endowment belonging to the colleges under the care of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York.



In 1909 the National Training School for Women and Girls was founded in the District of Columbia, and is conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention. The object of the school is to provide for the training of women and girls "to the highest level of religious, moral, and industrial efficiency," and it is the largest and best equipped plant conducted by women of the Negro race in the United States. The report for 1916 shows 117 pupils, representing nearly every state in the Union, Africa, South America, and the West Indies. The value of the school property is estimated at \$65,000, and the amount contributed during the year was \$6,242.

The young people's work is under the general supervision of the National Baptist Young People's Board, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn.; it reports 12,550 societies and about 500,000 members. The contributions made to the board in 1916 were \$15,660, and it has property valued at \$10,000.

The National Baptist Convention has a publishing house at Nashville, Tenn., the largest and best equipped of its kind among the Negro race. It has property valued at about \$300,000, and a business amounting, in 1916, to \$200,000.

There are a number of religious and denominational papers. Among these are the National Baptist Union Review at Nashville, the accredited organ of the denomination, the Christian Banner of Philadelphia, and the American Baptist of Louisville, which is the oldest among the Negro Baptist journals.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the National Baptist Convention for the year 1916 are given, by states, in the table on pages 100 and 101, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	21, 113	18, 534	2, 579	13. 9
Members.....	2, 938, 579	2, 261, 607	676, 972	29. 9
Church edifices.....	20, 146	17, 913	2, 233	12. 5
Value of church property.....	\$41, 184, 920	\$24, 437, 272	\$16, 747, 648	68. 5
Debt on church property.....	\$3, 433, 366	\$1, 757, 190	\$1, 676, 176	95. 4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	690	709	—19	—2. 7
Value.....	\$964, 325	\$617, 241	\$347, 084	56. 2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	20, 099	17, 910	2, 189	12. 2
Officers and teachers.....	123, 817	100, 069	23, 748	23. 7
Scholars.....	1, 181, 270	924, 665	256, 605	27. 8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$259, 292	\$116, 355	\$142, 937	122. 8
Domestic.....	\$237, 705	\$97, 628	\$140, 077	143. 5
Foreign.....	\$21, 587	\$18, 727	\$2, 860	15. 3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

These statistics, as previously explained, show a marked advance in every particular except in the number of churches reporting parsonages. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 21,113 as against 18,534 in 1906, an increase of 13.9 per cent, and the membership as reported advanced from 2,261,607 to 2,938,579, an increase of 29.9 per cent. The church edifices as reported increased in number by 2,233, and the value of church property advanced from \$24,437,272 to \$41,184,920, or 68.5 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$3,433,366 was reported in 1916 by 4,210 organizations, as against \$1,757,190 reported by 3,100 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages decreased by 19, but the value of parsonages increased from \$617,241 to \$964,325. The increase of 12.2 per cent in the number of Sunday schools corresponded closely to the increase in number of organizations, and the increase of 27.8 per cent in the number of scholars accorded closely to that in church membership. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$116,355 to \$259,292, or 122.8 per cent, the larger proportion being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,361,919 were reported by 19,988 organizations and cover general running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 12,789 organizations in 1916, was 103,391, constituting 5.5 per cent of the 1,867,584 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,070,995 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 162,682.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 21,113 organizations with 2,938,579 members, all but 3 reported church services conducted in English only. Of these 3 organizations, 1 with 45 members reported French and English; 1 with 18 members, German and English; and 1 with 43 members, Italian and English. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 1 organization and 67 members using foreign languages in connection with English.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 19,423, but schedules were received from only 1,264. These were so incomplete as to be unavailable for tabulation, except that 1,194 reported annual salaries averaging \$572.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
National Baptist Convention .....	21,113	21,071	2,938,579	21,018	1,128,237	1,805,001	20,070	478	20,146	20,117	\$41,184,920
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	4	1,474	4	598	876	2	1	2	2	43,500
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	43	43	5,652	43	1,915	3,737	21	20	21	36	246,536
New Jersey.....	106	106	18,149	106	6,105	12,044	95	10	95	105	896,205
Pennsylvania.....	169	166	40,398	166	16,042	24,356	138	2	140	153	1,571,665
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	178	178	27,978	178	10,274	17,704	168	7	168	168	940,355
Indiana.....	52	52	10,412	52	3,781	6,631	52	.....	54	52	282,725
Illinois.....	184	184	23,224	184	9,093	14,131	161	12	161	163	874,623
Michigan.....	18	18	1,229	18	512	717	18	.....	18	13	45,700
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	478	2	205	273	2	.....	2	2	26,000
Iowa.....	34	34	2,520	30	997	1,465	29	4	29	29	106,875
Missouri.....	282	282	41,218	282	12,977	28,241	261	19	262	262	769,456
Kansas.....	127	118	13,477	118	4,777	8,700	123	2	125	122	564,315
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	88	88	29,405	88	11,291	18,114	80	7	80	79	577,950
District of Columbia.....	60	60	27,544	60	9,773	17,771	57	3	57	60	1,361,074
Virginia.....	1,408	1,403	276,630	1,395	111,721	164,498	1,338	14	1,346	1,282	4,511,177
West Virginia.....	235	235	16,238	235	6,995	9,243	161	55	161	179	432,168
North Carolina.....	1,376	1,373	212,019	1,373	86,646	125,373	1,358	9	1,362	1,357	2,299,358
South Carolina.....	1,353	1,353	255,479	1,351	103,494	151,385	1,337	2	1,337	1,333	2,353,678
Georgia.....	2,778	2,774	400,214	2,769	151,112	248,437	2,718	30	2,736	2,726	4,503,083
Florida.....	1,039	1,038	69,865	1,038	26,131	43,734	973	8	984	970	1,246,662
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	703	703	98,052	703	39,087	58,965	678	16	682	681	1,559,689
Tennessee.....	744	744	108,650	744	40,014	68,636	690	24	690	693	1,620,651
Alabama.....	2,157	2,156	311,103	2,153	117,801	193,010	2,067	57	2,071	2,076	3,168,222
Mississippi.....	2,531	2,527	287,796	2,527	109,096	178,700	2,487	2	2,487	2,466	2,843,412
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,473	1,472	174,157	1,472	66,655	107,502	1,388	17	1,390	1,417	1,791,606
Louisiana.....	1,421	1,418	146,720	1,418	52,024	94,696	1,319	36	1,321	1,330	2,169,100
Oklahoma.....	499	495	42,408	491	15,985	26,290	421	64	421	432	548,823
Texas.....	1,995	1,991	291,243	1,984	111,262	176,799	1,876	57	1,892	1,877	3,463,304
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	12	12	2,020	12	799	1,221	12	.....	12	12	103,485
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	6	6	404	6	142	262	6	.....	6	6	31,525
California.....	32	32	2,316	32	886	1,430	32	.....	32	32	229,498
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	107	4	47	60	2	.....	2	2	2,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Mexico, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

# NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
National Baptist Convention.....	21,113	4,210	\$3,433,366	690	\$964,325	19,988	\$8,361,919	19,909	20,099	123,817	1,181,270
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	1	4,300			2	7,375	2	2	16	134
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	43	18	67,385	2	14,500	40	52,718	40	40	291	2,229
New Jersey.....	106	67	120,180	13	29,600	106	137,057	106	107	842	7,260
Pennsylvania.....	169	103	355,691	11	44,800	169	300,108	159	159	1,635	16,594
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	178	47	69,662	14	28,850	171	143,480	171	171	1,576	11,549
Indiana.....	52	18	33,790	12	22,300	52	53,554	43	43	360	3,031
Illinois.....	184	52	91,065	13	17,050	148	139,166	124	124	1,018	8,191
Michigan.....	18	4	5,026	3	3,700	18	12,319	18	18	135	726
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	1	4,700			2	3,800	2	2	42	225
Iowa.....	34	10	6,880	5	8,050	33	18,550	33	33	235	1,587
Missouri.....	282	77	102,961	18	31,500	277	239,095	271	272	2,425	15,499
Kansas.....	127	40	29,067	18	13,550	120	85,329	101	101	736	5,623
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	88	42	71,198	2	1,500	88	91,861	83	83	776	7,933
District of Columbia.....	60	41	259,739	3	16,500	58	121,226	60	60	696	7,668
Virginia.....	1,408	296	427,116	42	116,870	1,336	726,064	1,281	1,319	10,104	96,503
West Virginia.....	235	41	43,066	9	35,100	222	98,891	211	211	1,350	10,304
North Carolina.....	1,376	204	122,333	27	59,220	1,357	514,650	1,344	1,370	10,468	95,261
South Carolina.....	1,353	222	156,893	23	41,610	1,329	441,001	1,328	1,339	9,249	96,964
Georgia.....	2,778	512	258,750	32	46,100	2,710	950,606	2,430	2,444	10,731	130,290
Florida.....	1,039	176	79,964	51	80,475	998	319,771	1,003	1,004	4,326	38,754
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	703	47	23,741	17	26,800	697	247,480	678	678	3,858	32,473
Tennessee.....	744	166	164,564	24	41,730	613	311,817	704	714	4,475	38,272
Alabama.....	2,157	420	209,591	41	39,556	2,105	670,494	2,113	2,120	10,916	123,201
Mississippi.....	2,531	365	124,714	46	30,844	2,083	565,600	2,415	2,427	13,895	126,673
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,473	274	87,679	47	36,264	1,415	544,738	1,427	1,431	9,224	77,905
Louisiana.....	1,421	398	175,771	94	57,409	1,370	449,639	1,322	1,331	6,978	65,273
Oklahoma.....	499	127	48,915	34	21,647	476	160,914	488	491	2,581	24,613
Texas.....	1,995	415	253,485	78	79,950	1,939	906,017	1,900	1,953	14,469	133,647
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	12	6	18,594	3	6,350	12	18,157	12	12	117	1,013
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	6	3	2,354	1	3,000	6	4,102	5	5	46	246
California.....	32	15	12,542	6	8,900	32	25,097	31	31	238	1,524
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	2	1,650	1	600	4	1,243	4	4	19	105

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Mexico, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

## GENERAL SIX PRINCIPLE BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

In the records of the early Baptist churches in England there are numerous references to a discussion on the qualifications for church fellowship, especially in regard to the "laying on of hands," included in the list of foundation "principles of the doctrine of Christ," given in Hebrews vi, 1, 2. The General (Arminian) Baptists considered it essential, and included it in the ceremony of admission to the church, immediately after baptism. The Particular (Calvinistic) Baptists did not so consider it.

With the organization of Baptist churches in America, the same question came up and agitated the church at Providence, R. I., with the result that a number of members withdrew and in 1653 organized what was known as the General Six Principle Baptist Church, the six principles being those mentioned in the above passage in the Epistle to the Hebrews: Repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. Other churches were organized on the same basis, and in time two conferences were formed, one in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and one in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Conference has only a few churches remaining, the strength of the denomination being now in the Rhode Island Conference. These conferences are members of an international body entitled "The Old Baptist Union in all the World," which is represented by an international council, consisting of a bishop of the union, an international secretary, a treasurer, and representatives elected by the churches in the different countries. This council has authority to act in all "matters relating to the world-wide union or extension minutes," but the churches in each country or state manage their own internal affairs without interference from the international council or from the churches of any other country or state.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine these churches are in sympathy with the Arminian rather than the Calvinistic Baptists. Their distinctive feature is still the laying on of hands when members are received into the church, not, however, as a mere form, but as a sign of the reception of the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

The general ecclesiastical organization corresponds to that of other Baptist bodies. The individual church is independent in its management, electing its own officers and delegates. The conferences, composed of delegates from the local churches, are for purposes of fellowship, and their decisions have only a general advisory character, although when a question has been submitted to a conference, or to its executive committee in the interval between the meetings of the conference, its decision is regarded as final. The two

conferences, those of Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, are entirely distinct, although they interchange delegates or messengers for mutual counsel. Ordination to the ministry is dependent on approval of a majority of a council comprising the ordained ministers of a conference, not less than two ordained ministers officiating.

## WORK.

There is no organized home missionary work. Whatever home mission work is done is by each individual church acting independently. There is a foreign missionary secretary, and some contributions are reported for work in China.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Six Principle Baptists for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	10	16	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	456	685	-229	-33.4
Church edifices.....	11	14	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$25,850	\$19,450	\$6,400	32.9
Debt on church property.....				
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	100.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	9	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	53	94	-41	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	276	414	-138	-33.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The table shows a decrease in every particular except the value of church property. The number of organizations fell from 16 to 10; the number of members from 685 to 456, a decrease of 33.4 per cent; the number of church edifices from 14 to 11; the number of Sunday schools from 9 to 6; and the number of Sunday school scholars from 414 to 276, a decrease of 33.3 per cent, almost identical with that for membership. The value of church property, on the other hand, rose from \$19,450 to \$25,850, an increase of 32.9 per cent; and the value of the parsonage reported by a single organization increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000. It is to be noted that the great majority of the returns were from the Rhode Island Conference, only one organization reporting from Pennsylvania, though that one reported more than half the membership for the entire conference in 1906. No report of general contributions for missions and benevolences was made.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by six organizations, amounted to \$2,483, and covered the running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevo-

lences and other items. English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was nine. Schedules were received from four, of whom three reported annual salaries averaging \$239.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Six Principle Baptists.....	10	10	456	10	163	293	10	.....	11	10	\$25, 850
New England division:											
Rhode Island.....	9	9	421	9	145	276	9	.....	10	9	21, 850
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	35	1	18	17	1	.....	1	1	4, 000

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Six Principle Baptists.....	10	.....	.....	1	\$3, 000	6	\$2, 483	6	6	53	276
New England division:											
Rhode Island.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2, 483	6	6	53	276
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	1	.....	.....	1	3, 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

From the earliest periods of the Christian Church there have been those who claimed, in respect to the Sabbath, that Christ simply discarded the false restrictions with which the Pharisees had burdened and perverted the Jewish Sabbath, but that otherwise He preserved it in its full significance. Accordingly, they have held that loyalty to the law of God and to the ordinances of Christ required continuance of the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath. Gathered in scattered communities, and frequently suffering severe persecution, even at the hands of Christians, for their supposed adherence to "Judaic" or "legal" customs, these believers are regarded by the modern Seventh Day Baptists as the links which connect them with Christ and the New Testament Church. Although it is difficult to learn the exact facts concerning them, owing partly to the lack of definite records, partly to the not always accurate accounts that have been handed down by hostile historians, it is claimed that

among them in the earlier days were the sects known as Nazarenes, Cerinthians, and Hypsistari, and later certain communities of the Albigenes and Waldenses.

At the time of the English Reformation, when the Bible was accepted as the supreme authority on all questions of faith and conduct, the question of the Sabbath again came to the front, and a considerable number forsook the observance of Sunday and accepted the seventh day as the Sabbath. Among the earlier Seventh Day Baptists in England were some of the prominent followers of Oliver Cromwell, one of them, Hon. Thomas Bampffield, being Speaker of the House of Commons. Others were Dr. Peter Chamberlen, royal physician; Nathaniel Bailey, compiler of Bailey's Dictionary and editor of classical textbooks; William Tempest; and William Henry Black. Fourteen Seventh Day Baptist churches were soon established in different parts of England, the earliest being the Mill Yard and Pinner's Hall churches in London. The former apparently had its origin in 1617, though the earliest records have been lost by fire.

In 1664 Stephen Mumford, a Seventh Day Baptist, came from London and settled at Newport, R. I. His observance of the Sabbath soon attracted attention, and several members of the Newport church adopted his views and practices, though they did not change their church relation until 1671, when, after correspondence with the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Bell Lane, London, they organized the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America. Other organizations were effected, at Philadelphia, as early as 1700, with Abel Noble as leader, and at Piscataway, Middlesex County, N. J., with Edmund Dunham as leader. From these three centers, Seventh Day Baptist churches have been established in almost every part of the United States. It was also from one of these communities that the impulse came for the founding of the Ephrata Community of German Baptist Brethren, resulting in the organization of the German Seventh Day Baptists in 1728.

The two hundredth anniversary of the American Seventh Day Baptists was celebrated on December 21, 1871, and in commemoration of this, a board of trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund was elected and chartered, which now holds trust funds, for educational and other denominational work, amounting to \$541,000.

With the development of interdenominational activities, illustrated by the organization of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Seventh Day Baptists have entered heartily into the various movements, and are included in the constituency of the Federal Council.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Seventh Day Baptists are evangelical, and belong to the regular Calvinistic group of Baptists, being distinguished only by their observance of the seventh day instead of the first day as the Sabbath. They are in no sense "Judaizers" or "Legalizers," but believe in salvation through faith alone, and insist upon the observance of the Sabbath, not as a basis of salvation, but as evidence of obedience and conformity to the teachings of Christ.

Originally the Seventh Day Baptists were restricted communionists, and invitations to the Lord's Supper were given "to members of churches in sister relation." That form of invitation has, by common consent, gradually disappeared, and at present no specific invitation is given to the Lord's Supper, all present being at liberty to partake if they desire. Neither do Seventh Day Baptists forbid their members to partake of the communion in other churches or congregations, the matter being left to the private judgment of each individual. Church membership, however, is granted only to those who have been immersed.

#### POLITY.

In polity the Seventh Day Baptists were at first intensely independent congregationalists, and they have continued such with some slight modifications which experience has shown to be useful in the development of denominational life and work. Each local church is thus independent in its own affairs, and all union for denominational work is voluntary. For administrative purposes chiefly, the churches are organized into associations and a General Conference, which, however, have only advisory powers. In the General Conference each church is entitled to 4 delegates as a church, and 2 additional delegates for each 25 members, while members of the 3 denominational societies—the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, American Sabbath Tract Society, and Seventh Day Baptist Education Society—if present at the conference, are thereby entitled to membership. Churches which can not be represented by their own members are at liberty to appoint, as their delegates, members of other churches which are in full and regular membership in the conference, and the delegate or delegates present from any church are entitled to cast the full vote to which that church is entitled when the vote is taken by churches.

Applicants for church membership are admitted by a vote of the local church, generally on recommendation by a permanent committee composed of the pastor and deacons of the church. The local church is the prime authority in the ordination of elders and deacons, but of late years the associations have taken part in this service through a permanent committee which is represented in each council called by the local church. The conference, however, upon the request of a church, may approve or disapprove its action in the name of the denomination. In every case, however, the local church must first move in the matter of ordination and the calling of a council, but no church has the right to ordain or recognize such ordinations for other churches or the denomination.

#### WORK.

The churches carry on their missionary and other activities through boards or societies which were originally wholly independent of the General Conference, though their members were, according to the constitutions of the various boards and societies, also annual members of that conference. In forming a more compact organization in order to bring the societies into close relations with the General Conference, a plan has been adopted by which the boards of the incorporated societies are nominated by the conference and are elected by the societies at their annual meetings, in accordance with the provisions

of their charters. The societies thus organized are the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, carrying on both home and foreign work; the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society; and the American Sabbath Tract Society, which is both the publishing society of the denomination and, in a sense, a home missionary society through which the work of Sabbath reform is carried on.

A missionary spirit has always been characteristic of the denomination, as indicated by the coming of the first Seventh Day Baptists from England to America, which was missionary action on the part of the churches in London, England. It found expression at a very early period in "yearly meetings," which were essentially missionary gatherings. As the number of churches grew larger and they were more widely spread, the sending out of missionaries by the yearly meetings increased; and it was chiefly this missionary spirit which led, in 1802, to the organization of the General Conference for the special purpose of prosecuting that work more successfully. For about twenty years this general work was carried on under the direct management of the conference, through a missionary committee. In 1828 the American Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was organized, with membership, both annual and life, upon a financial basis. Subsequently modifications took place, including the organization of the Hebrew Missionary Society for work among the Jews. In 1843 the word "American" was dropped from the name, and in 1846 the present organization was completed and incorporated as the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

During the year 1916 this society conducted home mission work through 15 missionary pastors and workers and 5 general missionaries, serving and assisting in various ways 30 churches, at an expense of \$6,390.

In the foreign field the same organization has had charge of work in China, British Guiana, Holland, and Java. An enterprise carried on for a time in Palestine was broken up by the unsettled state of the local government. The mission in China, begun before the middle of the last century, is still carried on with increasing vigor. The different departments there—evangelistic, missionary, medical, hospital, and educational—are under the immediate direction of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Association, which is practically a branch of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. The work in Java is under the direct care of the churches in Holland, though it receives considerable financial support from the United States. The report of the foreign work of the Seventh Day Baptist churches for 1916 shows 8 stations, with 10 American missionaries and 20 native workers; 6 churches, with 229 members; 5 schools,

with 213 pupils; 1 hospital, in which 5,360 patients were treated; 1 asylum, with 220 inmates; a total of \$7,284 contributed by the churches for the work during the year; and property valued at \$30,000. There are also 5 Seventh Day Baptist churches in Holland, which carry on missionary work, and together conduct a magazine which is supported by the American Sabbath Tract Society in the United States.

The organization of special societies for promoting education began in 1834 under the direction of the General Conference. At first academies were established and later a system of graded schools was developed. The Seventh Day Baptist Education Society took its present form in 1852, and although directly connected with Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., acts for the entire denomination. In addition to the university at Alfred, with its college, theological, and academic departments, and 3 technical schools, 2 other colleges, at Milton, Wis., and at Salem, W. Va., are identified with the denomination. The returns for the 3 for 1916 showed 1,041 students, property and endowment valued at \$1,227,585, and contributions to the amount of \$3,200.

Among other organizations, one of the most prominent is the Woman's Board for Religious Work, organized in 1884, and doing excellent service along industrial, missionary, educational, and Sabbath reform lines.

Organized denominational Sabbath school work was begun in 1836, although Sabbath schools were already in existence in various churches, one at least having been organized as early as 1740 by the German Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata, Pa. Previous to 1870 Sabbath school boards were appointed by the various associations and carried forward systematic work along this line within their various boundaries. In that year the General Conference appointed a denominational Sabbath school board, which is incorporated and has charge of the general work, including Sabbath school literature.

The first Young People's Christian Endeavor societies were formed in 1884, three years after the beginning of the movement under the Rev. F. E. Clark, at Portland, Me.; and within a brief period thereafter a larger percentage of Seventh Day Baptist churches had organized these societies than of any other denomination. In 1916 there were 41 societies with 1,206 members. They are identified with the denomination through a Young People's Executive Board, appointed by the General Conference.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Seventh Day Baptist churches for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 106 and 107, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the

general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	68	77	-9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	7,980	8,381	-401	-4.8
Church edifices.....	62	71	-9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$307,600	\$292,250	\$15,350	5.3
Debt on church property.....	\$2,150	\$1,942	\$208	10.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	41	39	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$95,200	\$69,440	\$25,760	37.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	66	68	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	877	843	34	4.0
Scholars.....	5,005	5,117	-112	-2.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$16,874	\$18,602	-\$1,728	-9.3
Domestic.....	\$9,590	\$13,202	-\$3,612	-27.4
Foreign.....	\$7,284	\$5,400	\$1,884	34.9

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As will be noted there has been a somewhat general decrease—68 organizations in 1916 as against 77 in 1906; 7,980 members as against 8,381—a loss of 4.8 per cent; and 62 church edifices as against 71. Similarly, the number of Sunday schools fell from 68 to 66, and the number of scholars from 5,117 to 5,005. On the other hand, there has been a slight increase in the value of church property, from \$292,250 to \$307,600, or 5.3 per cent, while the debt on church property, as reported by 4 churches, has advanced from \$1,942 to \$2,150. The number of churches reporting parsonages, 41, was an increase of 2 over 1906, and the value as reported, \$95,200 as against \$69,440, represents an increase of 37.1 per cent. There was a decrease of \$3,612, or 27.4 per cent, in

the contributions for domestic work, but those for foreign mission enterprises advanced from \$5,400 to \$7,284, an increase of 34.9 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$67,695, reported by 64 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 54 organizations in 1916, was 106, constituting 1.6 per cent of the 6,590 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,390 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 128.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers reported for the denomination was 75. Separate schedules were received from 45, of whom 35 were in pastoral work, and 10 otherwise engaged. Of those in pastoral work, 23 were full pastors, receiving an average annual salary of \$843; 2 were acting as supplies or assistants; and 10 supplemented their income from the churches by other occupations—chiefly farming and education. Of those not in pastoral work, 8 were on the retired list and 2 were engaged in educational and editorial work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

#### ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Seventh Day Baptists.....	68	68	7,980	67	3,236	4,728	62	4	62	69	\$307,600
New England division:											
Rhode Island.....	6	6	988	6	414	574	6		6	6	49,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	19	19	2,408	19	960	1,448	17	2	17	17	55,800
New Jersey.....	4	4	805	4	336	469	4		4	4	89,500
Pennsylvania.....	3	3	156	3	56	100	2		2	2	2,200
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	4	295	4	116	179	3	1	3	3	8,300
Wisconsin.....	7	7	1,039	6	392	631	7		7	7	33,200
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2	2	170	2	77	93	2		2	2	5,000
Nebraska.....	2	2	368	2	148	220	2		2	1	15,000
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia.....	6	6	650	6	266	384	6		6	5	17,250
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3	3	184	3	80	104	3		3	3	6,000
Pacific division:											
California.....	3	3	153	3	56	97	2		2	2	6,150
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	9	9	764	9	335	429	8	1	8	7	20,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Ohio.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Seventh Day Baptists.....	68	4	\$2,150	41	\$95,200	64	\$67,695	66	66	877	5,005
New England division:											
Rhode Island.....	6			3	9,000	5	5,735	5	5	67	335
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	19			14	23,900	19	19,252	19	19	264	1,571
New Jersey.....	4			4	13,700	4	10,632	4	4	83	389
Pennsylvania.....	3	1	250	2	1,800	2	367	3	3	23	112
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4			2	2,500	3	2,537	4	4	40	181
Wisconsin.....	7			5	11,800	7	7,443	7	7	107	719
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2			2	4,000	2	1,792	2	2	26	138
Nebraska.....	2			1	3,000	2	6,493	2	2	44	320
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia.....	6			3	10,200	6	3,521	6	6	66	416
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3	1	200			3	822	2	2	20	122
Pacific division:											
California.....	3	1	1,500			3	2,475	3	3	28	139
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	9	1	200	5	15,300	8	6,626	9	9	109	563

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Seventh Day Baptists.....	68	68	7,980	67	3,236	4,728	62	4	62	59	\$307,600
Central.....	8	8	773	8	281	492	7	1	7	7	21,500
Eastern.....	14	14	1,999	14	853	1,146	13	1	13	13	144,700
Northwestern.....	20	20	2,489	19	998	1,475	18	2	18	17	76,500
Pacific Coast.....	3	3	153	3	56	97	2		2	2	6,150
Southeastern.....	7	7	697	7	284	413	7		7	6	18,250
Southwestern.....	5	5	269	5	121	148	5		5	4	8,000
Western.....	11	11	1,600	11	643	957	10		10	10	32,500

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Seventh Day Baptists.....	68	4	\$2,150	41	\$95,200	64	\$67,695	66	66	877	5,005
Central.....	8			7	10,000	8	6,025	8	8	112	516
Eastern.....	14			8	24,200	13	19,975	13	13	185	945
Northwestern.....	20	1	200	14	35,800	19	23,655	20	20	305	1,815
Pacific Coast.....	3	1	1,500			3	2,475	3	3	28	139
Southeastern.....	7			4	11,200	7	3,656	7	7	78	481
Southwestern.....	5	1	200	1	800	4	1,332	4	4	32	173
Western.....	11	1	250	7	13,200	10	10,577	11	11	137	936



## FREE BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

The acceptance of Calvinistic theology by the Baptist churches of New England about the middle of the eighteenth century was not by any means unanimous. There was a strong Arminian sentiment which declined to approve the preaching that characterized The Great Awakening. There was also much dissatisfaction with the practical dominance of the Congregational churches, generally spoken of as "the standing order"; with the character of not a few ministers who, while well educated, were not regarded as fully converted; and especially with the laxity of discipline manifest in the "half-way covenant," by which non-church members were allowed to present their children for baptism and exercise many of the privileges of communicants.

The return of Whitefield to New England in 1769, with his cyclonic preaching, stirred the communities anew, and aroused again the feeling which had resulted in the "New Light" party. Among those who listened to him in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1770, was a young man, Benjamin Randall, who seems, however, to have been more impressed by the news of the sudden death of the evangelist two days later than he had been by his preaching. He was converted and joined the Congregational church in Newcastle, N. H. The general conditions of church life which he found, especially the laxity of church discipline, troubled him, and, as he was powerless to effect a reform, he found a more congenial church home in a Baptist church in Berwick, Me. He soon became noted as a leader of religious meetings, and, later, as a preacher. It was discovered, however, that he did not preach the sterner Calvinistic doctrines, and when questioned upon this point declared his disbelief in them. The result was that in 1779 he was tried, adjudged unsound in doctrine, and disfellowshipped. A considerable number, however, especially of those who had become dissatisfied with the condition of church life, as indicated above, sympathized with him, and the next year he organized in New Durham, N. H., a Baptist church, being formally set apart by his associates to the work of the gospel ministry.

The number of adherents spread in New Hampshire, and more rapidly in Maine. Most of their leaders were itinerant preachers who organized churches, all of which were connected at first with the mother church in what was called a "quarterly meeting." As they moved westward into other New England states and into New York state, the necessity of a larger organization brought into existence a "yearly meeting," and at length, in 1826, a general conference was called, to which all yearly meetings sent delegates. This general conference at first held annual sessions, then biennial, triennial, and, beginning in 1917, quadrennial sessions, that being the thirty-sixth general conference.

For several years they had no thought of starting a new denomination, but as their numbers increased they found themselves disfellowshipped and ostracized by the more rigid Calvinists, so that some distinctive name became necessary. For twenty years after the organization of the New Durham church they had been called "General Provisioners," "New Lights," "Come-Outers," "Randallites," "Freewillers," etc., and, finally, though with much protest on the part of many, they accepted the most prevalent of these names and called themselves Free Will Baptists, although to many of them the term "Free Baptist" seemed more nearly descriptive and to be preferred, since they believed not only in the doctrine of free will, but also in free grace and in free communion.

Following the death of Mr. Randall in 1808, the number of Free Baptists increased considerably, and a strong, though unsuccessful, effort was made to bring about a union between them and the community recently organized as "Christians," under the lead of Abner Jones and Elias Smith.

In 1892 the general conference became incorporated under the laws of Maine as the General Conference of Free Baptists; into it were merged the missionary societies of the denomination, and it became, in effect, an organization of the denomination, composed of delegates from yearly meetings and associations.

The Free Baptists claim to be the first religious body to declare themselves against slavery, the General Conference in 1835 taking a pronounced position on this question. They also took a strong stand on the temperance question at an early date. During the earlier years of their history, in their protest against an unregenerate ministry and church membership, and their emphasis on the necessity of the new birth and a vital spiritual experience, they made the mistake of undervaluing mental training, a result partly due to the fact that the educational institutions of the time were entirely in the hands of Calvinists or of a liberal and practically Unitarian element. In addition, in their reaction against the support of the clergy by taxation, which at that time made the Congregational churches virtually an established church in some of the New England states, they went to the extreme of paying their ministers no fixed salaries. These two factors resulted in an uneducated and poorly paid ministry, and greatly retarded the growth of the denomination. Although they eventually realized the disadvantages entailed by their position and changed their attitude, particularly in reference to education, their growth continued slow and their number fluctuated more or less.

Since 1904 there has been a continuous movement for the restoration of the fellowship between Baptists and Free Baptists. Committees from either side have been in conference, and in 1908 a statement of agree-

ments was put forth which has been called a "Basis of Union," which attempted no doctrinal or theological harmonizing, but which recognized "as a fact that the original occasion and cause of separation of the two bodies have practically disappeared, and that in all essentials of Christian doctrine as well as church administration and polity, we are substantially one," and claimed that "differences, if still existing, may be left, where the New Testament leaves them, to the teaching of the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." After three years of discussion and of preparatory action, in October, 1911, decisive steps were taken toward combining as one denomination. The General Conference of Free Baptists, on October 5, 1911, turned over to the Baptist societies—the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society—the funds, functions, properties, and powers, then in condition for transfer, previously belonging to the General Conference of Free Baptists, and these societies became the agents of Free Baptists for the prosecution of the home and foreign mission work. Since 1911 the action then begun has continued. Properties and funds have been further turned over as fast and as far as legal and ecclesiastical considerations permitted. In the different states the movement toward union and consolidation has been taken up and carried on, bringing state organizations and the funds and functions of the two peoples within the states into one common organization. In Maine and New Hampshire "United Baptist" conventions have been organized. In other states the Free Baptists, being much fewer in number, have for the most part become directly connected with the Baptist state conventions. The movement is slower in some states than in others, and in one or two states meets with determined opposition; but for the most part the members of these churches, whose differences, if ever great, are now inconsiderable, are coming to work and worship together as one great family.

These changes in organization make a fair census enumeration of Free Baptists practically impossible. Whereas before the reunion they numbered from 80,000 to 100,000 members, the present enumeration shows only 12,570. It does not follow from this that they have "died out." Indeed, they claim that from their point of view of history, doctrines, and sympathy, they are more numerous than ever. Some cling to the use of the old name "Free Baptists," or "Free Will Baptists," but the great majority rejoice in the old name "Baptist," as indicating a better service and a larger life.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Free Baptists have always held that, though man in his fallen state can not become the child of God by natural goodness and works of his own, redemption and regeneration are freely provided for

him; the call of the gospel is coextensive with the atonement, to all men, so that salvation is equally possible to all; the truly regenerate are through infirmity and manifold temptations in danger of falling, and ought therefore to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of faith.

They hold, with Baptists in general, that baptism, of which immersion is regarded as the only proper form, should be administered only to those who for themselves repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Participation in the Lord's Supper is the "privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ." The invitation to the Lord's Supper is given to all, participation in it being left with the individual. The human will is declared to be "free and self-determined, having power to yield to gracious influences and live, or resist them and perish;" and the doctrine of election is defined not as an "unconditional decree" fixing the future state of man, but simply as God's determination "from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation."

#### POLITY.

In polity the Free Baptists are congregational, each local church being independent and self-governed, electing its own officers, judging as to the qualifications of its members, and forming the final court of authority in matters of Christian life.

#### WORK.

In October, 1911, the Foreign and Home Mission work of the Free Baptists was transferred to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and has been blended with the work of the Baptist denomination in the general organization of the Northern Baptist Convention. As early as 1835 Free Baptists began foreign mission work in India, in the district southwest of Calcutta, now known as the Bengal-Orissa Field of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. At one time they had a small mission enterprise among the Bassas inland from Liberia, Africa. They have also a missionary and associates in the Barbados, supported still in part by Free Baptists of the West and Southwest. Their home mission work has centered largely in Storer College, an institution for the education of the Negroes at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. Among the educational institutions founded by them are Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.; Bates College, Lewiston, Me.; Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio; Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y.; New Hampton Literary Institution, New Hampton, N. H.; and Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, Me. The "Morning Star," the organ of the denomination, founded in 1826, was merged with the "Watchman," a Baptist paper published in Boston, in October, 1911.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of Free Baptists for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite. The conditions in the denomination have changed so greatly since 1906 that the presentation of the figures by associations was found to be impracticable. As already indicated in the statement as to the history of the Free Baptist denomination, the movement for consolidation with the Northern Baptist Convention has materially affected the figures, and this is evident from the comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 which follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	171	1,346	-1,175	-87.3
Members.....	12,570	81,359	-68,789	-84.5
Church edifices.....	159	1,111	-952	-85.7
Value of church property.....	\$670,720	\$2,974,130	-\$2,303,410	-77.4
Debt on church property.....	\$19,846	\$138,233	-\$118,387	-85.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	67	318	-251	-78.9
Value.....	\$106,650	\$454,226	-\$347,576	-76.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	147	1,089	-942	-86.5
Officers and teachers.....	1,532	9,170	-7,638	-83.3
Scholars.....	11,642	65,101	-53,459	-82.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$125,342		
Domestic.....	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$62,760		
Foreign.....	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$62,582		

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> No separate report; see Northern Baptist Convention, p. 53.

Each item, where comparison with 1906 was possible, shows a large decrease, varying from 76.5 per cent in the value of parsonages, to 87.3 per cent in the number of organizations. Instead of 1,346 organizations as reported in 1906 there were only 171 on the list in 1916, and the value of church property reported was \$670,720 in 1916 as against \$2,974,130 in 1906. During the same period, the membership fell from 81,359 to 12,570, a decline of 84.5 per cent. As a result of these changes, the figures presented in the table can scarcely be considered as representing in any accurate way the strength of this denomination. The probability is that before another census is taken the Free Baptist churches as a distinct body will have so thoroughly united with other bodies that separate statistical presentation will no longer be necessary.

It may be noted that the uniformity in the percentages of decrease indicates that the general status of the denomination remains essentially the same in strength of membership as related to number of organizations, number of church edifices, value of property, and number and size of Sunday schools. The contributions for domestic and foreign work, as stated above, have been consolidated with those of the Northern Baptist Convention, so that a separate report for 1916 is impracticable.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures as reported cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury. The sum reported, \$123,363, an average for the churches reporting of \$806, is an indication of the strength of the churches.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 138 organizations in 1916, was 245, constituting 2.2 per cent of the 11,224 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,346 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 274.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of Free Baptist ministers reported as not connected with the Northern Baptist Convention, or other Baptist body, was 178. Schedules were received from 176, and the main facts in regard to these are given, by states, in the table below:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary of pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	176	117	51	8	\$842
Arkansas.....	1		1		
California.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	12	4	8		733
Kansas.....	1	1			
Maine.....	53	36	15	2	820
Maryland.....	4	3	1		455
Massachusetts.....	8	6	1	1	1,146
Michigan.....	1	1			
New Hampshire.....	25	21	3	1	909
New York.....	18	14	3	1	780
Ohio.....	8	8			759
Oklahoma.....	10		8	2	
Pennsylvania.....	6	5	1		737
Rhode Island.....	8	8			1,081
Texas.....	8	2	5	1	930
Vermont.....	7	6	1		530
Virginia.....	4	1	3		
West Virginia.....	1		1		

From this table, it appears that of the 176 ministers who reported, 168 were in pastoral work, 4 were retired, and 4 were in denominational or evangelistic work. Of those in pastoral work, 28 served as supplies or assistants and 23 supplemented their income from their churches by pursuing other occupations. The remaining 114 reported an average annual salary of \$842.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

# FREE BAPTISTS.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Baptists.....	171	171	12,570	169	4,405	8,004	155	10	159	159	\$670,720
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	58	58	2,955	58	1,003	1,952	56	1	57	56	161,260
New Hampshire.....	26	26	2,308	26	741	1,567	26		27	26	138,800
Vermont.....	7	7	213	7	77	136	6		6	6	16,200
Massachusetts.....	7	7	1,465	7	485	980	7		7	7	111,900
Rhode Island.....	2	2	514	2	216	298	2		2	2	35,000
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	10	10	887	10	331	556	10		11	10	61,200
Pennsylvania.....	5	5	241	5	82	159	5		5	5	22,000
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	8	8	483	8	170	313	8		8	8	41,800
Illinois.....	13	13	1,243	12	452	691	13		13	13	41,100
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	4	4	430	4	182	248	2	1	2	3	5,200
Virginia.....	5	5	268	5	82	186	4		5	4	5,700
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Oklahoma.....	4	4	75	4	36	39		3		1	25
Texas.....	19	19	1,271	18	463	747	13	5	13	15	19,035
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	217	3	85	132	3		3	3	11,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas, Michigan, and West Virginia.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Baptists.....	171	14	\$19,846	67	\$106,650	153	\$123,363	141	147	1,532	11,642
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	58	4	3,934	17	25,000	46	32,951	42	43	396	3,020
New Hampshire.....	26			19	37,900	24	28,313	24	28	319	2,393
Vermont.....	7			4	4,850	7	3,984	6	6	51	279
Massachusetts.....	7	2	6,750	2	3,800	7	20,047	7	7	157	1,391
Rhode Island.....	2			2	5,000	2	6,375	2	2	40	296
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	10			7	10,300	10	11,899	10	10	134	882
Pennsylvania.....	5			2	2,400	4	1,700	5	5	48	309
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	8			7	10,100	8	6,295	8	8	112	684
Illinois.....	13	3	6,700	1	1,000	13	3,871	12	12	103	1,045
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	4	2	1,832	1	1,600	4	966	4	4	25	161
Virginia.....	5	1	30	2	1,700	5	1,750	4	5	32	156
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Oklahoma.....	4					3	14	2	2	13	54
Texas.....	19	1	100			17	3,552	12	12	74	660
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	500	3	3,000	3	1,646	3	3	28	312

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas, Michigan, and West Virginia.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

One of the influential factors in early Baptist history, especially in the Middle states, was a Welsh church, organized in Wales in 1701, which emigrated the same year to Pennsylvania. Two years later it received a grant of land known as the "Welsh Tract," where the colony prospered and was able to send a number of able ministers to various sections. One of these, Elder Paul Palmer, gathered a company in North Carolina and, in 1727, organized a church at Perquimans, in Chowan County. The principal element appears to have been Arminian, in sympathy with certain communities in Virginia which had received ministerial assistance from the General Baptists of England. There was no thought, however, of organizing a separate denomination, the object being primarily to provide a church home for the community, a place for the administration of the ordinances, and for the teaching of Christian ethics.

Under the labors of Elder Palmer and other ministers whom he ordained, additional churches were organized, which grew rapidly, considering the sparsely settled country, and an organization was formed, called a yearly meeting, including, in 1752, 16 churches, 16 ministers, and probably 1,000 communicants. As the Philadelphia Association of Calvinistic Baptists increased in strength, a considerable number of these Arminian churches were won over to that confession, so that only 4 remained undivided. These, however, rallied, reorganized, and, being later reinforced by Free Will Baptists from the North, especially from Maine, regained most of the lost ground.

In the early part of their history they do not appear to have had a distinctive name. They were afterwards called "Free Will Baptists," and most of them became known later as "Original Free Will Baptists." They were so listed in the report on religious bodies, census of 1890, but have since preferred to drop the term "Original," and be called simply "Free Will Baptists."

In 1836 they were represented by delegates in a General Conference of Free Will Baptists throughout the United States, but after the Civil War they held their own conferences. In recent years they have drawn to themselves a number of churches of similar faith throughout the Southern states, and have increased greatly in strength. They hold essentially the same doctrines as the Free Baptist churches of the North, have the same form of ecclesiastical polity, and are to some degree identified with the same interests, missionary and educational.

As the movement for the union of the Free Baptist churches with the Northern Baptist Convention has extended, some who did not care to join in that movement have affiliated with the Free Will Baptists, though as yet there has been little formal action in that direction.

## DOCTRINE.

The Free Will Baptists accept the five points of Arminianism as opposed to the five points of Calvinism, and in a confession of faith of eighteen articles, declare that Christ "freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man"; that "God wants all to come to repentance"; and that "all men, at one time or another, are found in such capacity as that, through the grace of God, they may be eternally saved."

Believers' baptism is considered the only true principle, and immersion the only correct form; but no distinction is made in the invitation to the Lord's Supper, and Free Will Baptists uniformly practice open communion. They further believe in foot-washing and anointing the sick with oil.

## POLITY.

In polity the Free Will Baptists are distinctly congregational. Quarterly conferences for business purposes are held in which all members may participate. The officers of the church are the pastor, clerk, treasurer, deacons, who have charge of the preparations for the communion service and care for the poor, and elders, who care for the spiritual interests of the churches and settle controversies between brethren. The quarterly conferences are united in state bodies, variously called conferences or associations, and there is an annual conference representing the entire denomination.

## WORK.

The general activities of the churches are not as yet well organized, although considerable evangelistic work is done in the home field, and some of the churches contributed to the support of the foreign mission in Bengal, India, until recently under the supervision of the General Conference of the Free Baptists. In several of the Southern states the Free Will Baptist churches have recently organized state conventions, with state mission boards, boards of education, Sunday school and philanthropic work. There is a tendency to form one strong body, or to do more general missionary and educational work through these boards of the state organizations. For several years there has been a theological seminary at Ayden, N. C., in which young men are prepared for the ministry, and a denominational school has recently been established in Oklahoma. Through the efforts of the North Carolina State Convention, an orphanage is now being built at Middlesex, N. C. The denomination has a publishing house in Ayden, N. C., which publishes the organ of the churches, "The Free Will Baptist," and also issues a large supply of Sunday school literature. A cooperative association of many of the states has been organized, which is expected in the near future to embrace the entire brotherhood.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Free Will Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 114 to 117, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	750	608	142	23.4
Members.....	54,833	40,280	14,553	36.1
Church edifices.....	656	556	100	18.0
Value of church property.....	\$517,240	\$296,585	\$220,655	74.4
Debt on church property.....	\$6,260	\$3,536	\$2,724	77.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	14	8	6	(1)
Value.....	\$9,630	\$3,400	\$6,230	183.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	396	263	133	50.6
Officers and teachers.....	2,547	1,440	1,107	76.9
Scholars.....	22,421	12,720	9,701	76.3

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a very general increase in the strength of the denomination since 1906. The number of organizations reported was 750 in 1916, as against 608 in 1906, an increase of 23.4 per cent, and the membership was 54,833 as against 40,280, an increase of 36.1 per cent. The number of church edifices added to the list is 100, and 6 additional organizations reported parsonages. The value of church property advanced from \$296,585 to \$517,240, or 74.4 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$3,400 to \$9,630, or 183.2 per cent. There was also a large advance in Sunday schools, from 263 to 396, and the number of scholars increased from 12,720 to 22,421, or 76.3 per cent. No contributions for missionary or benevolent purposes were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in the church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$75,835, reported by 612 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 520 organizations in 1916, was 523, constituting 1.3 per cent of the 40,430 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 14,403 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 709.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the denominational rolls was 873. Schedules were received from 582 and the main facts in regard to these are given, by states, in the table below:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	582	36	408	138	\$476
Alabama.....	38		31	7	
Arkansas.....	48		41	7	
Florida.....	27	4	19	4	290
Georgia.....	66	1	54	11	300
Iowa.....	1				
Kansas.....	4	2		2	525
Kentucky.....	5		4	1	
Minnesota.....	1			1	
Mississippi.....	12	2	9	1	702
Missouri.....	61	1	40	20	450
Montana.....	6		3	3	
Nebraska.....	6	3	2	1	358
North Carolina.....	139	13	93	33	495
Ohio.....	4		4		
Oklahoma.....	36		31	5	
Oregon.....	2	1		1	1,200
South Carolina.....	25	2	16	7	275
Tennessee.....	52	3	35	14	238
Texas.....	16	2	8	6	683
Washington.....	5		1	4	
West Virginia.....	23	1	17	10	636

From this table it appears that 444 ministers were in pastoral work, and 138 not in pastoral work. A very small number, only 36, reported full salaries, averaging \$476. The great majority, 345, supplemented their salaries by other occupations, and of these, 257 were reported as farming. Of those not in pastoral work, 42 were retired from active service, and 46 were engaged in evangelistic and philanthropic work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Will Baptists.....	750	750	54,833	749	22,013	32,764	656	62	656	664	\$517,240
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	68	68	4,868	68	2,014	2,854	59	5	59	57	45,395
Nebraska.....	11	11	581	11	254	327	10	10	10	10	14,000
Kansas.....	6	6	373	6	168	205	4	2	4	4	7,800
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia.....	7	7	296	7	114	182	2	5	2	2	700
North Carolina.....	253	253	22,914	253	8,838	14,076	250	2	250	249	243,165
South Carolina.....	31	31	2,281	30	908	1,317	27	1	27	27	16,265
Georgia.....	95	95	6,152	95	2,482	3,670	92	1	92	94	63,079
Florida.....	26	26	1,424	26	598	826	21	2	21	24	10,879
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4	4	344	4	168	176	4	4	4	4	3,975
Tennessee.....	51	51	4,681	51	1,849	2,832	42	8	42	42	32,212
Alabama.....	82	82	5,854	82	2,570	3,284	79	79	79	82	41,825
Mississippi.....	18	18	921	18	382	539	13	1	13	13	4,880
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	62	62	2,926	62	1,203	1,723	41	15	41	43	25,395
Oklahoma.....	22	22	680	22	236	444	3	18	3	3	1,700
Texas.....	12	12	458	12	199	259	8	2	8	9	5,550
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	80	2	30	50	1	1	1	1	450

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Iowa and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Will Baptists.....	750	42	\$6,260	14	\$9,630	612	\$75,835	390	396	2,547	22,421
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	68	1	40	.....	.....	57	4,448	32	32	245	1,629
Nebraska.....	11	.....	.....	5	4,500	10	1,952	5	5	50	243
Kansas.....	6	.....	.....	3	3,200	5	955	3	3	21	150
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia.....	7	1	100	.....	.....	5	311	5	5	35	283
North Carolina.....	253	13	2,820	2	930	233	40,614	173	178	1,199	11,311
South Carolina.....	31	3	100	.....	.....	24	2,162	24	24	134	1,286
Georgia.....	95	11	1,794	3	500	84	9,453	37	38	232	1,801
Florida.....	26	1	500	.....	.....	21	3,270	10	10	54	423
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	370	3	3	12	126
Tennessee.....	51	2	270	.....	.....	36	3,193	24	24	166	1,469
Alabama.....	82	5	442	.....	.....	63	4,752	29	29	160	1,558
Mississippi.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	246	2	2	9	130
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	62	2	70	1	500	39	1,930	27	27	142	1,199
Oklahoma.....	22	1	38	.....	.....	10	869	11	11	62	533
Texas.....	12	1	50	.....	.....	9	1,307	5	5	26	280
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	36	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Iowa and Ohio.



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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Will Baptists .....	750	750	54,833	749	22,013	32,764	656	62	656	664	\$517,240
<b>Alabama:</b>											
Jasper .....	15	15	1,167	15	537	630	13		13	15	5,570
Morning Star .....	13	13	755	13	335	420	12		12	13	7,485
Mount Moriah .....	15	15	1,280	15	564	716	15		15	15	13,550
Southeastern .....	14	14	1,137	14	511	626	14		14	14	6,500
State Line .....	8	8	570	8	242	328	8		8	8	2,850
Tennessee River .....	9	9	503	9	193	310	9		9	9	4,450
Vernon .....	6	6	412	6	177	235	6		6	6	1,245
Zion Rest .....	2	2	30	2	11	19	2		2	2	175
<b>Arkansas:</b>											
Antioch .....	17	17	837	17	335	502	11	5	11	12	6,750
Arkansas .....	12	12	530	12	213	317	5	6	5	6	2,320
Little Missouri River .....	9	9	280	9	120	160	8	1	8	8	5,200
Old Mount Zion .....	9	9	533	9	219	314	5	2	5	5	3,000
Saline .....	8	8	445	8	205	240	7		7	7	4,225
Tyronza .....	2	2	77	2	28	49	2		2	2	2,500
Zion Hope .....	5	5	224	5	83	141	3	1	3	3	1,400
<b>Florida:</b>											
Liberty .....	4	4	245	4	101	144	3	1	3	3	4,000
North Florida .....	11	11	347	11	156	191	9		9	10	2,504
United .....	11	11	832	11	341	491	9	1	9	11	4,375
<b>Georgia:</b>											
Chattahoochee .....	14	14	753	14	300	453	14		14	14	7,750
Georgia Union .....	15	15	808	15	365	443	15		15	15	9,725
Liberty .....	9	9	532	9	203	329	8	1	8	9	4,029
Martin United .....	16	16	1,078	16	385	693	16		16	16	11,225
Midway .....	15	15	1,387	15	552	835	14		14	14	10,875
North Florida .....	2	2	55	2	18	37	2		2	2	1,700
Ogeechee .....	8	8	389	8	180	209	8		8	8	7,850
South Georgia .....	16	16	1,150	16	479	671	15		15	16	9,925
<b>Iowa:</b>											
Association not given .....	1	1	50	1	19	31	1		1	1	450
<b>Kansas:</b>											
Northern Kansas .....	3	3	245	3	100	145	3		3	3	7,500
Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas .....	2	2	83	2	38	45	1	1	1	1	300
Association not given .....	1	1	45	1	30	15		1			
<b>Kentucky:</b>											
Cumberland .....	4	4	344	4	168	176	4		4	4	3,975
<b>Mississippi:</b>											
Jasper .....	2	2	138	2	63	75	1		1	1	800
State Line .....	3	3	181	3	75	106	3		3	3	1,200
Tennessee River .....	1	1	101	1	40	61	1		1	1	300
Zion Rest .....	12	12	501	12	204	297	8	1	8	8	2,550
<b>Missouri:</b>											
Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas .....	8	8	559	8	234	325	6	1	6	6	5,200
Indian Creek .....	2	2	138	2	55	83	2		2	2	1,300
Laclede County .....	14	14	1,044	14	436	608	13	1	13	12	7,120
Njanguer .....	6	6	432	6	193	239	6		6	6	2,800
Northeast Missouri .....	4	4	332	4	163	169	3		3	2	2,500
Northwestern Association .....	4	4	405	4	162	243	4		4	4	6,200
Saint Francis County .....	3	3	280	3	117	163	3		3	3	4,700
Union .....	22	22	1,369	22	538	831	20	1	20	20	12,075
Association not given .....	5	5	309	5	116	193	2	2	2	2	3,500
<b>Nebraska:</b>											
Hastings .....	8	8	264	8	128	136	7		7	7	8,000
Nemah River .....	3	3	317	3	126	191	3		3	3	6,000
<b>North Carolina:</b>											
Cape Fear .....	45	45	3,410	45	1,297	2,113	45		45	45	38,200
Central .....	49	49	6,516	49	2,433	4,083	49		49	48	54,550
Eastern .....	60	60	5,817	60	2,314	3,503	58	1	58	58	55,355
French Broad .....	12	12	1,054	12	443	611	12		12	12	8,550
Mount Moriah .....	1	1	63	1	28	35	1		1	1	400
Pee Dee .....	7	7	661	7	231	430	6	1	6	7	2,650
Rock Fish .....	2	2	92	2	45	47	2		2	2	1,200
Saint Anna .....	6	6	177	6	63	114	6		6	6	2,825
Smyrna .....	1	1	126	1	56	70	1		1	1	500
Western .....	43	43	3,769	43	1,430	1,339	43		43	43	60,635
Wilmington .....	24	24	1,099	24	445	654	24		24	23	17,425
Association not given .....	3	3	130	3	53	77	3		3	3	875
<b>Ohio:</b>											
Ohio Yearly Meeting .....	1	1	30	1	11	19					
<b>Oklahoma:</b>											
Center .....	2	2	81	2	34	47		2			
Dibble .....	3	3	59	3	17	17					
Grand River .....	3	3	86	3	19	67		3			
Hopewell .....	9	9	332	9	118	214	2	7	2	2	1,300
Southern .....	2	2	36	2	15	21		2			
Association not given .....	3	3	86	3	33	53	1	2	1	1	400
<b>South Carolina:</b>											
French Broad .....	1	1	78	1	38	40					
Mount Moriah .....	4	4	60	4	29	31	4		4	4	1,450
Pee Dee .....	3	3	175	3	51	124	2	1	2	2	900
Rock Fish .....	2	2	49	2	30	19	2		2	2	830
Saint Anne .....	3	3	189	3	54	135	3		3	3	2,200
South Carolina .....	17	17	1,711	16	699	956	15		15	15	10,385
Wilmington .....	1	1	19	1	7	12	1		1	1	500



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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Tennessee:											
Cumberland.....	16	16	1,802	16	762	1,040	16	16	16	\$16,550	
Eastern South Tennessee.....	6	6	266	6	103	163	3	3	3	1,212	
Flat Creek.....	9	9	454	9	192	262	8	1	8	3,250	
Tennessee River.....	5	5	300	5	124	176	5	5	5	4,150	
Western Division Stone.....	15	15	1,859	15	668	1,191	10	4	10	7,050	
Texas:											
Central Brazos.....	2	2	63	2	32	31	1	1	1	500	
Northeast Texas.....	4	4	91	4	33	58	4	4	4	1,450	
West Fork.....	5	5	224	5	98	126	4	4	4	3,600	
Association not given.....	1	1	80	1	36	44	1	1	1		
West Virginia:											
Logan.....	7	7	296	7	114	182	2	5	2	700	

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Will Baptists.....	750	42	\$6,260	14	\$9,630	612	\$75,835	390	396	2,547	22,421
Alabama:											
Jasper.....	15	1	300			10	555	8	8	40	374
Morning Star.....	13	1	20			9	1,440	3	3	19	144
Mount Moriah.....	15	2	62			12	904	5	5	29	314
Southeastern.....	14	1	60			12	729	5	5	29	254
State Line.....	8					8	490	5	5	29	376
Tennessee River.....	9					6	500	1	1	7	50
Vernon.....	6					5	114	1	1	4	34
Zion Rest.....	2					1	20	1	1	3	12
Arkansas:											
Antioch.....	17					14	841	7	7	38	355
Arkansas.....	12					8	275	5	5	27	236
Little Missouri River.....	9					4	165	3	3	12	100
Old Mount Zion.....	9	1	35			6	236	4	4	23	179
Saline.....	8			1	500	5	343	5	5	28	192
Tyronza.....	2					1	1	1	1	4	45
Zion Hope.....	5	1	35			2	70	2	2	10	92
Florida:											
Liberty.....	4	1	500			4	2,370	3	3	20	198
North Florida.....	11					7	397	2	2	9	35
United.....	11					10	503	5	5	25	190
Georgia:											
Chattahoochee.....	14	1	60			13	742	5	5	36	272
Georgia Union.....	15	2	430			14	1,155	2	2	19	90
Liberty.....	9					8	729	2	2	8	69
Martin United.....	16	3	1,019			13	2,284	7	7	47	345
Midway.....	15			1	100	14	2,023	10	10	53	469
North Florida.....	2					1	48				
Ogeechee.....	8	2	70	1	200	6	606	4	4	23	133
South Georgia.....	16	3	215	1	200	15	1,866	7	8	46	423
Iowa:											
Association not given.....	1	1	36			1	3				
Kansas:											
Northern Kansas.....	3			3	3,200	2	500	1	1	5	40
Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas.....	2					2	270	1	1	8	50
Association not given.....	1					1	185	1	1	8	60
Kentucky:											
Cumberland.....	4					3	370	3	3	12	126
Mississippi:											
Jasper.....	2					1	34	1	1	5	45
State Line.....	3					3	50				
Tennessee River.....	1					1	40				
Zion Rest.....	12					7	122	1	1	4	85
Missouri:											
Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas.....	8					6	652	5	5	51	263
Indian Creek.....	2	1	40			2	180	2	2	15	85
Laclede County.....	14					11	369	4	4	28	176
Nianguer.....	6					6	126	1	1	5	35
Northeast Missouri.....	4					3	750	2	2	17	165
Northwestern Association.....	4					4	970	4	4	25	140
Saint Francis County.....	3					3	347	3	3	25	254
Union.....	22					20	844	7	7	56	335
Association not given.....	5					2	210	4	4	23	176

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Nebraska:											
Hastings.....	8			3	\$2,700	7	\$550	3	3	36	173
Nemah River.....	3			2	1,800	3	1,402	2	2	14	70
North Carolina:											
Cape Fear.....	45	1	\$7			42	6,845	33	33	218	2,321
Central.....	49	3	1,630			46	9,704	26	26	199	1,779
Eastern.....	60	3	171	1	500	52	10,432	37	39	284	2,554
French Broad.....	12					11	1,398	9	9	60	602
Mount Moriah.....	1					1	127	1	1	6	57
Pee Dee.....	7	1	32			5	715	4	6	41	291
Rock Fish.....	2					2	115	2	2	9	111
Saint Anna.....	6			1	430	6	611	6	6	22	141
Smyrna.....	1					1	130	1	1	12	71
Western.....	43	3	900			42	7,688	30	31	219	2,089
Wilmington.....	24	2	80			23	2,691	21	21	113	1,133
Association not given.....	3					2	158	3	3	16	162
Ohio:											
Ohio Yearly Meeting.....	1										
Oklahoma:											
Center.....	2					1	6	1	1	7	50
Dibble.....	3					1	75	1	1	5	35
Grand River.....	3							2	2	10	97
Hopewell.....	9					6	669	6	6	36	309
Southern.....	2					1	40	1	1	4	42
Association not given.....	3	1	38			1	79				
South Carolina:											
French Broad.....	1					1	197	1	1	11	73
Mount Moriah.....	4					2	80	1	1	4	20
Pee Dee.....	3					2	60	1	1	5	43
Rock Fish.....	2					2	37	2	2	13	93
Saint Anne.....	3					2	110	3	3	9	104
South Carolina.....	17	3	100			14	1,653	15	15	88	923
Wilmington.....	1					1	25	1	1	4	30
Tennessee:											
Cumberland.....	16					14	1,363	9	9	63	467
Eastern South Tennessee.....	6					1	15	1	1	7	25
Flat Creek.....	9	1	35			7	429	2	2	16	123
Tennessee River.....	5	1	235			2	400	2	2	10	125
Western Division Stone.....	15					12	986	10	10	70	729
Texas:											
Central Brazos.....	2					1	10	1	1	5	60
Northeast Texas.....	4	1	50			3	640	1	1	6	64
West Fork.....	5					5	857	3	3	15	156
Association not given.....	1										
West Virginia:											
Logan.....	7	1	100			5	311	5	5	35	283

COLORED FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

(FORMERLY UNITED AMERICAN FREE WILL BAPTISTS.)

HISTORY.

For some years after the Civil War the lines between the white and Negro Free Will Baptist churches in the Southern states seem not to have been drawn very sharply. As, however, the latter increased in number and in activity, there arose among them a desire for a separate organization. Their ministers and evangelists, together with others, had gathered a number of churches in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, and had met with such success that in 1901 they were organized as a separate denomination. While ecclesiastically distinct, these Negro Baptists are in close relation with the white Free Will Baptist churches of the Southern states, and trace their origin to the early Arminian Baptist churches of the Carolinas and Virginia and the Free Baptist movement in New England.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Colored Free Will Baptists are in substantial agreement with the white churches of the same faith. In polity the local churches are not as completely autonomous as is the case in the other Free Will Baptist bodies. The denomination has a system of quarterly, annual, and general conferences, with a graded authority. Thus, while the local church is independent so far as concerns its choice of officers, its government, and the transaction of its business, any doctrinal question which it can not decide is taken to the district quarterly conference or to the annual conference. The district conference has no jurisdiction over the individual members of the local church, but can labor with the church as a body and exclude it from fellowship. In the same way the annual conference, sometimes called an "association,"

has authority in matters of doctrine over the district or quarterly conference; and the general conference has similar jurisdiction over the annual conference. The general conference has also supervision over the denominational activities of the church, including missions, education, and Sabbath school work, and general movements, as those for temperance, moral reform, and Sabbath observance.

#### WORK.

The missionary work, whether home or foreign, is as yet unorganized, but pastors are actively engaged in meeting the needs of unoccupied sections, and the Woman's Home Mission and Education Society is doing a great deal of good in this line.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of Colored Free Will Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, in the tables opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is given in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	170	251	-81	-32.3
Members.....	13,362	14,489	-1,127	-7.8
Church edifices.....	164	152	12	7.9
Value of church property.....	\$178,385	\$79,278	\$99,107	125.0
Debt on church property.....	\$9,525	\$3,485	\$6,040	173.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		6	-6	.....
Value.....		\$1,475	-\$1,475	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	90	100	-10	-10.0
Officers and teachers.....	483	382	101	26.4
Scholars.....	4,168	3,307	861	26.0

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The general disintegration of the Negro communities in the Southern states, caused by migration, is illustrated in the statistics for the Negro churches.

Thus, in the case of the Colored Free Will Baptists, as against 251 organizations reported in 1906 there were only 170 in 1916, a decrease of 32.3 per cent, and the membership dropped from 14,489 to 13,362, or 7.8 per cent. The number of church edifices, however, increased, 164 being reported instead of 152; and the value of church property advanced from \$79,278 to \$178,385, or 125 per cent. There was also an increase in debt on church property, from \$3,485, reported by 22 churches in 1906, to \$9,525, reported by 35 churches in 1916. The Sunday schools show a diminution of 10 per cent in number but an increase of 26 per cent in scholars, 4,168 instead of 3,307. Parsonages reported in 1906 are not given in 1916. No general contributions for domestic or foreign missions and benevolences were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$36,647, reported by 168 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 83 organizations in 1916, was 410, constituting 4.9 per cent of the 8,314 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 5,048 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 659.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers reported as identified with the churches was 294. Of these, 87 sent in schedules, showing that 72 were in pastoral work and 15 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work only 24 reported an average annual salary of \$357.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

COLORED FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Free Will Baptists.....	170	169	13,362	169	5,247	8,115	164	3	164	168	\$178,385
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	3	241	3	84	157	3		3	3	13,500
South Atlantic division:											
North Carolina.....	112	112	10,773	112	4,197	6,576	109	1	109	112	121,010
Georgia.....	35	35	1,592	35	646	946	33	2	33	34	21,375
East South Central division:											
Mississippi.....	7	7	290	7	116	174	7		7	7	10,100
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	2	2	67	2	27	40	2		2	2	1,850
Louisiana.....	8	8	276	8	120	156	7		7	7	8,850
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	123	2	57	66	3		3	3	1,700

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Free Will Baptists.....	170	35	\$9,525	168	\$36,647	87	90	483	4,168
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	3			3	906	3	3	35	157
South Atlantic division:									
North Carolina.....	112	29	9,330	112	28,671	62	65	348	3,219
Georgia.....	35	4	96	33	4,841	16	16	64	557
East South Central division:									
Mississippi.....	7	1	45	7	928	3	3	21	106
West South Central division:									
Arkansas.....	2			2	226				
Louisiana.....	8			8	799				
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	54	3	276	3	3	15	129

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Free Will Baptists.....	170	169	13,362	169	5,247	8,115	164	3	164	168	\$178,385
Cape Fear.....	29	29	2,250	29	922	1,328	29		29	29	24,575
Columbus.....	10	10	463	10	209	254	8		8	10	3,885
Georgia, Eastern.....	15	15	533	15	205	328	15		15	15	10,000
Northeast.....	34	34	2,500	34	1,010	1,490	33	1	33	34	34,050
Northwest.....	42	41	5,683	41	2,113	3,570	42		42	42	60,200
Southeastern United.....	17	17	633	17	263	370	16		16	16	20,800
Union United.....	20	20	1,059	20	441	618	18	2	18	19	11,375
Unknown.....	3	3	241	3	84	157	3		3	3	13,500

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Free Will Baptists .....	170	35	\$9,525	168	\$36,647	87	90	483	4,168
Cape Fear.....	29	1	80	29	4,540	3	3	26	244
Columbus.....	10	2	20	10	805	9	9	39	300
Georgia, Eastern.....	15	1	8	15	1,629	5	5	23	190
Northeast.....	34	11	1,665	34	10,880	18	18	94	667
Northwest.....	42	16	7,619	42	12,722	35	38	204	2,137
Southeastern United.....	17	1	45	17	1,953	3	3	21	106
Union United.....	20	3	88	18	3,212	11	11	41	367
Unknown.....	3			3	906	3	3	35	157

FREE WILL BAPTISTS (BULLOCKITES).

HISTORY.

The movement started by Benjamin Randall in New Hampshire in 1780, which resulted in the organization of the body known as "Free Baptists," spread to Maine, where a considerable number of churches were formed. In 1835 there was a division, and some of the ministers, including John Buzzell, Charles Bean, Jeremiah Bullock, and others, with their churches, withdrew from the Free Baptists. These again separated under the leadership of Jeremiah Bullock and John Buzzell, and their followers were frequently nicknamed "Bullockites" and "Buzzellites." The latter have practically disappeared as a distinct body, but the former continue to exist in Maine, retaining the earlier name "Free Will Baptists." They have, however, no denominational connection with the churches of the same name in the Southern states.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Free Will Baptists (Bullockites) for 1916 are given, by states, in the following table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in

Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 48.

The figures for 1916, as compared with those for 1906 for this denomination, show a general decrease; 12 organizations were reported as against 15, and 184 members as against 298. There were 2 less church edifices reported, and the value of church property decreased from \$6,900 to \$3,450. In neither year was there any report of debt, of parsonages, or of contributions for domestic or foreign work by the church as a whole.

Church expenditures of \$275, reported by 3 churches, cover running expenses, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury during the year.

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

But three ministers were reported and a schedule was received from each. Two reported salaries amounting to \$20, showing that in neither case does the minister depend upon church salary for support, but follows out the earlier denominational conception of the ministry.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	12	12	184	12	71	113	6	5	6	6	\$3,450
New England division:											
Maine.....	10	10	154	10	66	88	5	4	5	5	2,950
New Hampshire.....	2	2	30	2	5	25	1	1	1	1	500

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	12			3	\$275	1	1	3	12
New England division:									
Maine.....	10			2	175	1	1	3	12
New Hampshire.....	2			1	100				

GENERAL BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

The General, or Arminian, Baptists trace their origin as a distinct denomination to the early part of the seventeenth century. Their first church is believed to have been founded in Holland in 1607 or 1610 and their first church in England in 1611. During the latter half of the seventeenth and the first half of the eighteenth centuries many of the Baptist churches in New England held Arminian views, and early in the eighteenth century there were also a number of General Baptists in Virginia. These sent a request for ministerial aid to the General Baptists of London, in answer to which Robert Nordin was sent to Virginia in 1714. Nordin is supposed after his arrival to have organized at Burleigh the first Baptist church in Virginia, although it is possible that he found it already established. Later other Baptist churches were organized, and the movement spread into North Carolina, where a flourishing yearly meeting was formed, and to other colonies of the South.

As the Calvinistic Baptists, who had better educated and more aggressive leaders, increased in numbers and strength, the majority of the Arminian Baptist churches, both in New England and the South, became affiliated with them, although the General Six Principle Baptists of New England and a small body of churches in the Carolinas continued to hold the doctrines of the General Baptists. Later the Free Baptists of New England, who held essentially the same principles, attracted many who would otherwise have formed General Baptist churches. The small group of General Baptist churches in the Carolinas, being reinforced by Free Baptists from the North, in time became known as "Free Will Baptists," and included most of those holding Arminian views in that section of the country.

The historical origin of those Baptist bodies in the United States that bear the appellation "General Baptists" at the present time is somewhat uncertain, but it seems probable that they represent colonies sent to the Cumberland region by the early General Baptist churches of North Carolina. The first very definite in-

formation concerning them is that in 1823 a General Baptist church was organized in Vanderburg County, Ind., by Benoni Stinson and others. The following year Liberty Association was organized with four churches. The movement gradually extended to Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, and Nebraska. More recently churches have been established in Oklahoma.

Two distinct influences appeared early in these churches, one for greater denominational emphasis, the other for union with other Baptist bodies, such as the Free Will and the Separate Baptists. Various efforts for such union were put forth, but without conspicuous success. One association united with the Free Will Baptists in 1868, but withdrew in 1877. In 1881 two associations had a conference with an association of "Missionary Baptists," as they were called, to distinguish them from Anti-Missionary or Primitive Baptists, but it failed to produce results. More recently a union with a Separate Baptist association caused some disturbance, but this also was not permanent. Notwithstanding the hindrances attending these discussions, the denomination has made progress, establishing churches and organizing missionary societies and Sunday schools. In 1915 the General Association of General Baptists formed a cooperative union with the Northern Baptist Convention.

DOCTRINE.

The confession of faith of the General Baptists consists of eleven articles which, with but two slight changes, are identical with those formulated by Benoni Stinson in 1823. The distinctive feature of this confession is the doctrine of a general atonement (whence the name, "General Baptist"), which is that Christ died for all men, not merely for the elect, and that any failure of salvation rests purely with the individual. Other clauses state that man is "fallen and depraved," and can not extricate himself from this state by any ability possessed by nature; that except in the case of infants and idiots, regeneration is necessary for salvation, and is secured only through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; that while the Christian who endures

to the end shall be saved, it is possible for him to fall from grace and be lost; that rewards and punishments are eternal; that the bodies of the just and unjust will be raised, the former to the resurrection of life, the latter to the resurrection of damnation; that the only proper mode of baptism is immersion, and the only proper subjects are believers; and that the communion, or Lord's Supper, should be free to all believers. Some of the churches practice foot-washing.

#### POLITY.

In polity the General Baptists are in accord with other Baptist bodies. The local churches are independent, but are united in local, state, and general associations, of advisory character, with no authority over the individual church. No association can legally form an organic union with any other denomination without the ratification of each individual church, and any local church wishing to withdraw from any association may do so, while any local association may withdraw from a state or general association.

When a church desires the ordination of one of its members, it makes recommendation to a body composed of the ordained ministers and deacons of the various local churches, corresponding closely to the councils of Congregational churches, though sometimes called a presbytery. This body conducts an examination of the candidate and, if he is found worthy, ordains him, acting as the representative of the church. It has, however, no authority except such as is given to it by the local church. The vote of the local church on the reception of members must be unanimous.

In 1870 a general association was organized to bring "into more intimate and fraternal relation and effective cooperation various bodies of liberal Baptists." With this most of the local associations are connected through delegates. While this general association is a General Baptist institution, its constitution permits the reception of other Baptist associations whose doctrines and usages harmonize with those of the General Baptists. This constitution states that the name can never be changed, and that no less than three-fourths of its trustees shall be members of General Baptist churches. It has general supervision over the college and educational interests of the denomination, the home and foreign mission work, publication interests, literature, etc.

#### WORK.

A home mission board is maintained under the direction of the general association, its object being to support home missionaries, establish churches in new fields, assist in building houses of worship, etc. Its funds are secured through voluntary contributions of individuals and churches. The various local associations also have boards which do similar work within

their own territory, and which cooperate with the general board. The Home Mission Board of the Liberty Association of Indiana has a permanent fund of several thousand dollars, and has been the means of advancing the interests of the association and of the denomination as much perhaps as any other one agency. It employs 2 missionaries, has aided 6 churches, and has received in contributions the sum of \$400. Largely through its efforts the present publishing house of the denomination was established.

For many years the General Baptists cooperated with the Free Baptists in foreign mission work, but, since this was found to be not entirely satisfactory, a foreign missionary society was organized in 1904, under direction and control of the general association. In order that the foreign work to be undertaken in future years might be successful, the society began at once to raise a permanent endowment fund of \$10,000.

Through the Foreign Mission Board work is now being carried on in the Island of Guam, where in 1916 there were 2 stations, occupied by 3 American missionaries and 2 native helpers. There are 2 organized churches, with 75 members. The amount contributed for this work in 1916 was \$1,850. The value of property belonging to the denomination in foreign fields is estimated at \$2,000, and there is an endowment of \$3,500.

The General Baptists have one educational institution, Oakland City College, in Indiana, which includes a theological department. It has a faculty of 10 teachers and an average attendance of about 350 students, property valued at \$50,000, and an endowment of about \$100,000. The amount contributed for the support of the school during the year was about \$6,000.

The publishing house at Owensville, Ind., issues the "Messenger," the church organ, which was established in 1886, and has assisted largely in building up and strengthening the denomination and its institutions.

Sunday schools, Women's Missionary and Aid societies, and Christian Endeavor societies, are maintained in many of the churches.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 123 to 125, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows.

In general the decade has resulted in an increase, though not a great one. The number of organizations remains the same, 518; membership has advanced from 30,097 in 1906 to 33,466 in 1916, an increase of 11.2 per cent; there has been an increase of 10 in the number of church edifices; and the value of the church property has advanced from \$252,019 to \$421,837, or

67.4 per cent. The amount of debt on church property reported by 32 organizations in 1916 was \$17,362 as against \$6,999, reported by 28 churches in 1906. There was a marked advance in the number of Sunday schools, from 240 to 305, or 27.1 per cent, and in the number of scholars, from 11,658 to 18,545, or 59.1 per cent. Contributions for missionary and benevolent enterprises amounted to \$8,250 in 1916. No corresponding figures were furnished for 1906.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	518	518		
Members.....	33,466	30,097	3,369	11.2
Church edifices.....	390	380	10	2.6
Value of church property.....	\$421,837	\$252,019	\$169,818	67.4
Debt on church property.....	\$17,362	\$6,999	\$10,363	148.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	6	6		
Value.....	\$11,100	\$8,900	\$2,200	24.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	305	240	65	27.1
Officers and teachers.....	2,140	1,520	620	40.8
Scholars.....	18,545	11,658	6,887	59.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$8,250			
Domestic.....	\$6,400	( <sup>1</sup> )		
Foreign.....	\$1,850			

<sup>1</sup> Not reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$64,698, reported by 424 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 345 organizations in 1916, was 417, constituting 1.7 per cent of the 23,829 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 9,637 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 586.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denominations was 589. As shown in the table below, schedules were received from 352 of these, showing 242 in pastoral work and 110 not in pastoral work. Forty-six reported full salaries, averaging \$410 per year, while 146 supplemented their church salaries by other occupations, chiefly farming.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	352	50	192	110	\$410
Arkansas.....	16	2	11	3	400
Illinois.....	37	8	23	6	338
Indiana.....	53	17	22	14	632
Kansas.....	1			1	
Kentucky.....	68	7	38	23	452
Missouri.....	134	13	79	42	125
Nebraska.....	4		2	2	
Oklahoma.....	16	2	9	5	150
Tennessee.....	20	1	8	11	250
Washington.....	3			3	

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Baptists.....	518	517	33,466	498	12,762	19,115	388	81	390	393	\$421,837
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	78	77	7,497	74	2,882	4,442	73	3	75	73	171,720
Illinois.....	62	62	4,410	58	1,531	2,552	56	3	56	56	47,205
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	168	168	8,857	162	3,333	5,120	111	39	111	115	76,857
Nebraska.....	9	9	244	9	112	132	2	3	2	2	4,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	108	108	8,663	102	3,350	4,628	96	8	96	97	87,230
Tennessee.....	32	32	1,789	32	709	1,080	25	3	25	26	16,625
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	36	36	1,227	36	503	724	18	14	18	17	10,500
Oklahoma.....	25	25	779	25	342	437	7	8	7	7	7,700



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Baptists.....	518	32	\$17,362	6	\$11,100	424	\$64,698	305	305	2,140	18,545
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	78	11	12,875	5	10,300	76	28,434	63	63	573	5,066
Illinois.....	62	4	327			58	7,780	47	47	339	2,501
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	168	10	2,671			130	10,662	89	89	582	4,984
Nebraska.....	9					8	695	4	4	30	220
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	108	4	644	1	800	96	13,488	62	62	391	3,616
Tennessee.....	32					25	1,485	12	12	70	758
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	36	2	165			18	1,649	16	16	92	756
Oklahoma.....	25	1	680			13	475	12	12	63	644

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
General Baptists.....	518	517	33,466	498	12,762	19,115	388	81	390	393	\$421,837
Arkansas:											
Hopewell.....	5	5	166	5	62	104	4		4	4	3,300
Little Vine.....	1	1	7	1	3	4					
Missouri.....	5	5	223	5	90	133	2	3	2	2	600
Moark.....	7	7	418	7	184	234	5	1	5	5	4,500
Post Oak Grove.....	12	12	260	12	97	163	5	6	5	4	1,300
Wolf Bayou.....	6	6	153	6	67	86	2	4	2	2	800
Illinois:											
Liberty.....	2	2	270	2	96	174	2		2	2	5,500
Mount Olivet.....	18	18	1,032	16	391	686	17	1	17	17	15,170
Ohio.....	18	18	1,287	17	386	766	14	1	14	14	9,975
Union Grove.....	24	24	1,821	23	658	1,026	23	1	23	23	16,560
Indiana:											
Flat Creek.....	23	22	1,290	21	481	751	22	1	23	22	32,750
Freedom.....	9	9	1,100	9	409	691	9		9	9	11,500
Liberty.....	26	26	3,065	26	1,201	1,864	25		26	25	98,160
Union Grove.....	1	1	34	1	17	17		1			
United.....	19	19	2,008	17	774	1,119	17	1	17	17	29,370
Kentucky:											
Bethel.....	1	1	36	1	9	27	1		1	1	200
Freedom.....	1	1	85	1	35	50	1		1	1	1,000
Free Union.....	10	10	532	10	204	328	5	4	5	5	4,400
Green River Union.....	10	10	540	7	159	239	10		10	10	5,200
Long Creek.....	15	15	1,136	15	464	672	12	1	12	12	7,900
Mount Union.....	15	15	939	15	411	528	15		15	15	10,950
New Harmony.....	12	12	517	11	187	259	10	2	10	11	5,930
New Liberty.....	2	2	284	2	117	167	2		2	2	2,300
Union.....	42	42	4,694	40	1,764	2,358	40	1	40	40	49,350
Missouri:											
Eastern Union.....	11	11	423	11	148	275	10		10	10	6,327
Hopewell.....	10	10	586	10	249	337	8	1	8	8	6,950
Liberty.....	23	23	1,300	21	492	693	17	3	17	18	9,925
Little Vine.....	7	7	269	6	109	130	4		4	4	1,500
Missouri.....	38	38	2,130	36	694	1,247	16	16	16	17	9,550
Moark.....	7	7	635	7	248	387	7		7	7	8,700
New Liberty.....	26	26	1,410	26	545	865	21	4	21	24	18,005
North Liberty.....	9	9	556	9	231	325	7	2	7	7	5,300
Old Liberty.....	6	6	273	6	128	145	6		6	6	2,650
United.....	6	6	440	6	129	241	5	1	5	4	4,100
West Liberty.....	9	9	304	9	134	170	8	1	8	8	3,250
White River.....	16	16	531	16	226	305	2	11	2	2	600
Nebraska:											
New Hope.....	9	9	244	9	112	132	2	3	2	2	4,000
Oklahoma:											
Cherokee.....	14	14	551	14	237	314	6	4	6	6	5,200
Indian Territory.....	6	6	132	6	62	70	1	3	1	1	2,500
Oklahoma.....	5	5	96	5	43	53		1			
Tennessee:											
Bethel.....	3	3	63	3	25	38	2		2	2	1,125
Mount Union.....	19	19	1,366	19	553	813	17	2	17	17	11,600
New Liberty.....	10	10	360	10	131	229	6	1	6	7	3,900

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Baptists .....	518	32	\$17,362	6	\$11,100	424	\$64,698	305	305	2,140	18,545
Arkansas:											
Hopewell.....	5					3	220	3	3	20	155
Little Vine.....	1										
Missouri.....	5					4	82	1	1	5	64
Moark.....	7	1	140			5	1,119	4	4	24	178
Post Oak Grove.....	12					2	18	6	6	34	272
Wolf Bayou.....	6	1	25			4	210	2	2	9	87
Illinois:											
Liberty.....	2	1	100			2	1,119	2	2	24	170
Mount Olivet.....	18	1	135			17	2,699	15	15	97	709
Ohio.....	18	1	80			16	964	10	10	60	503
Union Grove.....	24	1	12			23	2,998	20	20	158	1,119
Indiana:											
Flat Creek.....	23	2	275			22	3,259	20	20	154	1,079
Freedom.....	9	3	1,900			9	1,706	7	7	56	632
Liberty.....	26	3	8,400	5	10,300	26	17,709	24	24	241	2,266
Union Grove.....	1					1	65				
United.....	19	3	2,300			18	5,695	12	12	122	1,089
Kentucky:											
Bethel.....	1					1	70				
Freedom.....	1							1	1	3	42
Free Union.....	10					7	200	3	3	13	105
Green River Union.....	10					8	243	4	4	26	193
Long Creek.....	15					13	1,425	8	8	47	412
Mount Union.....	15					13	1,464	7	7	43	349
New Harmony.....	12	1	4			10	554	5	5	29	220
New Liberty.....	2					2	287	1	1	5	55
Union.....	42	3	640	1	800	42	9,245	33	33	225	2,240
Missouri:											
Eastern Union.....	11	1	300			9	416	7	7	46	300
Hopewell.....	10					8	546	8	8	44	416
Liberty.....	23	2	425			19	945	8	8	45	362
Little Vine.....	7					3	80	1	1	8	75
Missouri.....	38	3	156			31	2,417	21	21	139	1,270
Moark.....	7					7	1,113	6	6	46	411
New Liberty.....	26	2	225			25	3,058	23	23	159	1,483
North Liberty.....	9					5	250	1	1	6	50
Old Liberty.....	6					4	320	4	4	23	186
United.....	6	1	1,500			5	452	4	4	27	196
West Liberty.....	9	1	65			8	810	3	3	19	123
White River.....	16					6	285	3	3	20	112
Nebraska:											
New Hope.....	9					8	695	4	4	30	220
Oklahoma:											
Cherokee.....	14					9	392	7	7	36	369
Indian Territory.....	6	1	680			2	38	5	5	27	275
Oklahoma.....	5					2	45				
Tennessee:											
Bethel.....	3					1	50				
Mount Union.....	19					16	759	12	12	70	758
New Liberty.....	10					8	676				

SEPARATE BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

The term "Separate" as applied to church bodies had its origin in what is known as the "Separatist Movement" in England toward the close of the sixteenth century and early in the seventeenth century. It indicated primarily a withdrawing from the Anglican Church, without implying any specific doctrinal or ecclesiastical character. Among the churches which thus withdrew were some distinctively Baptist churches, though the first definite date appears to be that of 1662, when a church called the "English Puritan Separate Baptist Church" is said to have been organized. This in common with some of the other independent churches was compelled to emigrate to the colonies, and came to America in 1695.

In the early part of the eighteenth century a somewhat similar condition existed in New England. The revival movement in which Whitefield took so prominent a part, and which culminated in The Great Awakening, caused sharp discussion. Those who indorsed the revival were called "New Lights," and were opposed bitterly on two specific points; one was the use of lay preachers, and the other, the refusal to retain on church rolls those who were regarded by them as unregenerate because they had not experienced conversion. Denominational lines were not drawn, both the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, the latter under the lead of the Tennents, sharing in the controversy, which resulted in the withdrawal or "separation" of a number of churches. In all of these "separate" churches there were Baptists, and of 31

ministers ordained as pastors from 1746 to 1751, 5 were Baptists before they were ordained and 8 became Baptists, among the latter being Isaac Backus, the famous Baptist theologian and historian. These Separate Baptist churches were distinguished from the regular Baptist churches by their milder Calvinism and their willingness to receive those who practiced infant baptism, even though they themselves preferred the form of immersion. As a result the Regular Baptists refused to recognize them, and for some time there was more or less hostility between the two branches. This, however, gradually disappeared, and in New England the two bodies coalesced, though there was never any formal act of union.

Among the more prominent leaders of the Separate Baptists was Shubael Stearns, a native of Boston, who was baptized and ordained in Tolland, Conn. In 1754 he left New England and settled at Sandy Creek, Guilford (now Randolph) County, N. C., where he made his permanent residence. With him had come 8 families, 16 persons in all, and there the same year he organized the first Separate Baptist church in the South. Before long it contained 606 members, and Daniel Marshall, Samuel Harris, and others soon became influential coworkers with Mr. Stearns. In seventeen years the southern Separate Baptists had spread westward to the Mississippi, southward to Georgia, and eastward to the sea, and had 125 ministers and 42 churches. Their first association, the Sandy Creek, was organized at Stearns Church in January, 1758. As early as 1776 they were found in Kentucky, and in 1785 organized the South Kentucky Association, which is still in existence. In 1815 they crossed into Indiana territory, established a church on Indian Creek, and in 1830 organized the Sand Creek Association. The first association in Illinois, the Shelby, was organized in 1845, and the Ambraw, one of their strongest associations, was formed in 1869. At present they are found in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

In 1787 the Regular and Separate Baptists in Virginia formed a union, adopting the name "United Baptist Churches of Christ in Virginia." In course of time similar unions were formed in most of the other states in which the southern branch of the Separate Baptists had organizations. A few Separate Baptist churches, however, refused to join in this movement, and have maintained distinct organizations until the present time. Owing largely to difficulty of communication, some practically kindred associations, such as the Duck River Association and others of similar character, have not identified themselves with the distinctive Separate Baptist body. Individual members of these associations have expressed their willingness to be classed with the Separate Baptists, but no official action in that direction has been taken.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

Separate Baptists reject all creeds and confessions of faith, but the various associations publish, in the minutes of their yearly meetings, articles of belief. These are not always worded exactly alike, but in the main are in substantial agreement. The declaration of the Indiana State Association, which may be taken as an illustration, emphasizes the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God, the only safe rule of faith and practice; the existence of three divine personages in the Godhead; and three ordinances—baptism, the Lord's Supper, and foot-washing. The immersion of believers is considered the only proper mode of baptism. They hold that regeneration, justification, and sanctification take place through faith in the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of Christ; that both the just and unjust will have part in the resurrection, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by Jesus Christ.

The strict Calvinistic doctrines of election, reprobation, and fatality have never been accepted by the Separate Baptist churches, the special points of emphasis in their preaching being the general atonement of Jesus Christ and the freedom of salvation for all who will come to Him on the terms laid down in His Word. In the statements of some associations the doctrines of "adoption by the Spirit of God" and the "perseverance of the saints" are included. The Lord's Supper is observed in the evening and is regarded, not as a church table, but the Lord's table. Each one who partakes is expected to follow the scriptural rule, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

In polity the Separate Baptists are thoroughly congregational, recognizing the autonomy of the local church, the purely advisory character of the association, and the rights of the individual Christian.

## WORK.

In the line of home missionary work each association, independent of any other, conducts its own work, but the amount of money expended for this object is not reported. No provision has as yet been made for foreign missionary work.

Although the denomination has no established institution of learning, education is firmly believed in. Sunday schools are very generally maintained throughout the different associations and are usually prosperous.

## STATISTICS.

The statistics of the Separate Baptists for 1916 are presented, by states and associations, in the tables on pages 127 and 128, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Separate Baptists .....	46	46	4,254	40	1,726	2,228	41	41	40	\$47,565	
Ambraw .....	5	5	477	5	213	264	5	5	5	5,950	
Indiana Central .....	8	8	852	8	364	488	8	8	8	15,325	
Mount Olivet .....	5	5	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Nolynn .....	10	10	1,399	10	646	753	10	10	10	10,800	
North Indiana .....	9	9	846	9	358	488	9	9	9	11,840	
South Kentucky .....	9	9	460	8	145	235	9	9	8	3,650	

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Separate Baptists .....	46	2	\$110	33	\$9,468	30	30	237	1,711
Ambraw .....	5	.....	.....	5	1,641	5	5	42	229
Indiana Central .....	8	.....	.....	8	2,779	5	5	36	263
Mount Olivet .....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nolynn .....	10	.....	.....	6	1,183	6	6	40	358
North Indiana .....	9	1	75	9	3,543	8	8	84	490
South Kentucky .....	9	1	35	5	322	6	6	35	371

REGULAR BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

Under this head are included a number of associations of Baptists who claim to represent the original English Baptists before the distinction between Calvinistic or Particular and Arminian or General became prominent. They are thus distinguished from the Primitive Baptists, representing the extreme of Calvinism, and the General, Free Will, and other Baptists, inclining more to the Arminian doctrine; but are in general sympathy with the United Baptists and Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists. Some use the term "Regular" alone, and some the term "Regular Primitive," but so far as reported all are included under the one head of "Regular." They are to be found chiefly in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the adjoining states. The question has arisen as to the consolidation of these three groups, but as yet no definite action has been taken.<sup>1</sup>

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Regular Baptists are essentially at one with the United Baptists and hold that God gives

<sup>1</sup> Use of the term "Regular" has varied at different times. In the report of churches for 1890 it was applied to the great body of Baptists included in the Northern, Southern, and National Conventions. That use, however, has dropped out and at present the term seems to be limited to the churches described above.

no command without giving the individual corresponding ability to comply; that all for whom Christ died may comply with the requirements and conditions necessary to eternal salvation; and that, therefore, since Christ tasted death for every man and all men are commanded to repent, the eternal salvation of all men is possible and those who are lost might have complied with the gospel command and been saved.

The different confessions of faith adopted by other Baptists, such as the London Confession, the Philadelphia Confession, and the New Hampshire Confession are not in use. Each association has its own confession and there will be found in numerous cases some slight difference, although there is such general correspondence as to permit the classification of these associations together. They are strict in admission to the Lord's Supper, practicing close communion, and for the most part observing the ceremony of foot-washing.

In polity the Regular Baptists are distinctly congregational. The churches meet for fellowship in associations and frequently send messengers to other associations, but there is no organic union between the different associations and the lists of churches not infrequently vary from year to year.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Regular Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916 and showed 401 organizations, with a membership of 21,521. The number of church edifices reported was 192, and the value of church property \$141,480, while the debt on church property reported by 15 organizations, was \$1,462. Two churches reported parsonages, valued at \$3,100. There were 50 Sunday schools, with 2,587 scholars.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$11,855, were reported by 143 organizations. They cover general running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury. No contributions for missions or benevolences were reported.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 194 organizations in 1916, was 64, out of the total number of 11,528 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 9,993 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 119.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 494. Schedules were received from 476, and of these, 35 reported annual salaries averaging \$120. The great majority supported themselves in whole or in part by other occupations, chiefly farming.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting.	Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Male.	Female.		Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Regular Baptists.....	401	401	21,521	230	4,923	8,232	191	34	192	189	\$141,480
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	19	19	1,214	13	259	442	11	2	11	10	12,300
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	4	4	115	1	15	18		1			
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	64	64	3,094	44	856	1,442	40	3	41	40	42,300
West Virginia.....	42	42	1,763	21	365	621	9	8	9	11	6,705
North Carolina.....	59	59	3,714	32	886	1,458	32		32	32	18,950
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	160	160	8,609	79	1,744	2,854	64	16	64	62	40,050
Tennessee.....	43	43	2,582	32	666	1,181	28	2	28	27	15,775
Alabama.....	3	3	129	3	62	67	3		3	3	1,800
Mississippi.....	2	2	93	1	5	20	1	1	1	1	400
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	208	4	65	129	3	1	3	3	3,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Regular Baptists.....	401	15	\$1,462	2	\$3,100	143	\$11,855	50	50	264	2,587
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	19	1	8			8	1,041	7	7	42	295
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	4										
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	64	2	68	1	2,200	25	3,942	11	11	66	610
West Virginia.....	42	1	23			13	934	3	3	14	105
North Carolina.....	59	1	30			24	1,535	12	12	55	769
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	160	8	940			48	1,847	6	6	32	374
Tennessee.....	43	2	393	1	900	17	1,262	9	9	43	369
Alabama.....	3					3	512				
Mississippi.....	2					1	30				
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5					4	752	2	2	12	65

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, and Washington.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Regular Baptists.....	401	401	21,521	230	4,923	8,232	191	34	192	189	\$141,480
Alabama:											
Liberty.....	2	2	103	2	47	56	2		2	2	1,000
Mount Pleasant.....	1	1	26	1	15	11	1		1	1	800
Idaho:											
Hiawassee.....	1	1	7	1	3	4		1			
Illinois:											
Mount Tabor.....	1	1	75	1	29	46	1		1	1	1,200
Indiana:											
Mount Pleasant.....	5	5	266	4	64	84	3	1	3	3	2,600
Mount Tabor.....	10	10	824	5	154	275	5		5	4	7,500
Richland.....	4	4	124	4	41	83	3	1	3	3	2,200
Kansas:											
Beulah.....	1	1	68	1	20	48	1		1	1	1,000
Kentucky:											
Eastern District.....	5	5	216	5	100	116	3	2	3	3	1,900
Enterprise.....	44	44	2,791	20	500	779	16	3	16	17	7,950
Green River Valley.....	5	5	171								
Indian Bottom.....	18	18	1,145	16	369	621	15	2	15	12	10,725
Mountain.....	12	12	653								
New Salem.....	28	28	1,700	16	349	651	13	2	13	13	6,975
Pineville District.....	3	3	106	1	4	12		1			
Sardis No. 1.....	12	12	334								
Sardis No. 2.....	3	3	78	1	7	21		1			
Union.....	28	28	1,087	18	293	448	16	4	16	16	11,000
Zion.....	1	1	173	1	59	114		1			
No association.....	1	1	155	1	63	92	1		1	1	1,500
Mississippi:											
Ebenezer.....	1	1	25	1	5	20		1			
Liberty.....	1	1	68				1		1	1	400
Missouri:											
Beulah.....	3	3	82								
Indian Bottom.....	1	1	33	1	15	18		1			
North Carolina:											
Blue Ridge.....	7	7	446	3	50	98	3		3	3	500
Little River.....	13	13	900	5	159	323	5		5	5	2,800
Mitchell's River.....	6	6	109	3	23	60	2		2	2	3,800
Mountain Union.....	19	19	1,247	11	344	587	11		11	11	6,950
Primitive.....	14	14	952	10	310	390	11		11	11	4,900
Ohio:											
Mud River.....	1	1	14								
Tennessee:											
East Union.....	1	1	63	1	28	35	1		1	1	150
Eastern District.....	15	15	958	9	275	400	9		9	9	4,500
Hiawassee.....	7	7	480	7	143	337	7		7	7	7,200
Mount Zion.....	2	2	93	2	39	54	2		2	2	475
New Liberty.....	4	4	170	3	29	71	2	1	2	2	600
Nolachusky.....	8	8	504	4	36	86	2	1	2	2	900
Powell's Valley.....	6	6	314	6	116	198	5		5	4	1,950
Virginia:											
Eastern District.....	21	21	1,275	15	338	585	11	3	11	11	11,400
Ketocton.....	18	18	670	12	208	322	12		13	12	19,700
Little River.....	2	2	158								
Mountain Union.....	3	3	189	3	80	109	3		3	3	1,900
Pineville District.....	1	1	84	1	31	53	1		1	1	600
Union.....	19	19	718	13	199	373	13		13	13	8,700
Washington:											
New Salem.....	1	1	44	1	13	31	1		1	1	1,000
West Virginia:											
Baptist Valley.....	11	11	434	10	156	260	4	3	4	5	3,600
Indian Creek.....	5	5	176	2	21	53	1	1	1	1	500
Mud River.....	7	7	228	2	47	52	2		2	2	950
Pineville District.....	6	6	304	3	62	71	1	1	1	2	1,505
Sardis No. 1.....	5	5	222								
Sardis No. 2.....	8	8	399	4	79	185	1	3	1	1	150

REGULAR BAPTISTS.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Regular Baptists.....	401	15	\$1,462	2	\$3,100	143	\$11,855	50	50	264	2,587
Alabama:											
Liberty.....	2					2	502				
Mount Pleasant.....	1					1	10				
Idaho:											
Hiwassee.....	1					1	5				
Illinois:											
Mount Tabor.....	1					1	460	1	1	6	40
Indiana:											
Mount Pleasant.....	5					2	205	2	2	10	85
Mount Tabor.....	10					4	585	4	4	25	170
Richland.....	4	1	8			2	251	1	1	7	40
Kansas:											
Beulah.....	1					1	225	1	1	6	25
Kentucky:											
Eastern District.....	5					3	67				
Enterprise.....	44					17	483	5	5	26	279
Green River Valley.....	5										
Indian Bottom.....	18	4	518			10	257				
Mountain.....	12										
New Salem.....	28	2	320			8	237	1	1	6	95
Pineville District.....	3										
Sardis No. 1.....	12										
Sardis No. 2.....	3										
Union.....	28	2	102			9	801				
Zion.....	1					1	2				
No association.....	1										
Mississippi:											
Ebenezer.....	1										
Liberty.....	1					1	30				
Missouri:											
Beulah.....	3										
Indian Bottom.....	1										
North Carolina:											
Blue Ridge.....	7					1	5	1	1	6	52
Little River.....	13					5	160	3	3	12	204
Mitchell's River.....	6					2	575				
Mountain Union.....	19					10	429	5	5	26	388
Primitive.....	14	1	30			6	366	3	3	11	125
Ohio:											
Mud River.....	1										
Tennessee:											
East Union.....	1							1	1	4	30
Eastern District.....	15					6	224	4	4	21	170
Hiwassee.....	7	2	393	1	900	7	889	2	2	11	115
Mount Zion.....	2					1	75	1	1	4	39
New Liberty.....	4										
Nolachusky.....	8					1	25				
Powell's Valley.....	6					2	49	1	1	3	15
Virginia:											
Eastern District.....	21					6	589	6	6	35	371
Ketocton.....	18			1	2,200	9	2,347	2	2	15	66
Little River.....	2										
Mountain Union.....	3					2	37	3	3	16	173
Pineville District.....	1					1	32				
Union.....	19	2	68			7	937				
Washington:											
New Salem.....	1					1	62				
West Virginia:											
Baptist Valley.....	11					5	221	2	2	10	55
Indian Creek.....	5					1	43				
Mud River.....	7	1	23			2	135				
Pineville District.....	6					3	225	1	1	4	50
Sardis No. 1.....	5										
Sardis No. 2.....	8					2	310				



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## UNITED BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

With the immigration of Baptists from the New England and Middle states into Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and the more intimate fellowship that grew up in those isolated communities, the distinction between the different Baptist bodies, Calvinistic or Particular, and Arminian or General, became in many cases less marked, and a tendency toward union was apparent. In Virginia and the Carolinas, particularly, and also in Kentucky, during the latter part of the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries, a considerable number of the Separate Baptists and those who were known as "Regular Baptists," claiming to represent the original English Baptists before the distinction between Particular and General became prominent, combined under the name of "United Baptists." The Separate Baptists emphasized less strongly the Arminian characteristics of their belief, while the Regular Baptists were more ready to allow special customs, particularly foot-washing, wherever they were desired. This movement, which took definite form in Richmond, Va., in 1794, and in Kentucky in 1804, for a time gained strength and the associations kept their identity; but gradually, as they came into closer relations with the larger Baptist bodies of the North and South, many United Baptist churches ceased to be distinct and became enrolled with other Baptist bodies.

Of late years there has developed considerable fellowship with associations still using the name "Regular," and with those listed in the census report as the "Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists," and there has been talk of a consolidation of these different associations. As yet no definite steps to this end have been taken.

The name "United Baptist" still appears on the minutes of many associations whose churches are enrolled with the Baptists of the Northern Convention, or the Southern Convention, chiefly with the latter, but there are some which retain their distinctive position. In many cases, even where they are not on the rolls of the Southern Baptist Convention, they are still in intimate relations with its churches, attend the same meetings, and are identified with them in many ways.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the United Baptists hold that salvation is all of grace and in no sense of works; yet that it is conditional upon performance of the requirements of the gospel which, they claim, is to be preached to all men; and, as all men are commanded to repent, it necessarily follows that all men are given ability to repent, being led to repentance by the goodness of God, or, on the other hand, being led to rebellion and resistance by the devices of Satan; but that, in either case, it is as the individual inclines the ear and heart,

or yields himself to obey. They observe the ceremony of foot-washing, and are strict in their practice of close communion. In polity they are strictly congregational.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and by associations, in the tables opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	254	196	58	29.6
Members.....	22,097	13,698	8,399	61.3
Church edifices.....	82	77	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$52,147	\$36,715	\$15,432	42.0
Debt on church property.....	\$20	\$115	-\$95	-82.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	.....
Value.....		\$200	-\$200	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	17	23	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	92	168	-76	-45.2
Scholars.....	701	1,360	-659	-48.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

On account of the changes that have taken place in the United Baptist associations, returns have not been received from some that were reported in 1906, but have been received from a considerable number that were not reported at that time; as a result, any comparison of figures reported for 1916 with those for 1906 is of uncertain value. In general it may be said that the figures reported for 1916 were considerably in excess of those for 1906. Thus, there were 254 organizations as against 196, an increase of 29.6 per cent, and the membership increased from 13,698 to 22,097, or 61.3 per cent. There were 82 church edifices as against 77, and the value of church property as reported increased from \$36,715 to \$52,147. The parsonage reported by 1 church in 1906 did not appear in the returns for 1916. There has been a diminution in the number of Sunday schools, and a large decrease in the number of officers and teachers, and scholars, but this seems to be because, as shown by the reports received from different sections, the custom of having Sunday schools was not general. No contributions for benevolent work at home or abroad were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures reported by 69 churches amounted to \$4,837 and cover the running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 84 organizations in 1916, was 20, constituting 0.3 per cent of the 7,868 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 56.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Schedules were received from 411 ministers of the

United Baptist churches. Only 15 of these, however, reported salaries, the average annual salary being \$113. The great majority appeared to be engaged in other occupations, probably to a considerable degree in farming, in connection with their pastoral work. In this connection it is to be remembered that these churches are almost entirely rural churches, in the mountainous sections of Kentucky, West Virginia, and adjoining states.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Baptists .....	254	254	22,097	127	4,291	7,215	81	30	82	82	\$52,147
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	1	1	73	1	35	38	1		1	1	750
West North Central division:											
Missouri .....	21	21	1,334	16	388	668	7	1	7	7	5,300
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia .....	40	40	3,565	20	639	1,092	7	14	7	7	6,235
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	192	192	17,125	90	3,229	5,417	66	15	67	67	39,862

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Baptists .....	254	2	\$20	69	\$4,837	16	17	92	701
East North Central division:									
Ohio .....	1			1	50				
West North Central division:									
Missouri .....	21			7	439	2	2	13	72
South Atlantic division:									
West Virginia .....	40	1	15	9	806	3	3	7	78
East South Central division:									
Kentucky .....	192	1	5	52	3,542	11	12	72	551

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Baptists .....	254	254	22,097	127	4,291	7,215	81	30	82	82	\$52,147
Barren River .....	6	6	316	1	46	74	1		1	1	1,000
Bethel .....	13	13	839	12	296	523	4		4	4	2,800
Bethlehem .....	21	21	1,559	13	331	657	6	5	6	6	4,435
Blain Union .....	17	17	1,485	9	296	564	9	1	9	9	3,250
Central Missouri .....	8	8	495	4	92	145	3	1	3	3	2,500
Cumberland River .....	18	18	1,447	6	253	341	5		5	6	1,712
Green River .....	20	20	1,762	1	30	35					
Iron Hill .....	22	22	1,310	13	264	477	11	2	11	11	3,350
Laurel River .....	20	20	1,716	12	486	781	7	1	7	7	2,300
Mount Zion .....	14	14	1,015	9	219	359	5	2	5	5	2,000
New Zion .....	17	17	1,527	7	236	275	1	9	1	1	1,000
Paint Union .....	43	43	4,969	19	778	1,287	17	2	18	17	19,750
Second North Concord .....	4	4	476	3	148	241	3		3	3	1,200
Zion .....	31	31	3,281	18	816	1,456	9	7	9	9	6,850

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Baptists.....	254	2	\$20	69	\$4,837	16	17	92	701
Barren River.....	6								
Bethel.....	13			3	280				
Bethlehem.....	21	1	15	6	329				
Blain Union.....	17			4	44				
Central Missouri.....	8			4	159	2	2	13	72
Cumberland River.....	18			5	318	4	4	23	176
Green River.....	20								
Iron Hill.....	22	1	5	10	1,380				
Laurel River.....	20			2	31				
Mount Zion.....	14			5	50	1	1	5	50
New Zion.....	17			4	499	2	2	5	50
Paint Union.....	43			12	1,108	3	4	25	170
Second North Concord.....	4			3	95	2	2	12	95
Zion.....	31			11	544	2	2	9	88

## DUCK RIVER AND KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS OF BAPTISTS (BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST).

## HISTORY.

Baptist principles gained a particularly strong foothold in the mountain regions of Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, and Alabama. The very isolation and lack of intercommunication served to emphasize individual beliefs, make fellowship between different forms of belief difficult, and develop independence of church life.

One of the earliest associations to be organized in this section was the Elk River Association, founded in 1808, which was strongly Calvinistic in doctrine and thoroughly independent in polity. With the growth of the more liberal influences of the revival movement of that time and the introduction of Methodism there grew up a counter movement, emphasizing a stricter theology and making for a more rigid rule in the church. This manifested itself especially in the growth of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.<sup>1</sup> In this controversy the Elk River Association was divided. A minority, holding to the milder form of doctrine, organized the Duck River Association, and this furnished the nucleus for a number of churches holding essentially the same general doctrines as the Separate Baptists, but not identifying themselves with the latter, largely because of local conditions at that time.

Later, the discussion arose as to the legitimacy of missionary societies, and there came another division, some withdrawing and identifying themselves with the churches that became known as the Missionary Baptists, leaving the others bound still more closely together. This fellowship included in 1906 seven associations, located in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. In the report for 1890 they were classed as the "Baptist Church of Christ," but while the indi-

vidual churches usually call themselves "Baptist Churches of Christ," in common with a great many organizations of the United, Separate, Primitive, and other Baptist bodies, they claim no denominational name other than that of associations of Baptists.

Associations formerly identified with these associations, appear to have dropped out of relation with them. Whether they have disintegrated or have become associated with other Baptist bodies is not evident.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Duck River and its kindred associations are Calvinistic, though liberal, believing that "Christ tasted death for every man," and made it possible for God to have mercy upon all who come unto Him on gospel terms. They believe that sinners are justified by faith; that the saints will "persevere;" and that baptism of believers by immersion, the Lord's Supper, and foot-washing, are gospel institutions, and should be observed until the second coming of Christ. While acknowledging the similarity of their doctrinal position to that of the Separate Baptists, they have not as yet seen their way clear to form a union with them, although an increasing sentiment appears to exist among the churches in favor of such union. Similar discussion has arisen with regard to the United and Regular Baptists, but no action has been taken.

## POLITY.

In polity they are in accord with other Baptists, believing that no one member has a ruling voice over another. All business is transacted by a majority vote, no one person being given any ecclesiastical power over a church or churches. Admission to the church is by examination and vote of the church, and ordination to the ministry is by one or more

<sup>1</sup> See p. 150.

churches, the candidate being expected to demonstrate his consciousness of a divine call to preach the gospel. The minister has no right to demand a stated salary, but the local church is expected to give liberally, "that they which preach the gospel [may] live of the gospel."

The association meetings are purely for purposes of fellowship, and communication with kindred bodies is by messenger or letter. The only form of discipline is withdrawal of fellowship, on evidence of difference of views, or of conduct unbecoming a member of the church.

WORK.

While not represented by any distinctive missionary societies or benevolent organizations, they are not to be classed with antimissionary churches. Since they occupy mountainous sections chiefly, and represent the less wealthy communities, their missionary spirit finds expression in local evangelistic work. As they have come in contact more and more with other churches, their sense of fellowship has broadened, and with this has been apparent a desire to share in the wider work of the general church.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows.

The figures for 1916 show a reasonable increase over those for 1906 in number of organizations—from 93 to 105—and in members from 6,416 to 6,872, an in-

crease of 7.1 per cent. The number of church edifices, however, fell from 86 to 51, and there was a considerable decrease in the value of church property, from \$44,321 to \$40,600, or 8.4 per cent. Sunday school statistics remained very nearly the same. No debt on church property, no parsonages, and no denominational contributions for domestic or foreign work were reported in 1916.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	105	93	12	( <sup>1</sup> ) 7.1
Members.....	6,872	6,416	456	( <sup>2</sup> )
Church edifices.....	51	86	-35	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$40,600	\$44,321	-\$3,721	-8.4
Debt on church property.....		\$107	-\$107	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	
Value.....		\$156	-\$156	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	8	9	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	48	37	11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	399	402	-3	-0.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures of \$2,518, reported by 67 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers connected with the different associations was given as 110, but schedules were received from only 42. Of these, 14 reported annual salaries averaging \$70 each.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Duck River, etc., Baptists.....	105	105	6,872	60	1,737	2,555	51	5	51	49	\$40,600
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	67	67	4,589	36	1,138	1,661	33	2	33	32	30,500
Alabama.....	33	33	2,034	21	553	819	17	2	17	16	9,450
Mississippi.....	5	5	249	3	41	75	1	1	1	1	650

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Duck River, etc., Baptists.....	105			67	\$2,518	8	8	48	399
East South Central division:									
Tennessee.....	67			46	1,689	3	3	15	125
Alabama.....	33			19	775	5	5	33	274
Mississippi.....	5			2	54				

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Duck River, etc., Baptists.....	105	105	6,872	60	1,737	2,555	51	5	51	49	\$40,600
Duck River.....	20	20	2,218	15	763	1,040	14		14	14	14,750
East Union.....	3	3	181								
Ebenezer.....	4	4	177	2	20	28		1			
Liberty.....	9	9	461	3	74	90	3		3	3	1,200
Mount Pleasant.....	26	26	1,648	18	480	738	14	2	14	13	8,700
Mount Zion.....	16	16	769	8	138	260	8		8	8	6,250
New Liberty.....	5	5	221	5	72	149	5		5	4	6,000
Stocktons Valley.....	5	5	123	4	40	53	2	1	2	2	900
Union.....	17	17	1,074	5	150	197	5	1	5	5	2,800

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Duck River, etc., Baptists.....	105			67	\$2,518	8	8	48	399
Duck River.....	20			10	1,158	1	1	7	50
East Union.....	3			3	7				
Ebenezer.....	4			2	6				
Liberty.....	9			3	370	1	1	6	50
Mount Pleasant.....	26			18	455	4	4	27	224
Mount Zion.....	16			9	151	2	2	8	75
New Liberty.....	5			4	60				
Stocktons Valley.....	5			5	256				
Union.....	17			13	55				

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

With the development of organized church life shown in the formation of benevolent and particularly of missionary societies, of Sunday schools and similar organizations, during the early part of the nineteenth century, there developed also considerable opposition to such new ideas. The more independent church associations were based on the principle that the Scriptures are the sole and sufficient authority for everything connected with the religious life. The position taken was, in brief, that there were no missionary soci-

eties in the apostles' days, and therefore there should be none to-day. Apart from this, however, there seemed to many to be inherent in these societies a centralization of authority which was not at all in accord with the spirit of the gospel. Sunday schools also were considered unauthorized of God, as was everything connected with church life that was not included in the clearly presented statement of the New Testament writers. These views appeared particularly in some of the Baptist bodies, and occasioned what became known as the "antimission movement."

Apparently the first definite announcement of this position was made by the Kehukee Baptist Association of North Carolina, formed in 1765, at its meeting with the Kehukee church in Halifax County in 1827, although similar views were expressed by a Georgia association in 1826. The Kehukee Association unanimously condemned all "modern, money-based, so-called benevolent societies" as contrary to the teaching and practice of Christ and His apostles, and, furthermore, announced that it could no longer fellowship with churches which indorsed such societies. In 1832 a similar course was adopted by the Country Line Association, at its session with Deep Creek Church in Alamance (then Orange) County, N. C., and by a "Convention of the Middle States" at Black Rock Church, Baltimore County, Md. Other Baptist associations in the North, South, East, and West, during the next ten years, took similar action. In 1835 the Chemung Association, including churches in New York and Pennsylvania, adopted a resolution declaring that as a number of associations with which it had been in correspondence had "departed from the simplicity of the doctrine and practice of the gospel of Christ, \* \* \* uniting themselves with the world and what are falsely called benevolent societies founded upon a money basis," and preaching a gospel "differing from the gospel of Christ," it would not continue in fellowship with them, and urged all Baptists who could not approve the new ideas to come out and be separate from those holding them.

The various Primitive Baptist associations have never organized as a denomination and have no state conventions or general bodies of any kind. For the purpose of self-interpretation, each association adopted the custom of printing in its annual minutes a statement of its articles of faith, constitution, and rules of order. This presentation was examined carefully by every other association, and, if it was approved, fellowship was accorded by sending to its meetings messengers or letters reporting on the general state of the churches. Any association that did not meet with approval was simply dropped from fellowship. The result was that, while there are certain links binding the different associations together, they are easily broken, and the lack of any central body or even of any uniform statement of belief, serves to prevent united action. Another factor in the situation has been the difficulty of intercommunication in many parts of the South. As groups of associations developed in North and South Carolina and Georgia, they drew together, as did those in western Tennessee, northern Mississippi and Alabama, and Missouri, while those in Texas had little intercourse with any of the others. Occasional fraternal visits were made through all of these sections, and a quasi union or fellowship was kept up, but this has not been sufficient to secure what might be called denominational individuality or growth. This is apparent in the variety of names,

some friendly and some derisive, which have been applied to them, such as "Primitive," "Old School," "Regular," "Anti-Mission," and "Hard Shell." In general, the term "Primitive" has been the one most widely used and accepted.

#### DOCTRINE.

In matters of doctrine the Primitive Baptists are strongly Calvinistic. Some of their minutes have eleven articles of faith, some less, some more. They declare that by Adam's fall or transgression all his posterity became sinners in the sight of God; that the corruption of human nature is total; that man can not, by his own free will and ability, reinstate himself in the favor of God; that God elected or chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that sinners are justified only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them; that the saints will all be preserved and will persevere in grace unto heavenly glory, and that not one of them will be finally lost; that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the gospel in the church to the end of time; that the institutions of the day (church societies) are the inventions of men, and are not to be fellowshipped; that Christ will come a second time, in person or bodily presence to the world, and will raise all the dead, judge the human race, send the wicked to everlasting punishment, and welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness. They also hold uncompromisingly to the full verbal inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

Some Primitive Baptists maintain, as formulated in the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, that God eternally decreed or predestinated all things, yet in such a manner that He does not compel anyone to sin, and that He does not approve or fellowship sin. The great majority of them, however, maintain that, while God foreknew all things, and while He foreordained to suffer, or not prevent, sin, His active and efficient predestination is limited to the eternal salvation of all His people and everything necessary thereunto; and all Primitive Baptists believe that every sane human being is accountable for all his thoughts, words, and actions.

Immersion of believers is the only form of baptism which they acknowledge, and they insist that this is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. They hold that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances unless he has been called of God, come under the laying on of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship with the church of which he is a member; and that he has no right to permit any clergyman who has not these qualifications to assist in the administering of these ordinances. In some sections the Primitive Baptists believe that washing the saints' feet should be practiced in the church, usually in connection with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Of late years a group of churches in Georgia have used organs in

public worship, but most of the churches are earnestly opposed to the use of instrumental music of any kind in church services. Sunday schools and secret societies are unauthorized. These are claimed not to be in accordance with the teachings of the Bible.

## POLITY.

In polity the Primitive Baptists are congregational in that they believe that each church should govern itself according to the laws of Christ as found in the New Testament, and that no minister, association, or convention has any authority. They believe that if, in the view of its sister churches, a church departs in doctrine or order from the New Testament standard, it should be labored with, and if it can not be reclaimed, fellowship should be withdrawn from it. Admission to the church takes place after careful examination by the pastor and church officers, and by vote of the church. Ministers are ordained by the laying on of the hands of pastors and elders called by the church of which the candidate is a member. No theological training is required. The gifts of the candidate are first tested by association with pastors in evangelistic work, and he is then recommended for ordination. There is no opposition to education, the position being that the Lord is able to call an educated man to preach His gospel when it is His will to do so, and that it is the duty of the minister to study, and especially to study the Scriptures, but they hold that lack of literary attainments does not prevent one whom the Lord has called from being able to preach the gospel.

## WORK.

Notwithstanding the strong opposition to missionary societies, the Primitive Baptists are by no means opposed to evangelistic effort, and preachers, both regular pastors and others who are in a position to do so, travel much and preach the gospel without charge, going where they feel that the Spirit of God leads them, and where the way is opened in His providence. The members and friends whom they freely serve freely contribute to their support. Although opposed to Sunday schools, they believe in giving their children religious training and instruction.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Primitive Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, on pages 139 to 147, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the next column.

From this table it appears that the denomination has suffered a general and considerable loss. The number of organizations dropped from 2,922 in 1906 to 2,143 in 1916, a decrease of 26.7 per cent, and the

membership fell from 102,311 to 80,311, a decrease of 21.5 per cent. A large reduction took place also in the number of church edifices, which decreased 15.3 per cent; in the value of church property, which decreased 4.4 per cent; in the debt on church property, which decreased 25.6 per cent; and in the value of parsonages, which decreased 61.1 per cent. No Sunday schools and no general contributions were reported.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,143	2,922	-779	-26.7
Members.....	80,311	102,311	-22,000	-21.5
Church edifices.....	1,697	2,003	-306	-15.3
Value of church property.....	\$1,601,807	\$1,674,810	-\$73,003	-4.4
Debt on church property.....	\$12,053	\$16,207	-\$4,154	-25.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	7	16	-9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$14,900	\$38,295	-\$23,395	-61.1

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This general decrease is explained in part by divisions among the associations, as indicated above, and in part by the general disorganization affecting the rural communities, especially of the Southern states where this denomination is strong.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$96,270, reported by 964 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,632 organizations in 1916, was 50, constituting 0.1 per cent of the 61,967 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 18,344 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 65.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 2,143 organizations, with 80,311 members, all but 1 reported church services conducted in English only. One organization with 63 members used German and English. In the report for 1906 all the organizations were shown as using English only.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 1,292. Schedules were received from 976, but these ministers were for the most part self-supporting and only 57 reported salaries, averaging \$338 per year. Of the total number reporting, 651 were engaged in farming.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
Primitive Baptists.....	2,143	2,142	80,311	2,006	28,269	46,406	1,695	105	1,697
New England division:									
Maine.....	4	4	57	2	4	9		2	
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	23	23	385	17	72	213	19	2	19
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	115	8	33	72	4	1	4
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	46	46	1,308	46	434	874	43	1	43
Indiana.....	95	95	5,432	92	1,966	3,366	85	6	85
Illinois.....	53	53	2,621	51	848	1,596	50	2	50
West North Central division:									
Iowa.....	10	10	344	10	146	198	5		5
Missouri.....	59	59	2,636	59	995	1,641	49	3	49
Nebraska.....	6	6	158	6	67	91	5	1	5
South Atlantic division:									
Delaware.....	2	2	61	1	12	29	1		2
Maryland.....	9	9	201	7	40	108	7		7
District of Columbia.....	2	2	51	2	13	38		1	1
Virginia.....	198	198	9,314	169	2,688	5,480	163	7	163
West Virginia.....	14	14	673	6	145	273	5		5
North Carolina.....	279	279	10,481	240	3,021	5,962	239	1	240
South Carolina.....	11	11	430	11	157	273	10		10
Georgia.....	420	420	15,871	406	6,032	9,199	357	3	357
Florida.....	60	60	1,898	60	795	1,103	55		55
East South Central division:									
Kentucky.....	55	55	2,250	55	872	1,378	36	7	36
Tennessee.....	208	208	8,925	181	2,905	4,454	189	8	189
Alabama.....	243	242	7,652	241	3,117	4,508	184	7	184
Mississippi.....	101	101	3,401	101	1,404	1,997	91	3	91
West South Central division:									
Arkansas.....	97	97	2,247	97	936	1,311	51	21	51
Louisiana.....	12	12	398	12	166	232	1	1	1
Oklahoma.....	27	27	662	27	264	398	4	5	4
Texas.....	88	88	2,543	88	1,065	1,478	36	17	36
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	5	5	106	5	39	67	3	2	3
Oregon.....	2	2	31	2	9	22		2	
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	60	4	24	36	2	2	2

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONS, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.
Primitive Baptists.....	2,143	1,580	\$1,601,807	45	\$12,053	7	\$14,900	964	\$96,270
New England division:									
Maine.....	4								
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	23	19	76,000					11	2,032
Pennsylvania.....	10	5	7,300					1	75
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	46	42	65,025	2	900	1	1,500	27	5,526
Indiana.....	95	82	123,100	2	850			63	5,621
Illinois.....	53	45	51,850	1	100			31	2,706
West North Central division:									
Iowa.....	10	5	5,800					3	535
Missouri.....	59	43	55,250	2	615			35	3,077
Nebraska.....	6	3	4,200					4	1,250
South Atlantic division:									
Delaware.....	2	1	1,000					1	525
Maryland.....	9	7	8,350					5	925
District of Columbia.....	2	1	7,500	1	225			2	614
Virginia.....	198	163	184,967	3	760	3	12,000	111	11,416
West Virginia.....	14	5	8,100	1	35			5	340
North Carolina.....	279	238	270,075	8	2,134			148	13,005
South Carolina.....	11	10	5,900					11	501
Georgia.....	420	333	361,540	8	2,959			208	25,677
Florida.....	60	47	32,525	4	2,197			21	5,163
East South Central division:									
Kentucky.....	55	38	23,625	3	184	2	500	26	1,139
Tennessee.....	208	177	145,400	3	664	1	900	102	8,669
Alabama.....	243	159	80,525	6	330			74	4,196
Mississippi.....	101	81	43,000					26	850
West South Central division:									
Arkansas.....	97	39	16,025	1	100			22	956
Louisiana.....	12	1	1,000						
Oklahoma.....	27	4	2,000					5	150
Texas.....	88	27	18,050					15	1,177
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	5	4	2,700					4	133
Oregon.....	2							1	5
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	1	1,000					2	7

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Wisconsin.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
Primitive Baptists.....	2,143	2,142	80,311	2,006	28,269	46,406	1,695	105	1,697
<b>Alabama:</b>									
Antioch.....	17	17	656	17	268	388	17		17
Bethel.....	2	2	56	2	18	38	2		2
Beulah.....	16	16	596	16	264	332	13		13
Buttahatchie.....	4	4	82	4	35	47	4		4
Cane Creek.....	10	10	230	10	101	129	9	1	9
Choctawhatchee.....	11	11	419	11	146	273	11		11
Echeconnee.....	1	1	37	1	10	27			1
Euharlee.....	1	1	22	1	9	13	1		1
Fellowship.....	22	22	457	22	181	276	14		14
Five Mile Creek.....	9	9	167	9	68	99	1		1
Flint River.....	7	7	191	7	80	111	7		7
Hillabee.....	19	19	696	19	293	403	18	1	18
Liberty.....	1	1	46	1	26	20	1		1
Little Vine.....	15	15	273	15	114	159	13		13
Lost Creek.....	8	8	181	8	82	99	2		2
Lower Wetumpka.....	7	7	325	7	121	204	7		7
Mount Zion.....	18	18	512	18	217	295	16		16
Mud Creek.....	12	12	393	12	150	243	8	3	8
New Hope.....	3	3	43	3	19	24	1		1
Patsaliga.....	9	9	211	9	82	129	7	1	7
Pilgrims Rest.....	4	4	106	4	43	63	2		2
Running Water.....	1	1	22	1	11	11			1
Sand Mountain.....	4	4	71	4	28	43	3		3
Second Creek.....	5	4	124	4	40	84	4	1	4
Sequachie Valley.....	3	3	83	3	30	53	3		3
Upatoie.....	1	1	98	1	40	58	1		1
Wetumpka.....	9	9	320	9	146	174	6		6
Wills Creek.....	19	19	1,124	19	471	653	9		9
Unassociated.....	5	5	111	4	24	60	4		4
<b>Arkansas:</b>									
Cadron.....	4	4	43	4	18	25			1
Harmony.....	1	1	32	1	12	20	1		1
Little Zion.....	4	4	104	4	42	62	1	3	1
Mount Gilead.....	4	4	84	4	45	39	4		4
Mount Willow.....	8	8	108	8	47	61	1		1
Mountain Springs.....	11	11	167	11	69	98	4	7	4
New Hope.....	11	11	233	11	83	150	2	5	2
North Ouachita.....	7	7	181	7	80	101	6	1	6
Original New Hope.....	5	5	64	5	27	37	5		5
Pine Light.....	2	2	51	2	24	27	2		2
Point Remove.....	4	4	73	4	25	48	2	1	2
Rich Mountain.....	10	10	347	10	124	223	7	2	7
Salem.....	8	8	285	8	136	149	6	2	6
South Arkansas.....	14	14	247	14	110	137	10		10
Washington.....	4	4	228	4	94	134			
<b>Delaware:</b>									
Salisbury of Maryland.....	2	2	61	1	12	29	1		2
<b>District of Columbia:</b>									
Ketocton.....	2	2	51	2	13	38	1	1	1
<b>Florida:</b>									
Antioch.....	4	4	69	4	31	38	3		3
Mount Enon.....	19	19	689	19	300	389	16		16
Ochochonee.....	1	1	42	1	22	20	1		1
Original Flint River.....	1	1	7	1	4	3	1		1
Pilgrims Rest.....	6	6	110	6	45	65	6		6
San Pedro.....	9	9	326	9	140	186	9		9
Suwannee.....	19	19	639	19	246	393	18		18
Unassociated.....	1	1	16	1	7	9	1		1
<b>Georgia:</b>									
Allapaha River.....	19	19	587	19	245	342	18		18
Bethel.....	21	21	842	21	353	489	20		20
Beulah.....	1	1	10	1	5	5	1		1
Blue Ridge.....	3	3	185	3	89	96	2	1	2
Brushy Creek Union.....	18	18	875	13	264	385	18		18
Echeconnee.....	26	26	1,141	24	444	625	17		17
Euharlee.....	11	11	289	11	120	169	11		11
Fellowship.....	9	9	273	9	113	160	9		9
Harmony.....	10	10	225	10	81	144	10		10
Liberty.....	1	1	44	1	13	31	1		1
Little Echeconnee.....	6	6	103	6	28	75	5		5
Little River.....	3	3	356	3	111	170	3		3
Lotts Creek.....	21	21	1,005	21	401	604	19		19
Lower Canoochee.....	10	10	727	9	255	385	10		10
Lower Wetumpka.....	1	1	13	1	6	7	1		1
Marietta.....	11	11	256	11	108	148	5		5
Mount Olive.....	13	13	327	13	140	187	12		12
New Hope.....	19	19	585	19	261	324	9		9
Ochlockonee.....	10	10	367	9	120	190	10		10
Ocmulgee.....	9	9	239	9	88	151	6		6

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
Georgia—Continued.									
Oconee.....	14	14	440	14	171	269	12		12
Original Flint River.....	13	13	478	13	167	311	10	1	10
Original New Hope.....	4	4	67	4	20	47	4		4
Original Upper Canocbee.....	14	14	547	13	201	339	13		13
Primitive Ebenezer.....	15	15	430	15	177	253	14		14
Primitive Western.....	9	9	218	9	78	140	8		8
Providence.....	6	6	199	5	67	109	6		6
Rocky Creek.....	1	1	11	1	5	6	1		1
Satilla River.....	3	3	90	3	43	47			
Sequachie Valley.....	2	2	146	2	73	73	2		2
Towaliga.....	16	16	747	16	270	477	16		16
Union.....	27	27	1,210	26	464	699	15		15
Upatoie.....	12	12	447	12	180	267	12		12
Upper Canocbee.....	15	15	984	15	334	604	13		13
Yellow River.....	27	27	899	27	349	550	26		26
Unassociated.....	15	15	509	15	188	321	13	1	13
Idaho:									
Hiwassee.....	1	1	7	1	3	4		1	
Illinois:									
Bethel.....	7	7	284	7	108	176	7		7
Central.....	4	4	122	4	50	72	4		4
Kaskaskia.....	5	5	88	5	39	49	4		4
Muddy River.....	11	11	582	11	201	381	10	1	10
Okaw.....	5	5	105	5	49	56	4		4
Skillet Fork.....	12	12	930	12	314	616	12		12
Wabash.....	9	9	510	7	87	246	9		9
Indiana:									
Blue River.....	12	12	946	12	375	571	12		12
Conns Creek.....	5	5	178	5	61	117	5		5
Danville.....	13	13	399	13	153	246	11		11
Lebanon.....	4	4	171	4	56	115	4		4
Little Zion.....	8	8	448	7	134	304	7		7
Patoka.....	11	11	1,260	11	485	775	8	3	8
Salem No. 1.....	7	7	478	7	156	322	5	2	5
Salem No. 2.....	5	5	378	5	125	253	5		5
Wabash.....	1	1	28	1	13	15	1		1
White River.....	7	7	234	7	104	130	6	1	6
White Water.....	13	13	432	13	152	280	13		13
Unassociated.....	9	9	480	7	152	238	8		8
Iowa:									
Hazel Creek.....	1	1	15	1	7	8	1		1
Missouri Valley.....	2	2	132	2	45	87	2		2
Mount Pleasant.....	2	2	104	2	52	52	2		2
Western.....	5	5	93	5	42	51			
Kentucky:									
Burning Spring.....	16	16	825	16	301	524	6	5	6
Highland.....	6	6	266	6	100	166	6		6
Little Flock.....	4	4	138	4	51	87	2	1	2
Miami.....	1	1	18	1	8	10	1		1
Powells Valley.....	4	4	126	4	57	69	2		2
Red River.....	6	6	267	6	113	154	4	1	4
St. Clairs Bottom.....	2	2	40	2	19	21	1		1
Soldier Creek.....	8	8	381	8	144	237	8		8
Three Forks.....	1	1	24	1	10	14	1		1
Washington.....	1	1	20	1	8	12			
Unassociated.....	6	6	145	6	61	84	5		5
Louisiana:									
Amite.....	1	1	28	1	16	12		1	
Little Hope.....	1	1	26	1	9	17	1		1
Louisiana.....	10	10	344	10	141	203			
Maine:									
Maine.....	4	4	57	2	4	9		2	
Maryland:									
Ketocoton.....	2	2	52	2	11	41	2		2
Salisbury.....	7	7	149	5	29	67	5		5
Massachusetts:									
Massachusetts.....	1	1	9	1	2	7	1		1
Michigan:									
Sandusky.....	1	1	20	1	8	12	1		1
Mississippi:									
Amite.....	10	10	313	10	142	171	9	1	9
Bethany.....	14	14	569	14	265	304	12		12
Buttahatchie.....	1	1	10	1	5	5	1		1
Good Hope.....	13	13	336	13	144	192	13		13
Hopewell.....	11	11	351	11	133	218	10		10
Liberty.....	7	7	351	7	141	210	6		6
Little Black.....	6	6	166	6	70	96	5	1	5
Little Vine.....	3	3	62	3	26	36	3		3
New Hope.....	10	10	485	10	174	311	10		10
Primitive.....	7	7	209	7	86	123	6		6
Regular Baptist.....	6	6	222	6	97	125	4	1	4
Tallahatchie.....	4	4	82	4	23	59	3		3
Tombigbee.....	9	9	245	9	98	147	9		9

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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
Missouri:									
Center Creek	5	5	205	5	84	121		1	
Cuivre Siloam	8	8	114	8	40	74	8		8
Fishing River	11	11	549	11	209	340	9		9
Harmony	1	1	36	1	19	17	1		1
Hazel Creek	2	2	71	2	28	43	1	1	1
Little Piney	5	5	152	5	58	94	5		5
Little Piney No. 2	2	2	65	2	18	47	1	1	1
Nodaway	4	4	165	4	67	98	4		4
Ozark	8	8	350	8	139	211	7		7
Salem	5	5	506	5	173	333	5		5
Yellow Creek	8	8	423	8	160	263	8		8
Nebraska:									
Missouri Valley	3	3	81	3	35	46	3		3
Unassociated	3	3	77	3	32	45	2	1	2
New York:									
Lexington	9	9	114	6	18	49	7	1	7
Roxbury	4	4	55	4	11	44	4		4
Warwick	5	5	131	2	19	59	4		4
Unassociated	5	5	85	5	24	61	4	1	4
North Carolina:									
Abbotts Creek	14	14	239	12	60	106	12		12
Bear Creek	21	21	408	21	132	276	20		20
Black Creek	19	19	1,054	16	281	696	16		16
Contentnea	22	22	805	19	205	416	18	1	18
Fishers River	19	19	861	16	265	459	16		16
Kehukee	36	36	1,256	32	338	734	33		33
Little River	21	21	867	15	205	447	16		16
Lower Country Line	14	14	537	13	184	342	13		13
Mayo	15	15	559	12	133	315	12		12
Mill Branch	3	3	124	3	62	62	3		3
Mountain	7	7	629	6	180	338	7		7
Nolachucky	1	1	101	1	1	1	1		1
Roaring River	11	11	326	9	61	165	9		9
Salem	9	9	343	8	127	189	7		8
Senter	13	13	712	13	274	438	13		13
Seven Mile	10	10	326	7	86	154	7		7
Silver Creek	5	5	143	5	60	83	4		4
Upper Country Line	17	17	449	13	133	272	13		13
White Oak	19	19	668	18	224	425	17		17
Zion	3	3	74	2	11	45	2		2
Ohio:									
Miami	4	4	93	4	32	61	3	1	3
Muskingum	17	17	387	17	107	280	15		15
Owl Creek Harmony	6	6	179	6	62	117	6		6
Sandusky	6	6	232	6	73	159	6		6
Scioto	13	13	417	13	160	257	13		13
Oklahoma:									
Center Creek	1	1	44	1	22	22			
First Primitive Baptist	6	6	172	6	67	105	2	2	2
North Ouachita	1	1	9	1	5	4		1	
Panhandle	1	1	32	1	14	18	1		1
Salem	1	1	22	1	11	11		1	
Union	4	4	77	4	24	53	1	1	1
Western	13	13	306	13	121	185			
Oregon:									
Siloam	2	2	31	2	9	22		2	
Pennsylvania:									
Junata	4	4	59	3	17	36	2		2
Red Stone	2	2	8	1	1	3			
Unassociated	4	4	48	4	15	33	2	1	2
South Carolina:									
Mill Branch	5	5	141	5	48	93	5		5
Prince William	6	6	289	6	109	180	5		5
Tennessee:									
Big Creek	2	2	53	2	12	41	2		2
Big Sandy	9	9	373	9	150	223	9		9
Blue Ridge	1	1	42	1	20	22	1		1
Collins River	4	4	115	4	45	70		3	
Cumberland	11	11	576	11	221	355	11		11
Elk River	11	11	589	11	267	322	11		11
Fellowship	1	1	10	1	4	6			
Flint River	1	1	14	1	7	7		1	
Flint River No. 2	3	3	56	3	23	33	3		3
Forked Deer	7	7	271	7	109	162	7		7
Fountain Creek	5	5	121	5	52	69	5		5
Hiwassee	14	14	688	9	196	293	14		14
Maynardsville	10	10	650				10		10
Mississippi River	8	8	173	8	64	109	8		8
Nolachucky	7	7	400	3	36	63	6		6
Obion	7	7	262	7	108	154	6	1	6
Powells Valley	12	12	605	12	240	365	11		11
Powells Valley No. 1	8	8	481	8	160	321	8		8
Powells Valley No. 2	3	3	41	3	19	22	1		1

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ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
<b>Tennessee—Continued.</b>									
Predestinarian.....	9	9	244	9	72	172	8	1	8
Red River.....	3	3	84	3	35	49	2		2
Regular Baptist.....	7	7	222	7	104	118	6		6
Round Lick.....	10	10	428	10	176	252	9	1	9
Saint Clairs Bottom.....	1	1	27						
Sequachie Valley.....	13	13	455	7	59	94	12		12
Tennessee.....	6	6	440	6	186	254	6		6
Tennessee No. 2.....	7	7	405	7	184	221	7		7
Tennessee River Bend.....	4	4	77	4	31	46	3		3
Washington District.....	1	1	30	1	15	15	1		1
West Tennessee.....	18	18	748	18	257	491	18		18
Unassociated.....	5	5	245	4	53	105	4	1	4
<b>Texas:</b>									
Duffan.....	8	8	339	8	136	203	1	4	1
Little Flock.....	5	5	173	5	72	101	5		5
Little Hope.....	4	4	91	4	41	50	3	1	3
Mount Zion.....	6	6	151	6	68	83	5	1	5
Neches River.....	4	4	69	4	33	36	2	2	2
New Harmony.....	5	5	115	5	47	68			
Panhandle and Oklahoma.....	4	4	129	4	61	68		1	
Primitive Baptist.....	12	12	320	12	123	197	6	1	6
Southwest Primitiv.....	4	4	185	4	66	119	2	2	2
Southwest Texas.....	4	4	174	4	69	105	3		3
Union.....	12	12	282	12	117	165	2	1	2
Unity.....	2	2	72	2	31	41	1	1	1
Village Creek.....	3	3	40	3	19	21	2	1	2
West Providence.....	6	6	174	6	78	96	2	1	2
West Texas.....	6	6	153	6	61	92		1	
Western Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	1	15	15			
Unassociated.....	2	2	46	2	28	18	2		2
<b>Virginia:</b>									
Corresponding.....	5	5	127	5	30	97	5		5
Ebenezer.....	12	12	565	11	167	375	10	1	10
Kehukey.....	2	2	21	2	4	17	2		2
Ketocton.....	13	13	362	13	108	254	13		13
Lower County Line.....	1	1	12	1	7	5	1		1
Mayo.....	12	12	480	9	146	306	9		9
Mountain.....	10	10	560	10	211	349	10		10
New River.....	24	24	1,738	23	556	1,120	23		23
Pig River.....	23	23	1,115	22	313	726	22		22
Saint Clairs Bottom.....	6	6	280	6	105	175	6		6
Salisbury.....	1	1	10	1	4	6	1		1
Smiths River.....	20	20	1,147	13	164	504	17	1	17
Staunton River.....	16	16	581	9	137	231	8		8
Stony Creek.....	5	5	198	5	64	134	3	2	3
Three Forks.....	13	13	395	7	88	155	8		8
Upper County Line.....	1	1	6						
Washington District.....	25	25	1,374	23	467	800	18	3	18
Zion.....	9	9	343	9	117	226	7		7
<b>Washington:</b>									
Siloam.....	5	5	106	5	39	67	3	2	3
<b>West Virginia:</b>									
Corresponding.....	1	1	8						
Elk Horn.....	10	10	602	4	129	238	4		4
Red Stone.....	3	3	63	2	16	35	1		1
<b>Wisconsin:</b>									
Red River.....	1	1	24	1	11	13		1	

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		Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.
Primitive Baptists.....	2,143	1,580	\$1,601,807	45	\$12,053	7	\$14,900	964	\$96,270
Alabama:									
Antioch.....	17	17	6,850					9	228
Bethel.....	2	1	1,000						
Beulah.....	16	9	5,150	1	6			7	342
Buttahatchie.....	4	4	1,400						
Cane Creek.....	10	5	1,900	1	24			5	141
Choctawhatchee.....	11	11	7,600					5	345
Echeconnee.....	1								
Euharlee.....	1	1	200						
Fellowship.....	22	14	5,350					7	257
Five Mile Creek.....	9	1	400						
Flint River.....	7	7	6,100					1	75
Hillabee.....	19	17	11,650					9	411
Liberty.....	1	1	200					1	1
Little Vine.....	15	9	2,950					2	15
Lost Creek.....	8	2	800						
Lower Wetumpka.....	7	7	4,350	1	150			3	51
Mount Zion.....	18	14	5,450					8	150
Mud Creek.....	12	8	3,500					3	148
New Hope.....	3	1	200						
Patsaliga.....	9	7	2,800					3	41
Pilgrims Rest.....	4	2	1,100						
Running Water.....	1								
Sand Mountain.....	4	3	1,250	1	15				
Second Creek.....	5	4	1,425	1	100			2	660
Sequachie Valley.....	3	3	2,100	1	35			2	210
Upatoe.....	1	1	1,000						
Wetumpka.....	9	6	2,600					4	71
Wills Creek.....	19								
Unassociated.....	5	4	3,200					3	1,050
Arkansas:									
Cadron.....	4								
Harmony.....	1								
Little Zion.....	4	1	500					2	13
Mount Gilead.....	4								
Mount Willow.....	8								
Mountain Springs.....	11	4	1,050					1	5
New Hope.....	11	1	250					3	32
North Ouachita.....	7	6	1,750					3	65
Original New Hope.....	5	4	3,375					4	289
Pine Light.....	2	1	250						
Point Remove.....	4	2	900						
Rich Mountain.....	10	7	1,950					2	9
Salem.....	8	3	2,150	1	100			3	385
South Arkansas.....	14	10	3,850					6	158
Washington.....	4								
Delaware:									
Salisbury of Maryland.....	2	1	1,000					1	525
District of Columbia:									
Ketocton.....	2	1	7,500	1	225			2	614
Florida:									
Antioch.....	4	3	1,400	1	80			1	202
Mount Enon.....	19	14	14,925	1	50			6	200
Ochoconee.....	1	1	1,250					1	650
Original Flint River.....	1	1	300					1	55
Pilgrims Rest.....	6	4	1,600	1	67			2	700
San Pedro.....	9	6	2,400					2	25
Suwannee.....	19	17	5,650					7	124
Unassociated.....	1	1	5,000	1	2,000			1	3,207
Georgia:									
Allapaha River.....	19	15	6,600	1	45			7	319
Bethel.....	21	19	25,400					14	2,618
Beulah.....	1								
Blue Ridge.....	3	1	300						
Brushy Creek Union.....	18	18	25,050					14	1,815
Echeconnee.....	26	17	22,050	1	35			14	1,715
Euharlee.....	11	10	5,850					7	383
Fellowship.....	9	9	9,750	1	804			6	1,021
Harmony.....	10	10	6,600	1	350			3	228
Liberty.....	1	1	1,000						
Little Echeconnee.....	6	5	4,600					1	2
Little River.....	8	7	8,450					7	527
Lotts Creek.....	21	16	10,150					6	445
Lower Canoochee.....	10	10	21,400	1	700			10	2,549
Lower Wetumpka.....	1	1	600					1	50
Marietta.....	11	5	2,800					3	210
Mount Olive.....	13	6	3,500					3	205
New Hope.....	19	9	8,000					5	106
Ochlockonee.....	10	10	17,900					10	2,162
Ocmulgee.....	9	6	5,200					3	109
Occonee.....	14	11	8,700					4	340
Original Flint River.....	13	10	7,150					6	401
Original New Hope.....	4	4	1,200					1	104
Original Upper Canoochee.....	14	12	10,000	1	125			6	314

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Georgia—Continued.									
Primitive Ebenezer.....	15	13	\$9,650					4	\$221
Primitive Western.....	9	8	6,900					5	485
Providence.....	6	6	11,000					4	1,080
Rocky Creek.....	1	1	150						
Satilla River.....	3								
Sequachie Valley.....	2								
Towaliga.....	16	16	26,500					15	1,420
Union.....	27	14	8,350					4	275
Upatole.....	12	12	6,700					7	410
Upper Canoochee.....	15	13	23,500	1	\$400			11	2,031
Yellow River.....	27	25	31,040					14	734
Unassociated.....	15	13	25,500	1	500			13	3,398
Idaho:									
Hiwassee.....	1							1	5
Illinois:									
Bethel.....	7	5	5,700	1	100			3	111
Central.....	4	4	4,300					2	210
Kaskaskia.....	5	4	4,000					3	120
Muddy River.....	11	10	10,350					5	138
Okaw.....	5	1	500					1	10
Skillet Fork.....	12	12	12,500					8	354
Wabash.....	9	9	14,500					9	1,763
Indiana:									
Blue River.....	12	12	14,150					7	309
Conns Creek.....	5	5	5,500					3	225
Danville.....	13	11	14,750					9	518
Lebanon.....	4	4	9,500					3	220
Little Zion.....	8	7	5,500					4	63
Patoka.....	11	8	11,900					11	776
Salem No. 1.....	7	5	13,700					4	564
Salem No. 2.....	5	5	10,500	1	700			4	420
Wabash.....	1	1	800	1	150			1	475
White River.....	7	6	5,900					4	275
White Water.....	13	11	18,000					7	916
Unassociated.....	9	7	12,900					6	860
Iowa:									
Hazel Creek.....	1	1	600					1	25
Missouri Valley.....	2	2	3,600					2	510
Mount Pleasant.....	2	2	1,600						
Western.....	5								
Kentucky:									
Burning Spring.....	16	10	1,450					4	52
HIGHLAND.....	6	6	5,200	2	170			4	194
Little Flock.....	4	2	950					2	37
Miami.....	1	1	1,000						
Powells Valley.....	4	2	1,175	1	14			2	110
Red River.....	6	3	2,400					2	102
St. Clairs Bottom.....	2	1	400					1	12
Soldier Creek.....	8	8	5,550			1	\$400	7	486
Three Forks.....	1	1	600						
Washington.....	1					1	100	1	3
Unassociated.....	6	4	4,900					3	143
Louisiana:									
Amite.....	1								
Little Hope.....	1	1	1,000						
Louisiana.....	10								
Maine:									
Maine.....	4								
Maryland:									
Ketocton.....	2	2	2,700					1	175
Salisbury.....	7	5	5,650					4	750
Massachusetts:									
Massachusetts.....	1	1	1,000						
Michigan:									
Sandusky.....	1								
Mississippi:									
Amite.....	10	9	2,600					3	95
Bethany.....	14	12	6,150					4	53
Buttahatchie.....	1	1	300					1	3
Good Hope.....	13	12	5,050					4	153
Hopewell.....	11	10	6,800					3	84
Liberty.....	7	2	800					2	13
Little Black.....	6	4	1,350					1	25
Little Vine.....	3	3	500					1	10
New Hope.....	10	10	6,900					3	291
Primitive.....	7	5	1,850					1	20
Regular Baptist.....	6	4	2,300						
Tallahatchie.....	4	3	2,500					1	50
Tombigbee.....	9	6	5,900					2	53
Missouri:									
Center Creek.....	5							1	15
Cuivre Shoam.....	8	8	8,800					7	452
Fishing River.....	11	9	12,500					7	675
Harmony.....	1	1	1,200	1	200			1	625
Hazel Creek.....	2	1	1,000					1	50
Little Piney.....	5	2	1,500					1	50
Little Piney No. 2.....	2	1	800					2	175
Nodaway.....	4	4	8,000	1	415			3	318
Ozark.....	8	5	2,150					3	172
Salem.....	5	5	8,800					4	215
Yellow Creek.....	8	7	10,500					5	330

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Nebraska:									
Missouri Valley.....	3	3	\$4,200					3	\$1,200
Unassociated.....	3							1	50
New York:									
Lexington.....	9	7	14,800					2	157
Roxbury.....	4	4	9,000					3	170
Warwick.....	5	4	46,500					2	1,151
Unassociated.....	5	4	5,700					4	554
North Carolina:									
Abbotts Creek.....	14	12	10,700	1	\$475			6	167
Bear Creek.....	21	20	14,775	2	85			10	546
Black Creek.....	19	16	27,400					15	1,502
Contentnea.....	22	18	18,950					13	1,138
Fishers River.....	19	16	13,500					11	451
Kehukee.....	36	33	52,550					19	833
Little River.....	21	16	19,250					9	792
Lower Country Line.....	14	12	17,550					10	2,436
Mayo.....	15	12	10,150	1	300			9	913
Mill Branch.....	3	3	1,150					1	38
Mountain.....	7	7	5,350					4	71
Nolachucky.....	1	1	1,800					1	200
Roaring River.....	11	9	4,000	1	125			4	38
Salem.....	9	7	12,900	1	24			5	230
Senter.....	13	13	10,100					6	645
Seven Mile.....	10	7	6,175					5	95
Silver Creek.....	5	4	2,325					2	1,030
Upper Country Line.....	17	13	27,400	2	1,125			9	930
White Oak.....	19	17	12,850					8	825
Zion.....	3	2	1,200					1	125
Ohio:									
Miami.....	4	3	5,300			1	\$1,500	4	291
Muskingum.....	17	15	21,325	2	900			10	1,175
Owl Creek Harmony.....	6	6	10,900					2	3,010
Sandusky.....	6	6	9,400					4	605
Scioto.....	13	12	18,100					7	445
Oklahoma:									
Center Creek.....	1								
First Primitive Baptist.....	6	2	600					2	15
North Ouachita.....	1								
Panhandle.....	1	1	400						
Salem.....	1							1	50
Union.....	4	1	1,000					2	85
Western.....	13								
Oregon:									
Siloam.....	2							1	5
Pennsylvania:									
Juniata.....	4	2	1,800						
Red Stone.....	2	1	2,500						
Unassociated.....	4	2	3,000					1	75
South Carolina:									
Mill Branch.....	5	5	2,100					5	172
Prince William.....	6	5	3,900					6	329
Tennessee:									
Big Creek.....	2	2	1,300	1	200			2	590
Big Sandy.....	9	9	5,500					3	176
Blue Ridge.....	1	1	200					1	20
Collins River.....	4								
Cumberland.....	11	10	12,400					5	139
Elk River.....	11	11	11,300					8	1,760
Fellowship.....	1								
Flint River.....	1								
Flint River No. 2.....	3	2	900						
Forked Deer.....	7	7	4,850					1	30
Fountain Creek.....	5	5	2,100					1	50
Hiwassee.....	14	13	13,200			1	900	11	1,093
Maynardsville.....	10	10	10,000					10	1,200
Mississippi River.....	8	6	5,100					2	20
Nolachucky.....	7	6	8,200					5	601
Obion.....	7	6	6,100					3	365
Powells Valley.....	12	9	4,050					6	75
Powells Valley No. 1.....	8	5	5,250					4	98
Powells Valley No. 2.....	3								
Predestinarian.....	9	8	3,600					2	78
Red River.....	3	2	1,700						
Regular Baptist.....	7	6	2,050					2	96
Round Lick.....	10	9	7,300					4	99
Saint Clairs Bottom.....	1								
Sequachie Valley.....	13	12	14,700					10	1,142
Tennessee.....	6	5	2,900	1	64			5	171
Tennessee No. 2.....	7	6	3,550					2	113
Tennessee River Bend.....	4	3	858						
Washington District.....	1	1	1,200					1	15
West Tennessee.....	18	18	11,200					10	209
Unassociated.....	5	5	5,900	1	400			4	529

ORGANIZATIONS, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, AND EXPENDITURES, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916—Continued.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.
<b>Texas:</b>									
Duffan.....	8	1	\$500					1	\$125
Little Flock.....	5	4	2,500						
Little Hope.....	4	3	1,300					3	175
Mount Zion.....	6	2	2,000					2	513
Neches River.....	4	2	1,000						
New Harmony.....	5								
Panhandle and Oklahoma.....	4								
Primitive Baptist.....	12	5	2,700					2	105
Southwest Primitive.....	4	2	1,050					1	6
Southwest Texas.....	4	3	2,000					1	7
Union.....	12	1	500					1	92
Unity.....	2	1	2,000					1	30
Village Creek.....	3	1	500					1	24
West Providence.....	6	2	2,000					2	100
West Texas.....	6								
Western Oklahoma.....	1								
Unassociated.....	2								
<b>Virginia:</b>									
Corresponding.....	5	5	11,400			2	\$10,000	5	1,105
Ebenezer.....	12	10	22,650					10	3,418
Kenukee.....	2	2	1,750	1	\$475			1	91
Ketocton.....	13	13	17,875			1	2,000	9	2,292
Lower County Line.....	1	1	500						
Mayo.....	12	9	7,940					7	729
Mountain.....	10	10	16,000					5	248
New River.....	24	23	23,200					17	426
Pig River.....	23	21	21,850					13	358
Saint Clairs Bottom.....	6	6	7,300					4	44
Salisbury.....	1	1	1,300						
Smiths River.....	20	18	15,002	1	160			14	555
Staunton River.....	16	8	9,600	1	125			5	155
Stony Creek.....	5	3	4,900					3	134
Three Forks.....	13	8	7,450					3	335
Upper County Line.....	1								
Washington District.....	25	18	13,350					11	1,176
Zion.....	9	7	2,900					4	350
<b>Washington:</b>									
Siloam.....	5	4	2,700					4	133
<b>West Virginia:</b>									
Corresponding.....	1								
Elk Horn.....	10	4	7,800	1	35			4	320
Red Stone.....	3	1	300					1	20
<b>Wisconsin:</b>									
Red River.....	1							1	2

COLORED PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

HISTORY.

The Negro members of the Primitive Baptist churches of the South, during the years of slavery, shared the experience of others of their race. They were allowed to sit in the galleries during church service, but had no voice in the management of the churches, were compelled to baptize at night, and those of their number who were called to preach were simply exhorters, with no authority over their congregations.

With the emancipation a change came, and they were obliged to leave the white churches. In 1865 the White Springs Primitive Baptist Church was organized by Elder Thomas Williamson, at Columbia, Tenn. Several appeals were made to the white Primitive Baptists for his ordination to the work of the gospel ministry, but without success, and he, with two others, after a time of fasting and prayer, believing that the Lord through His spirit had revealed to them the answer to their prayers, knelt and laid their hands on each other's heads, receiving, as they felt, the "power

of the Holy Ghost." They arose and started out to preach, to baptize, and to establish churches; and in 1866 the Big Harpeth Primitive Baptist Association was organized in the state of Tennessee. Soon other churches began to spring up in the Southern states. In Georgia a presbytery of white Primitive Baptist elders ordained Henry Griffin in 1867, and two years later the Antioch Association, the first Colored Primitive Baptist association in that state, was organized. In 1867, also, the first church was formed in west Florida and the West Florida Association was constituted. The next year the Indian Creek Association in north Alabama was formed by Bartley Harris, who had gathered a church at Huntsville, and in 1869 the Rev. E. E. Gardner and others organized the Southwest Alabama Association. In Texas Elder Moffett began the work of rallying the Colored Primitive Baptist forces in 1869.

For years the churches showed little vitality, divisions occurred in the associations, generally on doctrinal matters, and "no-fellowship bars" were set up. In 1900 a great awakening began; opposition to modern



methods was overborne; and since then "Union, Peace, and Progress" has been their motto. The result has been that the Colored Primitive Baptists differ in many respects from the white churches of the same faith and order, and at present the denomination might be called the "Reformed Primitive Baptists of America." In doctrine they have reverted to the older basis, and in their church organization and activities they are in full accord with modern methods. They demand an educated ministry, believe in Sunday schools, young people's societies, women's auxiliaries, state conventions, ministerial support, etc., and are organizing their forces and sending out district, state, and national evangelists through all parts of the country.

The close of the decade reveals a peculiar and somewhat unsettled condition in the Negro communities of the Southern states, and the Colored Primitive Baptists have shared in the general disorganization. The most prominent factor has undoubtedly been the migration to the Northern states, which has seriously affected their numerical and financial strength. In close connection with this, however, there appears to have been a development along the lines indicated above, and an unwillingness on the part of some churches to be identified with what they regarded as the more conservative organizations. Whatever the immediate cause, it has been difficult to secure complete returns and the statistics as given below must not be regarded as indicating the full strength of the denomination.

#### DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal basis of the Colored Primitive Baptists is not the Black Rock Address of 1832, still widely accepted by the white Primitive Baptists, but the London Confession of Faith, adopted in 1689 by the Particular Baptists of England, and, in a slightly modified form, as the Philadelphia Confession, by the great majority of American Baptists. It is thoroughly Calvinistic, emphasizing the five points of Calvinism—predestination, particular redemption, total depravity, effectual calling or regeneration, and the certain perseverance of the saints.

The church ordinances include baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet. Baptism is by immersion, and must be administered by a properly ordained person. The rite of foot-washing is observed not "as a Jewish tradition or custom, but as a matter

of faith in Christ, and in obedience to the example given by Him;" the sacramental service is not considered complete until this rite is performed.

#### POLITY.

In polity the Colored Primitive Baptist churches are in full accord with other Baptist bodies. The local church is supreme in its authority over its members, in its selection of officers, and in the general conduct of its affairs. Each church holds, once a month, a church conference, where its business is conducted, and the decisions of this conference are final, there being no appeal to any other authority. Associations of churches are organized for the purpose of mutual improvement and spiritual development and for greater effectiveness in spreading the gospel. Membership in these associations is not obligatory, but churches which hold such membership are expected, through pastor or delegate to the annual session, to report as to membership and financial receipts and expenditures for church, evangelistic, educational, benevolent, or associational purposes. There is also a state convention which includes the associations, churches, and other organizations within its bounds, and which has general direction of state evangelists.

The church offices recognized as scriptural are those of pastor and deacon. Pastors are elected and called by a majority of the members of the local church, to preach, oversee the spiritual affairs of the church, and administer the ordinances. The deacons assist the pastor in the temporal work of the church, while each church covenants to give its pastor support.

A candidate for the ministry must be called of God, approved by the church for his gifts and personal character, and ordained and set apart to the work of the ministry by a presbytery of regularly ordained ministers, by prayer and laying on of hands. In addition to those engaged in pastoral work, there are evangelists who travel, organize churches, and encourage and strengthen the work at large.

#### WORK.

The activities of the church are under the general care of a national convention organized recently as an administrative rather than as an ecclesiastical body. It has for its purpose the consolidation of the Colored

Primitive Baptist churches, associations, societies, etc., in the several states into one united national body, and the organization of the national work in the following departments: Financial, educational, young people's and Sunday school, benevolence and church aid fund, publication, woman's auxiliary, bureau of information and statistics, and national memorial building fund. The membership consists of delegates elected by the churches, associations, and state conventions, each church and organization being entitled to delegates on payment of a certain amount. Each department is conducted by a board elected by the national convention, and consisting of two members from each state represented in the convention.

The Young People's and Sunday School Congress is the national organization of the Primitive Baptist Young People's Volunteer Band and the Sunday schools of the various churches. The Young People's Volunteer Band was organized at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1900, and reports 259 local bands with a membership of 6,770. The national convention and its auxiliaries are conducting a number of enterprises for the benefit of the denomination at large. Among them are the erection of a \$10,000 memorial building at Huntsville, Ala., and the publication of 2 weekly religious journals and a monthly Sunday school paper.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Colored Primitive Baptists for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

The statistics for 1916 as compared with those reported for 1906 show a considerable decrease. Less than half as many churches were reported, 336 as against 797, a decrease of 57.8 per cent, and the membership fell from 35,076 to 15,144, a decrease of 56.8 per cent. The number of church edifices dropped from 501 to 236, or 52.9 per cent, and the value of church property from \$296,539 to \$154,690, or 47.8 per cent. The debt on church property advanced from \$6,968 to \$8,507, or 22.1 per cent, and the value of parsonages increased from \$10,095 to \$13,940, or 38.1 per cent. There was a decline of 47 per cent in the number of Sunday schools, and of 48.6 per cent in the number of Sunday school scholars.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	336	797	-461	-57.8
Members.....	15,144	35,076	-19,932	-56.8
Church edifices.....	236	501	-265	-52.9
Value of church property.....	\$154,690	\$296,539	-\$141,849	-47.8
Debt on church property.....	\$8,507	\$6,968	\$1,539	22.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	12	21	-9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$13,940	\$10,095	\$3,845	38.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	88	166	-78	-47.0
Officers and teachers.....	406	911	-505	-55.4
Scholars.....	3,201	6,224	-3,023	-48.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

These changes are explained in the main by the disturbed conditions that have existed in the Negro communities of the South. Many churches have been broken up entirely by the migration to the North, and those that remain have been weakened by it. No contributions for missions or benevolences were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$22,881, reported by 170 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 232 organizations in 1916, was 392, constituting 3.6 per cent of the 10,831 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 548.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers claimed as on the denominational lists was 600, but no schedules were received, hence no report in regard to them or their salaries is made.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Primitive Baptists.....	336	336	15,144	333	5,303	9,396	214	19	236	164	\$154,690
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	5	5	104	5	36	68	5		5	5	6,700
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	31	31	930	31	344	586	31		31	31	23,600
North Carolina.....	32	32	1,000	32	300	700	20	12	20	20	20,500
Georgia.....	106	106	2,924	106	1,236	1,688	52		52	24	11,020
Florida.....	32	32	3,510	32	862	2,648	31	1	38	27	46,915
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	10	10	318	10	142	176					
Tennessee.....	21	21	811	18	138	228	6	5	6	6	6,050
Alabama.....	38	38	3,416	38	1,382	2,034	28		29	26	22,140
Mississippi.....	13	13	184	13	81	103	4		7	4	1,300
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	31	31	519	31	235	284	21		22	5	1,190
Louisiana.....	9	9	138	9	56	82	8	1	18	8	1,975
Texas.....	8	8	1,290	8	491	799	8		8	8	13,300

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Primitive Baptists.....	336	46	\$8,507	12	\$13,940	170	\$22,881	87	88	406	3,201
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	5	2	1,400			5	899	4	4	17	111
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	31	15	250			31	2,494	1	1	4	28
North Carolina.....	32	1	800	1	1,000	32	850	32	32	100	500
Georgia.....	106	5	73			18	1,000				
Florida.....	32	9	2,737	11	12,940	27	8,966	25	26	133	1,284
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	10										
Tennessee.....	21	3	425			7	554				
Alabama.....	38	6	626			26	4,911	18	18	103	852
Mississippi.....	13					1	56	1	1	4	16
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	31					6	672				
Louisiana.....	9	2	875			9	379				
Texas.....	8	3	1,321			8	2,100	6	6	45	410

## TWO-SEED-IN-THE-SPIRIT PREDESTINARIAN BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

The Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists as a distinct body arose early in the nineteenth century, by a protest of the more rigid Calvinists against what some considered a general laxity of doctrine and looseness of church discipline consequent upon the prevalence of Arminian doctrines as set forth by Methodism. This protest found its fullest expression in the mountain regions of Tennessee and Kentucky, but extended throughout the entire South and West. Its great leader was Elder Daniel Parker, a native of Virginia, who was ordained in Tennessee in 1806, and labored in that state, and in Illinois and Texas, until his death.

Intensely Calvinistic in doctrine and equally independent in polity, these Baptists formed scattered churches rather than an organized denomination, and

developed only in a minor degree an associational character. They differed from the Primitive Baptists chiefly in the degree to which they carried their theological opinions and ecclesiastical principles, and were frequently called by the same names, "Primitive," "Old School," and "Hard Shell," though the special feature of their belief was gradually recognized, and they became popularly known as the "Two-Seed Baptists." As a result of this general similarity, the distinction between them and the Primitive Baptists has not always been clearly drawn, especially by outsiders, and in the Primitive Baptist papers there is still constant reference to discussions with the "Two-Seeds," and a complaint that the "Two-Seed" influence has permeated various churches and withdrawn them from the faith.

One effect of their extreme independence has been apparent in the disintegration of the associations and the disappearance of a number of churches. In the census of 1890 nearly 500 churches were reported, but when it came to gathering the statistics of the census of 1906 the reply came from many sections that, while there had been such churches there, they had ceased to exist, either through the removal of the members or through absorption by some other organization. In many cases it was reported that no such church had ever existed there—indicating that in all probability the churches which in 1890 were credited to this body really belonged to some other Baptist denomination, either Primitive, Separate, or United. The best authorities in the denomination—the moderators of its associations—affirmed that the figures given in the census of 1906 represented the full strength of the body; and that, while there might be additional scattered churches, they were few in number and were practically moribund. The reports for the present census give substantially the same figures as for 1906, the denomination holding its own but not increasing.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Two-Seed Baptists represent not merely the extreme form of Calvinism, but what appears to be a certain element of dual Gnosticism. In the words of one of their leaders, their distinguishing doctrine is as follows:

The phrase "Two-Seed" indicates one seed of evil and one of good, emanating from two different sources (as positive and negative), the earthly generation (or mankind) being the field through which both are manifested, the field yet being no part of either. Neither has it (the field) any power of its own to resist, but must, and does, develop or manifest what is sown in it, as in the parable of the wheat and tares; neither can one change from one to the other, but each produces after its kind. We do not divide the Adamic race, neither do we change the decrees of God, but as He declared the origin and destiny of the parent or progenitor in the beginning, we claim that, as He can not change, neither does it change either the origin or destiny of any one of His generation. This being the visible or representative character, then we also claim that both the good and evil being set forth as seed-fathers and progenitors, we can not use the term father, mother, or child, except as the other also is implied or understood; in both of these spiritual generators He also gives origin and destiny, and that can not be changed. Thus it is the crop which grows in the field that we gather in our barn; we do not gather the field, nor has the field any power of resistance, but has to develop whatever is sown in it; and the atonement, or offering, being for the redemption of something, must necessarily mean that something was once possessed and then lost. We also claim the price demanded was paid, the debt of divine justice satisfied, nothing more charged against them; but as the sufferings of the Saviour were visible, then we suffer temptations while in the flesh, or, in other words, both grow together in the field, but when the harvest is come then the crop is gathered, not the field it grew on.

Another form of the same general doctrine is set forth in the report on religious bodies of the census of 1890, as follows:

The essence of good is God; the essence of evil is the devil. Good angels are emanations from or particles of God; evil angels are particles of the devil. When God created Adam and Eve, they were endowed with an emanation from Himself, or particles of God were included in their constitution. They were wholly good. Satan, however, infused into them particles of his essence, by which they were corrupted. In the beginning God had appointed that Eve should bring forth only a certain number of offspring; the same provision applied to each of her daughters. But when the particles of evil essence had been infused by Satan, the conception of Eve and of her daughters was increased. They were now required to bear the original number, who were styled the seed of God, and an additional number, who were called the seed of the serpent.

The seed of God constituted a part of the body of Christ. For them the atonement was absolute; they would all be saved. The seed of the serpent did not partake of the benefits of the atonement, and would all be lost. All the manifestations of good or evil in men are but displays of the essence that has been infused into them. The Christian warfare is a conflict between these essences.

Foot-washing is observed in the churches of this religious body, and many of the denomination are strongly opposed to a paid ministry. They do not believe that the help of a minister is needed to reach and save sinners. Christ carries on the work of salvation without the help of men.

#### POLITY.

In their church government the Two-Seed Baptists are thoroughly independent, each church standing by itself. Associations are formed, but for spiritual fellowship rather than for church management.

#### WORK.

What are ordinarily known as church activities do not exist among them. Individuals may contribute to benevolences as they see fit, but organized benevolence does not exist. Neither Sunday schools nor young people's societies, nor, indeed, societies of any kind, are recognized as legitimate.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists for 1916 are given, by states and associations, in the tables on page 152; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 48.

The figures for 1916 as compared with those for 1906 show the same number of organizations, 55, a decrease in members from 781 to 679, and in the number of church edifices, while the value of church

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property increased from \$21,500 to \$23,950. No parsonages or Sunday schools were reported and there were no contributions for missionary purposes.

Church expenditures of \$170 were reported by 7 churches.

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported as on the lists of the denomination was 35, but schedules were received from only 18. None of these reported a salary, and in general the status of the minister is that of one who conducts the services without special ecclesiastical standing, and supports himself in such way as is convenient, generally by farming.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.						Halls, etc.
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	55	48	679	30	150	247	37	1	37	35	\$23,950	7	\$170
East North Central division:													
Indiana.....	4	4	58	4	18	40	3		3	3	5,000		
Illinois.....	3	3	68										
West North Central division:													
Missouri.....	1	1	12										
South Atlantic division:													
Georgia.....	4	4	34	1	2	7	1		1	1	250	1	5
Florida.....	3	3	19	3	5	14	3		3	3	650	3	28
East South Central division:													
Kentucky.....	9	6	101	2	19	23	9		9	9	5,450		
Tennessee.....	20	19	252	18	92	145	18	1	18	17	11,800	3	137
Alabama.....	3	3	51	2	14	18	2		2	2	800		
West South Central division:													
Arkansas.....	4	2	32				1		1				
Texas.....	4	3	52										

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY ASSOCIATIONS: 1916.

ASSOCIATION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.						Halls, etc.
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	55	48	679	30	150	247	37	1	37	35	\$23,950	7	\$170
Bethlehem.....	4	4	58	4	18	40	3		3	3	5,000		
Caney Fork.....	9	7	129	6	37	77	8		8	8	5,650	2	12
Drakes Creek.....	11	9	126	5	28	39	11		11	11	7,300		
Elm Fork.....	4	3	52										
Lookout.....	3	3	25										
New Hope.....	3	3	68										
Pilgrim Rest.....	6	4	64	1	5	15	2		2	1	1,000		
Richland Creek.....	11	11	129	10	55	55	9	1	9	8	4,100	1	125
Suwannee River.....	4	4	28	4	7	21	4		4	4	900	4	33

## BRETHREN, GERMAN BAPTIST (DUNKERS).

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

The general statement of the history of the Brethren, Dunkers, or German Baptist Brethren, is presented under the head of the oldest and largest body, the Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers). In view of the fact that they have been popularly known,

not as "German Baptist Brethren," but as "Dunkers," or "Dunkards," that name has been preserved.

The denominations grouped under the name Brethren, German Baptist (Dunkers) in 1916 and in 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. One body listed in 1916 was not reported at the census of 1906.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BRETHREN, GERMAN BAPTIST (DUNKERS): 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
BRETHREN, GERMAN BAPTIST (DUNKERS).										
1916.										
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers).....	999	105,102	1,340	\$3,990,898	\$129,705	65	\$160,300	1,279	12,629	111,686
Old Order German Baptist Brethren.....	67	3,399	73	107,212						
The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers).....	203	24,060	192	896,725	114,289	25	67,250	193	2,402	23,728
German Seventh Day Baptists.....	5	136	3	33,000		1	2,000	3	24	152
Church of God (New Dunkers).....	13	929	13	28,000				12	115	799
1906.										
German Baptist Brethren Church (Conservative).....	822	76,547	1,186	2,198,957	38,109	33	56,600	1,057	9,212	66,595
Old Order German Baptist Brethren.....	68	3,388	66	89,800						
The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers).....	202	17,042	184	472,975	41,490	20	41,700	164	1,564	11,850
German Seventh Day Baptists.....	5	167	6	40,800	3,600	1	900	2	13	130

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CONSERVATIVE DUNKERS).

(FORMERLY GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHREN CHURCH, CONSERVATIVE.)

## HISTORY.

Among the various communities which arose toward the close of the seventeenth century for the purpose of emphasizing the inner life of the Christian above creed and dogma, ritual and form, and ceremony and church polity, one of the most influential, though not widely known, was that of the Pietists of Germany. They did not arise as protestants against Catholicism, but rather as protestants against what they considered the barrenness of Protestantism itself. With no purpose of organizing a sect, they created no violent upheaval, but started a healthy wave of spiritual action within the state churches already organized. Among their leaders were Philip Jacob Spener and August Herman Francke, who together organized and supervised the mission, industrial, and orphan school at Halle. They gave a great impulse to the critical study of the Bible, struck a plane of moderation in theology, revived an interest in church history, and left a lasting testimony in at least one organization, the Church of the Brethren.

Among the students at the Halle school was Ernst Christoph Hochmann, who, after varying experiences of expulsion, arrest, ascetic life, and confinement in Castle Detmold, retired to Schwarzenau, where he came into intimate association with Alexander Mack, with whom he went on various preaching tours. In 1708,

at Schwarzenau, 8 of these Pietists went from the house of Alexander Mack to the River Eder. One of them, chosen by lot, led Alexander Mack into the water and immersed him three times in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Then Alexander Mack baptized the other 7, and these 8, probably the first to receive trine immersion in the history of the Protestant Church, organized a new congregation which became the basis of the Täufer, Tunkers or Dunkers, Dompelaars, German Baptist Brethren, or Church of the Brethren, as they have been variously called, as a separate church.

The members of the new organization waived the question of apostolic succession, subscribed to no written creed, differed from other Pietists in that they were not averse to church organization, did not abandon the ordinances which Christianity, as a whole, held to be necessary for salvation, and in general gave evidence that they were men of intelligence and steadfastness. Gradually they worked out their doctrine, polity, and practice, following in many respects the same general line as the Quakers, Mennonites, and similar bodies, though they had no association with them, and are to be held as entirely distinct.

The church in Schwarzenau grew, and other congregations were organized in the Palatinate, at Marienborn, Crefeld, and Epstein in Switzerland, and in West Friesland; all suffered, at the hands of the state

churches of Germany, Holland, and Switzerland, the hardships which have been the usual lot of independents and separatists. It was from Crefeld that the first Brethren, under the leadership of Peter Becker, sailed for America, settling in Germantown, Pa., in 1719. The next year, Alexander Mack, with the remaining members of the Schwarzenau community, fled to Westervain in West Friesland, and in 1729, 59 families, or 126 souls, crossed the Atlantic, landing in Philadelphia on September 15. The fate of the Brethren who did not come to America is not known; in all probability the greater number migrated, and thus the nucleus of the church was removed from European to American soil.

After the Brethren came to America the details of the organization were developed and individual congregations increased in number—first in the immediate vicinity of Philadelphia; then in New Jersey, southern Pennsylvania, northern Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas; then reaching westward over the old Braddock road, immediately after the Revolution, to western Pennsylvania, and from the Carolinas into Kentucky, they were among the first to enter the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, and from 1790 to 1825 the great central plain was rapidly populated by Brethren.

The Brethren of colonial times (then known generally as Dunkers) were for the most part German or Dutch farmers, although they engaged in some other occupations, particularly weaving. They retained their own language, and this created a prejudice against them on the part of their English neighbors, who looked upon them as illiterate, although the Saur presses of Germantown, Pa., were famous in American colonial days. One private library contains over 400 different imprints of these presses, and their output of papers, almanacs, Bibles, and religious and secular work gives evidence not only of a flourishing business, but of a literary appreciation. This would seem to call for the organization of schools, but, aside from the interest of certain members in the founding of Germantown Academy, there is no early school history to record.

There was also a widespread, though unjust, feeling that socially and politically they belonged with the party that had opposed the Revolution, and the result was a mutual dislike, which was probably increased by the fact that, though not essentially selfish, they kept very much to themselves, mingled little with the world, and took little part in the general movements of the times.

The Brethren shared the experience of other religious bodies organized in the early history of this country. As conditions changed they developed different practices and to some extent different conceptions, which resulted in the formation of separate communities. The first to withdraw were John Conrad Beissel and

his followers,<sup>1</sup> who founded, in 1728, the famous monastic community at Ephrata, Pa. From that time there was no further division until 1881, when a comparatively small company withdrew<sup>2</sup> in protest against certain modifications which they felt to be inconsistent with their early history. The next year another division took place,<sup>3</sup> based chiefly upon objection to the form of government which had gradually developed within the larger body. As the years have passed there has grown up a feeling that, with a little more patience on all sides, this division might have been avoided. Recently greetings from the conferences of "The Brethren Church" and "Church of the Brethren" have been exchanged, and efforts have been made to unite these two bodies. In some localities the union is all but effected.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Church of the Brethren in general terms is classed as Orthodox Trinitarian.

Baptism is by trine forward immersion, the person baptized being confirmed while kneeling in the water. The rite of foot-washing and the love feast or agape immediately precede the communion or eucharist, the entire service being observed in the evening. Sisters are expected to be "veiled" during prayer, and especially at communion services. In case of illness anointing with oil in the name of the Lord is administered. The rule of the eighteenth chapter of Matthew with respect to differences between members is observed. Plain attire, excluding jewelry, is advocated. The civil law is resorted to but little. Taking an oath is forbidden, all affidavits being made by affirmation. Nonresistance is taught, and all communicants are asked to be noncombatants. Any connection, direct or indirect, with the liquor business is prohibited, and there is a corresponding insistence upon total abstinence.

The ideal in all these ceremonies and beliefs is the reproduction and perpetuation of the life and activities of the primitive Christians, and, while its effect is manifest in a somewhat stern and legal type of religious life, mysticism or the Pietistic temper has modified it in the direction of a quiet moderation in all things.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the church corresponds more nearly to the presbyterian than to any other specific ecclesiastical form. The local congregation, usually presided over by the bishop of that body, is governed by the council of all the members. The power of discipline, including trial and excommunication, rests with the local congregation.

<sup>1</sup> See German Seventh Day Baptists, p. 165.

<sup>2</sup> See Old Order German Baptist Brethren, p. 160.

<sup>3</sup> See The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers), p. 162.



Ministers are elected by individual ballot by all the members of a congregation from members of that congregation; but one feeling the call to the ministry may present his desires for acceptance. When appointed by the congregation he exercises all the duties of the ministry save those especially assigned to the bishop, and in due time is ordained to the bishopric. The bishop of a congregation may or may not be resident. The pastorate and a salaried ministry are being rapidly adopted by the congregations.

The individual congregation elects delegates, lay and clerical, to a state district meeting, connected with which there is also an "elders' meeting," composed of the bishops of the respective congregations. Above the state district meeting is the General Conference of all the brotherhood. To this each district meeting elects one or more bishops as delegates, while the local churches elect other delegates. The delegates elected by the state district meetings constitute the standing committee of the General Conference, which prepares business for presentation at that meeting. In the general sessions of the conference there is free discussion, and both classes of delegates vote together on the final disposition of a matter. Upon a proper request, a committee may be sent from the General Conference to any local congregation for the purpose of settling any difficulties that the congregation itself or the bishops of the adjoining congregations may seem unable to adjust.

#### WORK.

Although the Brethren from the time of the earliest settlements in America pursued a vigorous policy of church extension, moving forward into unoccupied territory, it was not until 1885 that regularly organized missionary endeavor in both home and foreign fields was undertaken.

The home field includes the territory lying next to the congregations and that lying outside of these districts. The territory lying next to the congregations is under the direction of district mission boards, while all the territory outside of these districts comes under the General Mission Board, whose headquarters are at Elgin, Ill. For the most part the congregations are in groups in certain portions of the states in the northern half of the United States, extending from coast to coast. The total number of organized congregations under the care of the mission boards in 1916 was 47, and the reports from 42 of these show 95 missionaries employed besides 103 others who devoted a part of their time to the work; 115 churches aided; and \$74,788 contributed for this work. The actual

expenditure, including that for the erection of 16 new country and 3 new city church edifices, the remodeling of 22 others, and the erection of 7 parsonages, was considerably in excess of this amount.

The foreign missionary enterprises of the Brethren are under the care of the General Mission Board, which in 1916 carried on work in India, China, Sweden, and Denmark. In these countries there were 19 stations, occupied by 66 American missionaries, with 187 native helpers; and 16 organized churches, with a membership of 1,803. There were also reported 20 schools of various grades, with 2,439 students; and 5 hospitals, treating during the year 23,538 patients. The amount contributed in 1916 for the support of the foreign work was \$102,076, the value of property belonging to the denomination in foreign countries is estimated at \$50,000, and there are endowments amounting to approximately \$1,000,000.

The educational interests of the denomination are represented by 10 colleges, which in 1916 had a total enrollment of 2,684 students. The contributions for educational purposes amounted to \$246,310, and the school property was valued at \$1,038,404, while there were endowments to the amount of \$525,638.

Sunday schools are organized in practically every congregation. Including the home department and cradle roll, these had during the year 12,698 officers and teachers, and an enrollment of 130,891 pupils, with an average attendance of 69,814. The contributions of these schools to the work of the denomination was \$114,742, of which \$33,834 was given to missions.

The church seeks to take care of her own poor and homeless by establishing and maintaining comfortable homes for them. There are 15 such institutions in the United States.

In addition to the activities above enumerated, the denomination has a young people's organization known as the "Christian Workers," which in 1916 reported 533 societies, with a membership of 17,135. There are also "Sisters' Aid Societies," which during the year secured by cash and pledges over \$10,000 for a hospital building in India. An extensive publishing plant owned by the church devotes its surplus earnings to the support of superannuated ministers and to missionary work under the General Mission Board.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of the Brethren for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 157 to 160, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	999	822	177	21.5
Members.....	105,102	76,547	28,555	37.3
Church edifices.....	1,340	1,186	154	13.0
Value of church property.....	\$3,990,898	\$2,198,957	\$1,791,941	81.5
Debt on church property.....	\$129,705	\$38,109	\$91,596	240.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	65	33	32	(1)
Value.....	\$160,300	\$56,600	\$103,700	183.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,279	1,057	222	21.0
Officers and teachers.....	12,629	9,212	3,417	37.1
Scholars.....	111,686	66,595	45,091	67.7
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$423,174	\$185,067	\$238,107	128.7
Domestic.....	\$321,098	\$118,106	\$202,992	171.9
Foreign.....	\$102,076	\$66,961	\$35,115	52.4

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a general increase in all items since 1906. There were 999 organizations in 1916 as against 822 in 1906, an increase of 21.5 per cent, and the membership increased from 76,547 to 105,102, a gain of 37.3 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 154, and there was an advance of \$1,791,941, or 81.5 per cent, in the value of church property. The debt on church property, as reported by 116 organizations, was \$129,705, as against \$38,109 in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 33 in 1906 to 65 in 1916, and the value of parsonages nearly trebled, being \$160,300 as against \$56,600. The increase in Sunday schools corresponded very closely to the increase in the number of churches, but Sunday school scholars increased at a greater rate than did church membership, showing 111,686 scholars as against 66,595, a gain of 67.7 per cent. The contributions for general benevolent purposes were \$423,174 in 1916, as against \$185,067 in 1906, an increase of 128.7 per cent. The contributions for foreign work advanced from \$66,961 to \$102,076, showing a gain of 52.4 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$705,725, reported by 911 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 870 organizations in 1916, was 4,000, constituting 4.3 per cent of the 93,398 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 11,704 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this

inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 4,501.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 999 organizations, 973, with 99,248 members, reported services conducted in English only. Of the remaining 26 organizations, 25, with 5,789 members, reported German and English, and 1, with 65 members, Italian and English. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 1 in the number of organizations using a foreign language.

The total number on the ministerial lists of the Church of the Brethren is given as 3,054. The main facts in regard to those from whom schedules were received are given, by states, in the table below:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	2,060	150	1,671	239	\$777
Alabama.....	8	2	6	2	.....
Arizona.....	3	2	1	.....	720
Arkansas.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....
California.....	88	7	65	16	774
Colorado.....	26	4	21	1	794
Connecticut.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	4	.....	3	1	.....
District of Columbia.....	3	1	2	.....	600
Florida.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....
Idaho.....	32	.....	27	4	500
Illinois.....	136	16	87	33	729
Indiana.....	237	11	206	20	766
Iowa.....	94	9	71	14	731
Kansas.....	134	11	101	22	896
Kentucky.....	3	.....	2	1	.....
Louisiana.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....
Maryland.....	85	3	73	9	1,050
Michigan.....	53	2	45	6	510
Minnesota.....	20	2	16	2	650
Missouri.....	60	4	44	12	750
Montana.....	8	.....	7	1	.....
Nebraska.....	31	6	19	6	758
New Jersey.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	8	1	7	.....	600
New York.....	7	3	3	1	787
North Carolina.....	18	.....	16	2	.....
North Dakota.....	17	2	15	.....	750
Ohio.....	191	18	155	18	795
Oklahoma.....	39	1	33	5	600
Oregon.....	16	1	14	1	450
Pennsylvania.....	354	42	281	31	805
South Carolina.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	26	.....	23	3	.....
Texas.....	10	.....	8	2	.....
Virginia.....	195	1	179	15	600
Washington.....	31	.....	30	1	.....
West Virginia.....	88	.....	81	7	.....
Wisconsin.....	8	1	4	3	800

The entire number of ministers making report was 2,060, apart from a considerable number of students engaged in the ministerial work while pursuing their studies. The total number in pastoral work was given as 1,821, of whom 150 reported full salaries averaging \$777 per year, while 1,671, including 962 who acted as supplies or assistants, pursued other occupations to supplement the salary received. The number not in pastoral work was given as 239; of these, 142 reported themselves as having retired from active service, 35 were engaged in educational work, 17 in evangelistic work, 7 in general denominational work, while 38 were in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers).....	999	997	105,102	977	44,923	58,212	923	41	1,340	923	\$3,990,898
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	185	3	98	87	3		3	3	29,000
Pennsylvania.....	142	142	27,457	140	11,320	15,675	141	1	292	140	1,229,050
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	104	104	11,944	104	5,347	6,597	101	1	129	102	527,675
Indiana.....	124	123	12,558	118	5,219	6,577	117	5	141	118	484,005
Illinois.....	55	55	6,029	52	2,200	2,789	54	1	67	54	246,325
Michigan.....	27	27	1,421	26	619	772	25		27	25	51,700
Wisconsin.....	5	5	251	5	120	131	5		6	5	6,300
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	8	8	531	8	246	285	8		8	8	14,500
Iowa.....	42	42	3,688	42	1,656	2,032	41		49	41	182,875
Missouri.....	37	37	1,868	35	780	1,018	36		42	36	59,400
North Dakota.....	21	21	1,053	19	463	505	19		23	18	43,200
Nebraska.....	22	22	1,254	22	576	678	19	3	20	20	48,000
Kansas.....	65	65	4,940	64	2,143	2,710	59	4	65	58	214,100
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	36	36	5,397	35	2,134	3,068	34	2	64	35	175,650
Virginia.....	78	78	12,712	78	6,433	7,279	74	2	164	74	264,125
West Virginia.....	43	43	4,179	41	1,834	2,169	42	1	69	41	70,743
North Carolina.....	21	21	964	21	407	557	16	4	18	15	18,750
Florida.....	5	5	118	5	58	60	5		5	5	6,150
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2	2	47	2	15	32	1	1	1	1	700
Tennessee.....	13	13	1,285	18	604	681	16	1	19	16	23,825
Alabama.....	2	2	92	2	37	55	1		1	1	800
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	8	8	149	8	60	89	4	1	4	4	1,550
Oklahoma.....	19	19	925	18	374	491	14	2	14	14	21,630
Texas.....	9	9	333	9	157	176	5	2	5	6	4,050
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4	4	223	4	103	120	2	1	6	2	2,300
Idaho.....	10	10	743	10	340	403	9	1	11	9	21,950
Colorado.....	16	16	956	16	412	544	14		15	14	47,700
New Mexico.....	4	4	201	4	99	102	3	1	4	3	6,500
Arizona.....	3	3	127	3	58	69	2	1	2	2	3,200
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	16	16	882	16	402	480	13	3	15	13	28,275
Oregon.....	11	11	353	11	143	210	10		10	10	22,600
California.....	33	32	2,654	32	1,211	1,443	30	3	32	30	114,770
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	583	6	255	328	5		9	5	19,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers).....	999	116	\$129,705	65	\$160,300	911	\$705,725	899	1,279	12,629	111,686
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3			1	5,500	3	2,860	3	3	40	434
Pennsylvania.....	142	26	71,822	19	59,250	137	186,523	142	266	3,148	29,380
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	104	12	18,263	8	11,600	95	75,390	98	120	1,341	12,790
Indiana.....	124	10	6,920	2	7,000	114	71,296	114	134	1,469	13,270
Illinois.....	55	2	4,305	9	25,200	50	55,905	50	61	701	5,739
Michigan.....	27	5	665			23	7,614	24	27	254	1,872
Wisconsin.....	5					5	2,461	5	6	33	208
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	8	1	600	2	4,000	7	4,773	8	10	82	753
Iowa.....	42	5	3,200	6	11,100	38	43,882	38	47	515	4,057
Missouri.....	37	1	160	1	3,500	36	9,893	31	36	275	1,927
North Dakota.....	21	4	810			18	6,434	19	22	153	1,188
Nebraska.....	22	2	330	3	8,000	21	22,951	19	19	195	1,419
Kansas.....	65	3	1,000	2	3,500	61	44,545	60	67	674	5,711
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	36	5	4,962	1	1,000	35	22,820	33	57	579	5,482
Virginia.....	78	10	5,203	4	8,800	73	49,844	66	149	1,173	11,981
West Virginia.....	43	3	185	1	900	34	6,397	39	78	512	3,656
North Carolina.....	21					15	3,740	11	12	60	680
Florida.....	5	3	460			4	465	5	6	44	245
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2					1	10	2	2	13	85
Tennessee.....	18					16	1,574	12	15	103	750
Alabama.....	2					2	195	2	2	13	178
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	8			1	150	5	572	4	4	21	120
Oklahoma.....	19	2	420			16	5,369	15	16	111	937
Texas.....	9	1	100			8	1,276	6	6	39	255
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4					3	630	4	9	52	445
Idaho.....	10	1	250			10	5,251	10	11	129	896
Colorado.....	16	4	2,660	1	1,600	13	10,751	15	18	186	1,277
New Mexico.....	4	1	300			4	897	3	4	36	273
Arizona.....	3					2	400	3	3	25	147
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	16	6	3,302	1	700	15	5,364	14	20	168	1,046
Oregon.....	11	2	458	1	500	9	2,916	8	8	65	437
California.....	33	7	3,330			32	49,347	32	36	375	3,655
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6			2	8,000	6	3,380	4	5	45	393

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CONSERVATIVE DUNKERS).

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers).....	999	997	105,102	977	44,923	58,212	928	41	1,340	928	\$3,990,898
Eastern Maryland.....	18	18	2,391	18	1,000	1,391	16	2	27	17	105,550
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	35	35	6,981	35	2,758	4,223	35	.....	87	35	377,900
Eastern Virginia.....	7	7	956	7	445	511	7	.....	11	7	30,900
First Arkansas and Southeast Missouri.....	8	8	151	8	90	61	5	.....	5	5	2,600
First Virginia.....	25	25	3,308	25	1,417	1,891	22	1	42	22	62,593
First West Virginia.....	18	18	2,190	17	912	1,147	18	.....	35	17	35,300
Idaho and Western Montana.....	11	11	765	11	350	415	10	1	14	10	22,650
Michigan.....	25	25	1,351	25	604	747	23	.....	25	23	48,900
Middle Indiana.....	42	41	4,443	40	1,686	2,157	39	3	45	41	189,175
Middle Iowa.....	18	18	1,512	18	686	826	17	.....	20	17	75,250
Middle Maryland.....	11	11	2,454	10	867	1,392	11	.....	26	11	74,650
Middle Missouri.....	13	13	661	12	279	339	13	.....	15	13	26,350
Middle Pennsylvania.....	31	31	5,434	30	2,375	3,009	31	.....	58	31	262,460
Nebraska.....	24	24	1,355	24	629	726	21	3	22	22	54,300
North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.....	27	27	1,034	27	448	566	22	4	28	21	24,200
North Dakota, Eastern Montana, and Western Canada.....	24	24	1,254	22	556	613	20	1	26	19	44,800
Northeast Kansas.....	21	21	1,560	21	690	870	20	.....	21	20	94,700
Northeastern Ohio.....	29	29	3,242	29	1,510	1,732	29	.....	39	29	167,850
Northern California.....	17	17	1,132	17	528	604	15	2	15	15	46,600
Northern Illinois and Wisconsin.....	29	29	2,964	29	1,312	1,652	28	1	35	28	143,200
Northern Indiana.....	49	49	5,492	46	2,403	3,014	46	2	55	46	192,380
Northern Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.....	20	20	1,905	20	886	1,019	20	.....	22	20	88,250
Northern Missouri.....	9	9	724	8	301	366	9	.....	11	9	19,900
Northern Virginia.....	20	20	3,894	20	1,745	2,149	20	.....	53	20	75,625
Northwest Kansas and Northeast Colorado.....	15	15	1,083	15	471	612	13	.....	14	13	48,160
Northwestern Ohio.....	30	30	1,909	30	833	1,076	28	1	38	29	82,025
Oklahoma, Panhandle of Texas, and New Mexico.....	24	24	1,109	23	463	586	16	4	17	16	24,630
Oregon.....	11	11	353	11	143	210	10	.....	10	10	22,600
Second Virginia.....	17	17	3,187	17	1,376	1,811	17	.....	38	17	71,710
Second West Virginia.....	8	8	509	7	222	242	8	.....	12	8	8,475
Southeast Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Eastern New York.....	15	15	2,528	15	991	1,537	15	.....	17	14	179,300
Southeastern Kansas.....	14	14	748	14	319	429	12	2	15	11	28,900
Southern California and Arizona.....	19	18	1,649	18	741	908	17	2	19	17	71,370
Southern Illinois.....	31	31	2,316	28	1,068	1,268	31	.....	38	31	109,425
Southern Indiana.....	34	34	2,653	32	1,130	1,406	33	.....	42	32	103,250
Southern Iowa.....	13	13	888	13	377	511	13	.....	16	13	35,475
Southern Ohio.....	46	46	6,833	46	3,019	3,514	45	.....	53	45	279,800
Southern Pennsylvania.....	21	21	4,724	21	1,883	2,741	21	.....	67	21	202,500
Southern Virginia.....	21	21	2,754	21	1,102	1,652	20	1	33	20	40,315
Southwestern Kansas and Southeastern Colorado.....	25	25	2,250	24	961	1,202	23	2	25	23	76,000
Southwestern Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas.....	15	15	481	15	199	282	13	1	15	13	12,100
Tennessee.....	26	26	1,524	26	697	827	20	3	23	20	26,575
Texas and Louisiana.....	8	8	380	8	180	200	6	1	7	7	5,550
Washington.....	16	16	882	16	402	480	13	3	15	13	28,275
Western Colorado and Utah.....	5	5	253	5	109	144	4	.....	4	4	11,300
Western Maryland.....	8	8	682	8	321	361	8	.....	11	8	8,600
Western Pennsylvania.....	46	46	8,254	45	3,428	4,414	45	1	74	45	308,900

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers).....	999	116	\$129,705	65	\$160,300	911	\$705,725	899	1,279	12,629	111,686
Eastern Maryland.....	18	1	197	1	6,000	18	12,386	17	29	280	3,127
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	35	4	11,500	3	5,500	33	66,324	35	75	915	7,262
Eastern Virginia.....	7	1	215			7	2,680	7	16	125	984
First Arkansas and Southeast Missouri.....	8			1	150	6	417	4	4	19	130
First Virginia.....	25	4	2,663	1	5,000	23	10,492	21	37	289	2,783
First West Virginia.....	18	1	100	1	900	15	4,272	17	42	285	1,940
Idaho and Western Montana.....	11	1	250			11	5,301	11	12	136	936
Michigan.....	25	5	665			22	7,429	23	26	244	1,819
Middle Indiana.....	42	3	1,850	1	4,000	41	29,377	41	45	543	5,003
Middle Iowa.....	18	3	2,500			15	14,389	16	20	241	1,638
Middle Maryland.....	11	3	4,565			11	9,799	11	20	256	2,129
Middle Missouri.....	13			1	3,500	13	4,225	13	15	114	729
Middle Pennsylvania.....	31	11	9,491	3	7,000	29	29,006	31	56	617	5,993
Nebraska.....	24	2	330	4	9,600	23	27,926	21	21	223	1,545
North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.....	27	3	460			20	4,275	14	15	88	745
North Dakota, Eastern Montana, and Western Canada.....	24	4	810			20	7,614	22	30	198	1,593
Northeast Kansas.....	21	2	850			20	9,446	19	21	197	1,836
Northeastern Ohio.....	29	2	700	3	6,000	26	17,978	26	33	397	3,271
Northern California.....	17	4	1,286			16	10,472	16	17	178	1,462
Northern Illinois and Wisconsin.....	29	2	4,305	4	15,500	29	40,170	29	35	416	3,632
Northern Indiana.....	49	3	2,670			45	27,431	46	56	618	5,728
Northern Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.....	20	2	700	6	12,000	19	21,901	19	25	250	2,342
Northern Missouri.....	9					8	4,524	8	10	91	751
Northern Virginia.....	20	3	520	2	1,300	18	9,517	19	56	454	4,358
Northwest Kansas and Northeast Colorado.....	15	1	40			13	15,563	13	15	146	1,262
Northwestern Ohio.....	30	3	1,628	2	1,600	26	17,905	29	34	313	2,451
Oklahoma, Panhandle of Texas, and New Mexico.....	24	2	420			20	6,499	18	20	140	1,112
Oregon.....	11	2	458	1	560	9	2,616	8	8	65	437
Second Virginia.....	17	3	1,825	1	2,500	15	24,392	15	35	303	3,184
Second West Virginia.....	8	1	65			5	522	6	7	46	403
Southeast Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Eastern New York.....	15	3	10,100	8	31,500	15	25,925	15	17	293	3,243
Southeastern Kansas.....	14					12	3,200	12	14	142	942
Southern California and Arizona.....	19	3	2,050			18	39,275	19	22	222	2,340
Southern Illinois.....	31			5	9,700	26	18,196	26	32	318	2,315
Southern Indiana.....	34	4	2,400	1	3,000	28	14,488	27	33	308	2,539
Southern Iowa.....	13	1	600	2	3,100	12	12,615	12	18	116	898
Southern Ohio.....	46	7	15,935	3	4,000	44	39,692	44	54	641	7,121
Southern Pennsylvania.....	21	1	1,800	1	1,750	21	20,226	21	50	561	4,725
Southern Virginia.....	21					19	3,641	18	20	175	1,788
Southwestern Kansas and Southeastern Colorado.....	25	4	1,570	2	3,500	25	21,432	25	29	315	2,681
Southwestern Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas.....	15	1	160			14	1,299	10	11	72	437
Tennessee.....	26					23	2,019	18	22	146	1,215
Texas and Louisiana.....	8	1	100			8	1,446	6	6	43	317
Washington.....	16	6	3,302	1	700	15	5,364	14	20	168	1,046
Western Colorado and Utah.....	5	1	1,500			3	847	5	5	45	281
Western Maryland.....	8			1	1,000	7	729	6	9	45	295
Western Pennsylvania.....	46	8	39,131	6	18,000	45	50,783	46	77	849	8,928

## OLD ORDER GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHERN.

## HISTORY.

Up to the latter part of the nineteenth century the history of the Dunkers<sup>1</sup> was one of peace. Whatever disparity of individual opinion there was did not pass the bounds of mutual forbearance. As, however, social customs developed along more modern lines during the latter part of that century, certain influences were manifested among the communities which tended to lessen the emphasis upon many of the special customs of the earlier times. Accordingly, some of the members, fearful lest the traditions of the founders of the denomination should be overborne, and

“the Scriptures suffer violence,” and desirous of perpetuating the type of life, as well as of belief, observed by the early Brethren, withdrew in 1881 and formed the organization known as the “Old Order German Baptist Brethren.”

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In certain matters of doctrine and also in some features of church organization the Old Order Brethren are in essential agreement with the other branches. They accept the literal teaching of the Scriptures in regard to the Lord's Supper and foot-washing; hold close communion; practice nonconformity to the world in war, politics, secret societies, dress, and amuse-

<sup>1</sup> See Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers), p. 153.

ments; refuse to swear or take oath under any circumstances; reject a salaried ministry; anoint with oil those who are sick, not so much for the healing of the natural body as for spiritual healing; strictly enjoin temperance upon all their members; and allow none to traffic in alcoholic or malt liquors. They believe that nothing but death can break the marriage vow, and refuse to perform a marriage ceremony for any divorced person.

WORK.

Missions, Sunday schools, and ecclesiastical schools are regarded by these Brethren as opposed to essential Christianity, but they are charitable in deed as in word, support their own poor, and extend a helping hand to all needy persons, whether they are or are not members of their own religious organization.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Old Order German Baptist Brethren for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 153.

The figures show no essential change in the denomination during the decade. One less organization is reported but there is an increase of 11 in the church membership. The most notable fact is the increase

of 7 in the number of church edifices, from 66 to 73, and the advance in the value of church property from \$89,800 to \$107,212, an increase of 19.4 per cent. This is doubtless explained by the gradual development of the communities. In the past the services of these organizations have been to a considerable degree conducted in private houses or in schools but there seems to be a development for a more substantial organization of the body as a whole. No parsonages are reported nor are there any Sunday schools. As indicated above, the benevolent work of the denomination is not organized, so that no general report of contributions is available.

Church expenditures amounting to \$7,120, reported by 43 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 67 organizations, with 3,399 members, all but 4 reported church services conducted in English only. These 4 organizations, with 212 members, used German and English. In the report for 1906 all the organizations were shown as using English only.

The total number of ministers on the denominational rolls was given as 215, but schedules were received from only 36. All of those reporting, including 1 assistant, were in pastoral work but not in receipt of salaries. All supplement whatever income is received from the church by other occupations, chiefly farming, as it is to a very considerable degree a rural church.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.						Halls, etc.
Old Order German Baptist Brethren .....	67	67	3,399	67	1,494	1,905	60	3	73	60	\$107,212	43	\$7,120
Middle Atlantic division:													
Pennsylvania .....	5	5	319	5	119	200	5		11	5	12,100	4	765
East North Central division:													
Ohio .....	18	18	1,199	18	555	644	17		21	17	44,700	11	2,305
Indiana .....	13	13	659	13	301	358	12	1	12	12	16,600	8	1,882
Illinois .....	2	2	72	2	27	45	2		2	2	2,000	2	380
Michigan .....	4	4	90	4	45	45	4		4	4	3,400	3	235
West North Central division:													
Missouri .....	2	2	52	2	23	29	1	1	1	1	100	2	57
Kansas .....	3	3	203	3	88	115	3		3	3	4,550	2	533
South Atlantic division:													
Maryland .....	2	2	165	2	60	105	2		2	2	2,050	2	245
Virginia .....	6	6	289	6	114	175	6		8	5	12,900	5	395
West Virginia .....	3	3	65	3	30	35	2	1	3	2	700	1	20
Pacific division:													
California .....	2	2	101	2	44	57	2		2	2	4,800	1	200
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	185	7	88	97	4		4	5	3,312	2	103

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.

## THE BRETHREN CHURCH (PROGRESSIVE DUNKERS).

## HISTORY.

As the Dunker communities in America grew in strength and power<sup>1</sup> there was a gradual departure from the early form of government and method of discipline, which were distinctively congregational; and the district, state, and annual meetings became practically courts, much after the presbyterian system of polity. Against this there was considerable protest by those who held that the final power should be vested in the local church. The result was that, in 1882, there was a division and those who preferred the simple congregational form of government withdrew and organized under the name of "The Brethren Church," though they were generally known as "Progressive Dunkers." Of late years there has been a movement toward the reunion of the two bodies.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrinal matters the Brethren Church is in general accord with the Church of the Brethren. In polity, however, the Brethren Church is firm in its insistence upon the rights of the individual believer, denying that any ecclesiastical body has the right to bind the conduct or the conscience of any believer in Christ. This does not mean, however, that it abjures all organization, for, on the contrary, it believes in thorough organization in every department of church life. The officers of a local congregation are elders or bishops, evangelists, deacons and deaconesses, and such other officers or helpers as local exigencies may demand. The congregation is not required, however, to have any fixed number of officers, or indeed to have any officers at all. Any number of local congregations conveniently located may combine to form associations for more effective work, which are known as district conferences. These conferences, which usually meet annually, have no legislative powers, and their activity is limited to devising ways and means for carrying on the work of the church more effectively within the territory covered by them. There is also a General Conference to which each local congregation may send delegates. This body considers the general work of the church as it relates to publishing interests, education, and missions, but its acts are binding neither upon congregations nor upon individuals. In spite of this fact, however, there is practical unanimity in supporting the General Conference in all its measures of church work and church extension.

## WORK.

The home missionary work in the United States is under the care of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, though there are boards connected with the district conference which have supervision of local work. The principal missions at present are in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Spokane, Wash., Columbus, Ohio, Mount Airy, N. C., Telford, Tenn., and Lost Creek and Krupton, Ky. The board during 1916 employed 10 agents, aided 8 churches, and received about \$6,000, the same amount, approximately, that has been given annually for 10 years.

The foreign work is carried on, through the Foreign Missionary Society, in Argentina, South America, and in the central part of Africa. The society in 1916 had 10 stations, with 10 accredited missionaries, 10 native helpers, 1 organized church with 200 members, and property valued at \$20,000. The amount contributed by the denomination to foreign missions increased steadily from \$65 in 1900, when the work was started, to \$6,000 in 1916.

The educational interests of the church are represented by 1 school, Ashland University, at Ashland, Ohio, which in 1916 had 15 teachers and 225 students, while \$6,000 was contributed for its support. The value of property used for educational purposes is estimated at \$250,000, and of endowments, \$50,000. The Brethren have plans for several homes for the aged, and have secured \$10,000 for endowment, but as yet none of the homes is in operation.

The young people's organizations of the denomination are affiliated with the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and include 69 societies with a total of 2,300 members. There are 8 intermediate societies with 244 members, and 21 junior societies with a membership of 686. Together the different societies contributed for various causes the sum of \$2,131, of which from \$1,500 to \$1,800 was for mission work among the mountaineers of Kentucky. An organization of the older women of the church, known as the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, numbered 74 societies with 2,217 members, and raised \$9,369 during 1916. Of this amount, \$1,100 was given for the support of the theological department of Ashland University, and the rest for missionary and local work. A kindred organization to the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor is the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, an organization of the younger women of the church. This auxiliary had 22 organizations with 366 members, and raised during the year \$474. There is a National Ministerial Association which includes practically all

<sup>1</sup> See Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers), p. 153.

the ministers of the church and which holds yearly meetings in connection with the sessions of the General Conference. This organization has a benefit fund for the families of its deceased members.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers) for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	203	202	1	0.5
Members.....	24,060	17,042	7,018	41.2
Church edifices.....	192	184	8	4.3
Value of church property.....	\$896,725	\$472,975	\$423,750	89.6
Debt on church property.....	\$114,289	\$41,490	\$72,799	17.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	25	20	5	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$67,250	\$41,700	\$25,550	61.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	193	164	29	17.7
Officers and teachers.....	2,402	1,564	838	53.6
Scholars.....	23,728	11,850	11,878	100.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$18,000	\$12,090	\$5,910	48.9
Domestic.....	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	33.3
Foreign.....	\$6,000	\$3,090	\$2,910	94.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that while the number of organizations remains practically the same, 203 reporting in 1916 as against 202 in 1906, there has been an increase in other particulars; the membership has advanced from 17,042 to 24,060, a gain of 41.2 per cent; the number of church edifices has increased somewhat; and the value of church property has very nearly doubled, \$896,725 as against \$472,975, a gain of 89.6 per cent. A considerable increase in debt on church property is reported, \$114,289 by 38 churches in 1916, as against \$41,490 by 29 churches in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages was 25 as against 20 in 1906, and the value of parsonages was \$67,250 as against \$41,700 in 1906, showing a gain of 61.3 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased from 164 to 193, or 17.7 per cent; the number of officers and teachers increased from 1,564 to 2,402, or 53.6 per cent; and the number of scholars increased from 11,850 to 23,728, or 100.2 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$12,090 to \$18,000, or 48.9 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$204,562, reported by 185 churches, cover general running ex-

penses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 193 organizations in 1916, was 1,570, constituting 6.7 per cent of the 23,503 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 557 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,607.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Of the 351 ministers reported as on the rolls of the Brethren Church, schedules were received from 183, the discrepancy being due chiefly to the fact that, as in other Brethren bodies, the ministers are not confined closely to church service, but assist in evangelistic work, in connection with other occupations. The chief facts are set forth, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	183	80	54	49	\$942
Alabama.....	1			1	
California.....	13	7	4	2	1,143
District of Columbia.....	3	1	1	1	1,000
Idaho.....	3	1	1	1	500
Illinois.....	4	2	1	1	1,025
Indiana.....	25	17	4	4	995
Iowa.....	9	5	3	1	1,190
Kansas.....	10	4	4	2	754
Kentucky.....	3	2	1		800
Maryland.....	4	3	1		757
Michigan.....	2	1	1		750
Missouri.....	2			2	
Nebraska.....	4	3		1	967
New Jersey.....	2	1		1	600
New York.....	1	1			
North Dakota.....	1			1	
Ohio.....	35	12	13	10	829
Oregon.....	1	1			
Pennsylvania.....	31	13	6	12	1,081
Tennessee.....	1	1			
Texas.....	1		1		
Virginia.....	14	3	7	4	667
Washington.....	3	2		1	960
West Virginia.....	8		5	3	
Wisconsin.....	2		1	1	

Of the 183 ministers from whom schedules were received, 134 were in pastoral work. Only 80 of these derived their full support from their church work, the average annual salary being \$942. A considerable number of pastors, as well as supplies or assistants, derived a portion of their support from other occupations. Of the 49 not in pastoral work, 28 were on the retired list, 10 were in educational or evangelistic work, and 11 were engaged in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers).....	203	201	24,060	197	9,699	13,949	183	13	192	184	\$896,725
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	2	2	94	2	31	63	2		2	2	3,800
Pennsylvania.....	47	45	5,561	44	2,148	3,113	46	1	47	46	255,400
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	28	28	3,639	27	1,630	1,969	26	2	27	26	134,700
Indiana.....	41	41	5,879	41	2,393	3,486	39	2	39	40	163,925
Illinois.....	4	4	581	4	208	373	4		4	4	22,600
Michigan.....	5	5	248	5	79	169	5		5	5	10,300
Wisconsin.....	3	3	45	3	20	25		2			
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	9	9	1,269	9	568	701	8	1	8	8	70,400
Missouri.....	2	2	35	2	13	22		2			
Nebraska.....	3	3	645	3	280	365	3		4	3	28,000
Kansas.....	13	13	1,007	13	383	624	10		10	10	19,600
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5	5	976	5	337	639	5		5	5	37,200
Virginia.....	20	20	1,675	19	652	993	18		18	18	40,500
West Virginia.....	7	7	500	7	215	285	5	2	11	5	11,800
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2	2	341	2	148	193	2		2	2	22,500
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	409	2	158	251	2		2	2	10,000
California.....	7	7	982	6	373	567	6	1	6	6	56,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	174	3	63	111	2		2	2	10,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers).....	203	38	\$114,289	25	\$67,250	185	\$204,562	183	193	2,402	23,728
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	2			1	1,800	2	812	2	2	14	50
Pennsylvania.....	47	10	28,000	7	35,000	41	51,365	44	44	611	6,609
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	28	6	32,150	5	9,100	26	30,658	27	28	350	3,417
Indiana.....	41	9	4,264	2	2,500	41	40,283	41	42	573	5,476
Illinois.....	4			1	3,000	4	4,636	4	4	52	608
Michigan.....	5					5	2,125	5	5	48	280
Wisconsin.....	3										
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	9	2	4,600	2	4,500	8	21,967	9	9	137	1,389
Missouri.....	2					1	30	1	1	5	55
Nebraska.....	3			2	5,000	3	6,451	3	3	71	501
Kansas.....	13			2	1,750	11	6,058	12	12	105	960
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5	1	12,000	1	2,000	5	7,587	4	5	61	605
Virginia.....	20	1	4,000			17	5,517	11	11	107	1,104
West Virginia.....	7	1	800			7	3,460	7	10	81	568
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2			1	600	2	2,800	2	4	19	450
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	1	3,000	1	2,000	2	4,474	2	2	30	329
California.....	7	6	22,975			7	14,864	6	8	110	1,092
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	2,500			3	1,475	3	3	28	235

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

## GERMAN SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS.

## HISTORY.

Among the earlier members of the Dunker community<sup>1</sup> in the United States was John Conrad Beissel, who, with a few others, landed at Boston in 1720, the year after Peter Becker settled in Germantown, Pa. Beissel had not been identified with the Schwarzenau community, although he had sojourned there for a short time, but had acquired strong mystical tendencies as a result of his acquaintance with the writings of Gottfried Arnold and the teachings of Jacob Boehme and other Inspirationists, and his association with the Rosicrucians at Heidelberg. After his arrival in America, Beissel spent a short time in Germantown and then removed with three companions to Conestoga, Pa., at that time almost a wilderness, where they lived as hermits. In 1724 they were visited by Peter Becker, of the Dunkers; Beissel and several others were baptized into that church, and a congregation organized, of which Beissel was chosen pastor. It was not long, however, before his ascetic and mystical tendencies, together with outside influences to which he was subjected, led him to embrace and teach doctrines such as celibacy and the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath, which were widely at variance with the tenets of the Dunkers, and finally, in 1728, he and his followers formally withdrew from the Dunker Church, and organized as the German Seventh Day Baptists.

In 1732 Beissel left his congregation and removed to Ephrata, Pa., a few miles distant, there again to live as a hermit. Here he was joined from time to time by others of both sexes who shared his mystic and ascetic ideas and whom he organized into the "Ephrata Society." Celibacy was enjoined upon the members, and separate houses were built for the two sexes, each of which was organized in monastic fashion, the "Brothers' House" having its prior and the "Sisters' House" its prioress. The society grew rapidly, and its activities were entered into with enthusiasm. Industries were organized on the communistic plan, which flourished for a time; but under the influence of Beissel, who thought them out of harmony with the spiritual purposes for which the community was organized, they were soon greatly curtailed and were kept subordinate to the religious idea. Ephrata had, however, one of the first schools (1735) in that part of the country, and its printing establishment (1750) was one of the earliest and best.

With the advancing tide of civilization and the disappearance of the wilderness the most characteristic features of the community lost their prominence. The celibate membership diminished. In 1764 there were 21 males and 25 females, while in 1769 there were but 14 celibate males in the brotherhood, and this is

the last record of the exact number of celibates. By 1830 the community was so scattered that it was agreed that members might cast their votes in business meetings by proxy, and some years later celibacy as a feature of the society had disappeared entirely. The only trace of the communistic feature remaining in 1906 was the ownership of the property by the society, under control of a board of trustees. At the present time the denomination affiliates regularly with the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

Apart from their observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath, the German Seventh Day Baptists differ somewhat from other bodies of Dunkers in their observance of the Lord's Supper and do not insist on the use by the sisters of "a prayer covering or veil," or the uniform use of plain clothing.

The points on which special emphasis is laid are: (1) The inspiration of the Bible; (2) one God, who is Father, Lord, Mediator; (3) the ten commandments as still the rule of righteousness for all mankind; (4) baptism by trine forward immersion; (5) foot-washing in connection with the Lord's Supper; (6) the anointing of the sick; (7) the blessing of infants; (8) observance of the seventh day as Sabbath; (9) the ministry of elders and deacons selected to guide the church, and subject to election by each local congregation.

The doctrine of nonresistance is held to be involved in the sixth commandment, which is interpreted as prohibiting all active participation in war by military service in the Army or Navy. It does not, however, forbid loyalty to the Government or service in other ways, as in the purchase of Liberty bonds, and support of Red Cross work.

## WORK.

Of evangelistic work there is comparatively little, the activities of the church being conducted chiefly along educational lines. All ministers are expected to assist in evangelistic work, but no public record of money expended for such services is kept, except as it is included in the report of the national conference. No foreign missionary work is carried on.

The denomination has no church schools, but makes use of the Seventh Day Baptist schools and publishing house. There is a home for the aged at Ephrata, with 3 inmates, and a home in Franklin County, Pa., having 2 inmates. The expense of conducting these institutions is about \$1,500 per annum.

## STATISTICS.

All of the 5 organizations reported in 1916 by the German Seventh Day Baptists were in the state of Pennsylvania. Of the 136 members reported, 48

<sup>1</sup> See Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers), p. 154.

were males and 88 females. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	5	5		
Members.....	136	167	-31	-18.6
Church edifices.....	3	6	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$33,000	\$40,800	-\$7,800	-19.1
Debt on church property.....		\$3,600	-\$3,600	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$2,000	\$900	\$1,100	122.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	3	2	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	24	13	11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	152	130	22	16.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$1,500	( <sup>3</sup> )		
Foreign.....	\$1,500	( <sup>3</sup> )		

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

<sup>3</sup> Not reported.

As compared with the statistics for 1906, this denomination showed in 1916 the same number of organizations, 5, but a decrease from 167 to 136, or 18.6 per cent, in membership, and a decrease in value of church property from \$40,800 to \$33,000, or 19.1 per

cent. A debt on church property reported in 1906 did not appear in 1916. The number of Sunday schools increased from 2 to 3 and their scholars from 130 to 152, a gain of 16.9 per cent. The denomination in 1916 reported \$1,500 for general domestic benevolences, no report having been made for 1906.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,980, reported for the first time in 1916 by the 5 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other similar items.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 3, out of 136 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 5 organizations, 4, with 111 members, reported the use of English only in church services, and 1, with 25 members, the use of German and English. The report for 1906 showed 1 organization, with 27 members, in which German and English were used.

Of the 7 ministers on the rolls of the denomination, 4 sent in schedules reporting pastoral work, without salary. No salaries are paid.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

#### CHURCH OF GOD (NEW DUNKERS).

##### HISTORY.

The Church of God (New Dunkers) was organized in 1848 by George Patton, Peter Eyman, and others, who withdrew from the German Baptist Brethren. The church claims that "Bible things should be called by Bible names" and that the Bible name for the church, foretold by prophecy as the new name, is "The Church of God." It refuses to adopt a human creed or confession of faith, as the Scriptures are given to this end and are infallibly right. Baptism (a burial or birth of water) is administered to those who profess faith in Christ and experience sorrow for sin, that they may receive the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost. The observance of the communion, the literal washing of the saints' feet, the salutation of the kiss, and the anointing of the sick are held to be essential; and the second Advent of the Lord, and future rewards and punishments are taught.

An annual conference is held. Home missionary work is under the care of the mission board. There is no educational or philanthropic work.

##### STATISTICS.

All of the organizations reported in 1916 by the Church of God (New Dunkers) were in the state of Indiana. Although this is not an entirely new denom-

ination, no statistics were furnished for 1906, so that comparison is not possible. The statistics for 1916 are given below, and the relation of these to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 13, with a membership of 929—261 males, 415 females, and 253 whose sex was not reported. There were 13 church edifices and church property valued at \$28,000. Twelve of the 13 organizations reported Sunday schools, with a total of 115 officers and teachers, and 799 scholars. No debt on church property, no parsonages, and no contributions for missions and benevolences were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,243, reported by 11 organizations, cover running expenses and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 26, constituting 2.8 per cent of the 929 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Of the 9 ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination, schedules were received from 5, all in pastoral work. Annual salaries averaging \$750 were reported by 2 of these.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—Early in the nineteenth century there appeared in England and Ireland, especially in the Anglican Church, considerable restiveness under the general church conditions. This was occasioned largely by dissatisfaction with the close connection between church and state, with the stereotyped forms of worship, and with the church organizations by which believers were separated from each other and were gathered into so many different sects. As a result of this feeling, a number of independent gatherings sprang up spontaneously, both in England and Ireland, in which men and women who were desirous of a "spiritual communion based on New Testament religious principles" met together for the "breaking of bread" and for prayer. Of such gatherings, the most important, from an historical standpoint, was one at Dublin, Ireland. Here, in the spring of 1827, a few Christians, some of whom had already been meeting more or less regularly for prayer, instituted the practice of "breaking of bread," though it was not until 1829 that the first permanent meeting was formed. There were also meetings of importance at Plymouth and Bristol, England, and the fact that the meeting at Plymouth at the first had some prominence in members and teachers, eventually gave rise to the name "Plymouth Brethren," which has come to be their popular designation, though it has never been adopted by the different communities, who speak of themselves simply as "Believers," "Christians," "Saints," or "Brethren."

As the different meetings, or "gatherings" as they were often termed, learned of each other, it was natural that there should be more or less fellowship between them, although no regular organization was formed. A number of men of exceptional ability and great personal power identified themselves with the movement, among them John Nelson Darby; George Müller, of Bristol, whose famous orphanages were but a development of one phase of the Brethren idea; Samuel Prideaux Tregelles, the famous Biblical critic; Anthony Norris Groves, the missionary; and many others. These men for the most part worked along more or less independent lines, as Müller in his orphanages, and Groves in his missionary work in Mesopotamia and India. In England the strongest influence was exerted by Mr. Darby, who devoted to the development of the idea which had gained complete ascendancy over his own mind, an ability and intensity of purpose seldom if ever surpassed. He was not only instrumental in the establishment of a number of con-

gregations in England, but extended his work into continental Europe, visiting Switzerland, France, and Germany, where many permanent meetings were the result of his labors. At about the same time Mr. Müller also visited Stuttgart, although with less success.

In the absence of any ecclesiastical organization, and the presence of an intense individualism and sense of personal responsibility, divisions naturally arose, and the congregations gathered around different leaders. This did not, however, prevent the extension of the idea and the formation of numerous meetings which exercised a powerful influence upon the religious life of the churches.

The movement first came to America as a result of the emigration of a number of Brethren to the United States and Canada about the middle of the nineteenth century. Mr. Darby made several visits across the Atlantic, and a number of congregations were formed, and since that time the meetings have multiplied rapidly. As in England, so in the United States, divisions have arisen, but no exact classification is recognized. Some meetings are called "exclusive" and others "open," but there is no one term that applies accurately to any single division.

The doctrine of the invisible membership of the church under the sole authority of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit has operated to prevent the collecting or recording of statistics of the different communities of Brethren, and the tabular statements, while as complete as it is possible to secure, probably do not include all the individual gatherings or the full membership.

*Doctrine.*—In doctrine the different bodies of Brethren are in substantial accord. They acknowledge no creeds, but look upon the Scriptures as their only guide. They accept the general evangelical doctrines of the Trinity, the sinless humanity and absolute Deity of Christ, and Christ's atonement by His sacrificial death; and hold that the Holy Spirit is present in the believer and in the church, and that believers are eternally secure. They look for the personal premillennial coming of Christ, and believe that the punishment of the unregenerate will be eternal. The following statement, published as an answer to inquiries, summarizes their general belief:

We believe in the absolute and perfect [verbal] inspiration of the Bible; which we hold to be, not in name only, but in reality, the Word of God.

Having in it the perfect revelation of the mind of God, we refuse all human creeds as being both unnecessary and a slur upon His Word.

We, however, have no uncertain belief in the doctrines unfolded in the Scriptures: The fall and absolute ruin of man; his guilty, lost, and helpless condition; the utter worthlessness of works, law-keeping, or reformation as a ground of salvation; the amazing love of God in providing a Saviour in His blessed Son; the spotless perfection of Christ, both in His divine nature and His true humanity; atonement by the blood-shedding of Christ on the cross, by which alone redemption has been accomplished; His resurrection as the proof of God's acceptance of that atonement.

We also see in Scripture the absolute necessity for new birth by the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, and of justification by faith alone, without the works of the law.

We see that the believer is warranted to have the fullest assurance of his present and eternal salvation, and that this assurance comes not through feelings or experiences, but by the Word of God.

We also see that being saved by a [Christ's] work once for all, the believer can never be lost, but is as secure as though he were in heaven already, because of Christ's death and resurrection.

We see, however, that Scripture guards from abuse of this doctrine by insisting upon good works as the fruit of salvation; that the believer is to reckon himself dead to sin, and to live not only a moral life, but one of love and devotedness to Christ, and of separation from the ways and thoughts of the world.

We believe that the proper hope of God's people is not the improvement of the world, but the coming of Christ for His own, to raise the dead in Christ, and change the living, and then take them all out of the world, which He will then purge and cleanse by judgments preparatory to the Millennium, when Israel and the nations of the earth will inhabit it under His rule, but His Church will always be in heaven.

We hold that rejectors of the gospel and all the wicked will "have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone," eternal punishment, and not extinction or restoration. We therefore believe in an earnest and affectionate presentation of the simple gospel of the grace of God.

*Polity.*—The view of the Church held by the Brethren is that it is one and indivisible—"Christ is the head of it, the Holy Spirit the bond of union, and every believer a member. It was begun at Pentecost and will be completed before the second Advent." They acknowledge no ritual or definite ecclesiastical organization, and do not believe in human ordination of the ministry. They hold that the personal gift is a sufficient authorization for the exercise of the privileges of the ministry, and that this involves the priesthood of all believers under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit. Hence they have no presiding officers in their assembly meetings, but anyone who has the gift is privileged to exercise it. Women take no part in the public ministry.

Discipline is generally regarded as "restorative in its character," and they hold that "the solemn act of separation should be resorted to only after loving and faithful dealing has failed to reclaim."

Considering the various denominations as unscriptural because based upon creeds, an ordained ministry, separate church organizations, etc., they do not fellowship with them. They observe the ordinance of baptism, usually by immersion, meet every Sunday to "break bread" (which is the term they use to designate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper), and have meetings for prayer and Bible study, and gospel meetings for the unconverted. They own few church edifices, but meet in halls and private houses, some of which are the personal property of individual Brethren.

There is no special form of admission, at least no set form of words, but the applicant is expected to give to the assembly satisfactory evidence of new birth, of having passed through genuine repentance, and of unfeigned faith in Christ and in the Scriptures as the Word of God, with life corresponding thereto. Giving that evidence, he is regarded as a member of the body of Christ and is accepted as such by the meeting at the Lord's Supper. In some cases announcement of the application is given, so that there may be conversation with the applicant by individual Brethren.

*Work.*—All the branches are active in gospel work, contributing as meetings and as individuals to the support of missionaries, though they have no missionary societies and give no pledge of personal support to their missionaries, who have gone into every part of the world. They have no distinctive missions like those established by the different denominations, but have formed communities corresponding to those in England and America.

The Brethren, Plymouth, bodies are six in number. Roman numerals are used for the sake of distinction, but they do not imply any precedence in chronological order or strength of membership; they simply indicate the order in which the different bodies came to the knowledge of the Bureau of the Census. A summary of the principal statistics for these six bodies, with a similar summary for the four bodies reported in 1906, follows:

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH.								
1916.								
Brethren, Plymouth, I.....	161	3,896	21	\$51,650	\$24,190	96	368	4,094
Brethren, Plymouth, II.....	130	5,928	25	108,751	23,950	108	607	5,884
Brethren, Plymouth, III.....	17	476	.....	.....	.....	5	27	333
Brethren, Plymouth, IV.....	72	1,389	.....	.....	.....	6	13	194
Brethren, Plymouth, V.....	80	1,820	1	1,200	.....	43	114	1,109
Brethren, Plymouth, VI.....	10	208	.....	.....	.....	3	6	64
1906.								
Brethren, Plymouth, I.....	134	2,933	.....	.....	.....	80	306	2,716
Brethren, Plymouth, II.....	128	4,752	3	17,500	2,400	102	514	5,475
Brethren, Plymouth, III.....	81	1,724	1	700	.....	28	72	720
Brethren, Plymouth, IV.....	60	1,157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, I.

## HISTORY.

The more conservative Brethren, as distinct from the "Open" Brethren, formed but one fellowship in the United States until 1885. At that time two leaders came from England who put forth a doctrine which, it was claimed, deprived not only the Old Testament believers, but a considerable number of New Testament believers, of eternal life. This doctrine was strongly opposed by a great majority, on the ground that eternal life in Christ is the common blessing of all believers of every age, whatever other distinction may exist between them in different dispensations. Those who hold this view continue to constitute the great body of the Brethren in the United States, and are included in this first division. They cherish the memory and publish the writings of John Nelson Darby and other prominent writers of the earlier years of the movement, although they have declined to look upon these writings in any degree as a creed, and are anxious to remain free to advance in the knowledge of the Scriptures. They are regarded as more conservative than the second branch or "Open" Brethren, although less so than others and are ordinarily termed "Exclusives" when any specific reference is required.

They have always been interested in general evangelistic work, and are represented by 52 missionaries in the United States and by 6 American missionaries and 3 native helpers, occupying 8 stations, in the foreign field, where they have 3 assemblies or meetings, with about 60 communicant members. No statement of the amount contributed for this work is available.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Plymouth Brethren I for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in

1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary above.

The statistics for 1916 in comparison with those for 1906 show a considerable increase. The number of meetings advanced from 134 to 161, a gain of 20.1 per cent, and the membership from 2,933 to 3,896, a gain of 32.8 per cent. Church edifices, reported for the first time, numbered 21. Church property was valued at \$51,650, and carried a debt of \$24,190. Sunday schools increased from 80 to 96, the rate of increase being about the same as for meetings, while Sunday school officers and teachers increased from 306 to 368, and Sunday school scholars from 2,716 to 4,094, an increase in scholars of 50.7 per cent. As intimated above, the denomination does considerable missionary work, but through the local organizations alone, so that no denominational contributions are reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$54,030, reported by 127 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 14 out of the total number of 3,896 members reported by this denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 161 organizations, 151, with 3,680 members, reported services in English only, and 10, with 216 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages, of which 8, with 193 members, used foreign languages only. The languages reported were French by 3 organizations, Italian and Norwegian by 2 each, and German by 1 organization; German was used in connection with English by 2 organizations. In 1906 English was the only language reported.

There is no regular ministry among the Plymouth Brethren, hence there are no parsonages and no record of salaries.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Brethren, Plymouth, I.....	161	161	3,896	161	1,595	2,301	21	140	21	21	\$51,650
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	6	6	127	6	47	80		6			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	13	13	494	13	218	276	2	11	2	2	10,100
New Jersey.....	11	11	376	11	154	222		11			
Pennsylvania.....	25	25	718	25	290	428	1	24	1	1	2,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	2	12	2	5	7		2			
Indiana.....	2	2	25	2	10	15		2			
Illinois.....	8	8	135	8	59	76	1	7	1	1	1,000
Michigan.....	7	7	300	7	128	172	1	6	1	1	2,500
Wisconsin.....	4	4	108	4	42	66		4			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	19	19	321	19	117	204	6	13	6	6	8,700
Iowa.....	7	7	104	7	39	65		7			
Missouri.....	2	2	133	2	40	93	1	1	1	1	5,600
Kansas.....	3	3	59	3	26	33		3			
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	85	2	38	47		2			
Virginia.....	5	5	91	5	39	52	2	3	2	2	1,200
North Carolina.....	4	4	54	4	29	25		4			
Florida.....	5	5	83	5	39	44	2	3	2	2	5,500
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	8	119	8	47	72		8			
Oregon.....	3	3	57	3	24	33	1	2	1	1	1,500
California.....	12	12	369	12	149	220	2	10	2	2	11,800
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	13	13	126	13	55	71	2	11	2	2	1,250

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Brethren, Plymouth, I.....	161	9	\$24,190	127	\$54,030	89	96	368	4,094
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	6			5	1,567	4	4	12	121
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	13	2	7,500	12	7,301	9	10	36	322
New Jersey.....	11			10	6,821	10	10	38	350
Pennsylvania.....	25	1	1,700	22	11,016	15	15	56	644
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	2			1	90				
Indiana.....	2			1	239	2	2	3	26
Illinois.....	8			4	1,694	2	2	4	46
Michigan.....	7			6	4,136	4	6	38	469
Wisconsin.....	4			4	1,767	3	5	9	63
West North Central division:									
Minnesota.....	19	2	2,640	15	4,259	12	12	31	345
Iowa.....	7			5	1,184	1	1	1	8
Missouri.....	2	1	2,800	2	3,372	2	3	26	272
Kansas.....	3			2	745	1	1	3	72
South Atlantic division:									
Maryland.....	2			2	1,257	2	2	16	208
Virginia.....	5			2	390	3	4	13	194
North Carolina.....	4			3	45				
Florida.....	5	1	1,400	4	485	2	2	10	171
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	8			6	1,409	4	4	10	72
Oregon.....	3			3	477	1	1	4	45
California.....	12	2	8,150	10	4,210	7	7	39	421
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	13			8	1,566	5	5	19	245

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.



## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, II.

## HISTORY.

The second branch of the Brethren comprises those who are known as the "Open" Brethren. In 1848, B. W. Newton, of the Plymouth Assembly, was charged with teaching certain heretical doctrines concerning the person of Christ. These were quickly condemned by Mr. Darby and others, and the assembly put under a ban. George Müller, of the Bristol Assembly, and many others later condemned the heretical views, but contended that any individual Christians coming from Plymouth would be received into fellowship if they had not personally imbibed the evil doctrine. Thus the term "open" came to be applied to that section of Brethren whose principle of reception is, "What does the person himself hold?" rather than "Where does he come from?" From their standpoint they are "open" to receive all Christians who are personally sound in the faith, although intercommunication with heretical meetings has never been contemplated nor allowed. The assertion that the Open Brethren meetings receive into their communion those who hold doctrines regarded as false by most Christians is strongly repudiated by this branch of the Brethren, who maintain all the orthodox views held by Brethren in general.

The Open Brethren do not, however, form a homogeneous party, but entertain a wide variety of views. Regarding church government, some members, for example, claim that the open ministry is preferable but not obligatory, others that it is obligatory but of secondary importance. Some are on terms of friendly equality with evangelical Christians of every name. Others again are intolerant of any divergence of view. While all divisions of the Brethren look upon discipline in general as reformatory rather than punitive, the Open Brethren are more apt to judge of individual cases by themselves than to undertake to apply to each offender general principles of universal application.

## WORK.

This branch has entered heartily into missionary work, missionaries having gone out from the United States. In addition, there are between 600 and 700 from other countries who represent the Open Brethren in foreign missionary work, besides those laboring in the home fields. While the Plymouth Brethren have no regular ministry, there are a considerable

number of persons who give practically their entire time to evangelistic work, either in connection with local congregations or in general missionary work.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Plymouth Brethren II for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 169.

As compared with the report for 1906, the denomination shows in 1916 an increase of 2 organizations, 130 organizations (or meetings) as against 128, with 5,928 members reported instead of 4,752, a gain of 24.7 per cent. There was a considerable advance in the number of church edifices, 25 church edifices or places of meeting as against 3, with a corresponding increase in the value of church property, \$108,751 being reported for 1916 as against \$17,500 reported in 1906. There was also debt on church property reported by 10 organizations, amounting to \$23,950 as against \$2,400 reported by 2 organizations in 1906. The Sunday schools increased from 102, as reported in 1906, to 108 in 1916, the number of officers and teachers from 514 to 607, and the number of scholars from 5,475 to 5,884, a gain in scholars of 7.5 per cent.

The missionary work, though extensive, is distinctly a local church or individual affair, so that no denominational contributions are given.

Church expenditures amounting to \$89,694, reported by 123 churches, for the first time in 1916, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 21 out of the total number of 5,928 members reported by this denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 130 organizations, 128, with 5,891 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 2, with 37 members, reported German only. In 1906 English was the only language reported.

There is no regular ministry among the Plymouth Brethren, hence there are no parsonages and no record of salaries.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Brethren, Plymouth, II.....	130	129	5,928	129	2,363	3,565	25	105	25	25	\$108,751
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	9	9	576	9	209	367	2	7	2	2	5,500
Connecticut.....	3	3	91	3	38	53		3			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	12	11	571	11	244	327		12			
New Jersey.....	19	19	903	19	363	540	1	18	1	1	7,000
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	475	10	188	287	5	5	5	5	32,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	3	117	3	53	64	2	1	2	2	12,451
Indiana.....	6	6	97	6	39	58		6			
Illinois.....	9	9	670	9	270	400	2	7	2	2	13,500
Michigan.....	7	7	434	7	171	263	1	6	1	1	1,000
Wisconsin.....	2	2	23	2	10	13		2			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4	4	119	4	44	75		4			
Iowa.....	9	9	347	9	149	198	4	5	4	4	7,500
Missouri.....	7	7	318	7	128	190	1	6	1	1	150
Kansas.....	6	6	117	6	60	57		6			
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	3	3	84	3	26	58	3		3	3	5,500
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	4	4	178	4	65	113		4			
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2	2	25	2	9	16		2			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	4	4	95	4	38	57	1	3	1	1	650
California.....	6	6	384	6	145	239	1	5	1	1	9,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	304	5	114	190	2	3	2	2	14,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in the District of Columbia, Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Rhode Island.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Brethren, Plymouth, II.....	130	10	\$23,950	123	\$89,694	101	108	607	5,884
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	9	2	2,100	9	7,862	9	12	77	609
Connecticut.....	3			3	1,844	3	3	7	79
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	12			12	12,234	7	7	54	441
New Jersey.....	19			19	19,120	16	18	135	1,290
Pennsylvania.....	10	2	13,500	9	6,798	9	9	51	529
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	3	1	2,100	3	1,867	3	3	13	145
Indiana.....	6			4	516	2	2	8	80
Illinois.....	9	1	1,700	8	7,607	7	7	53	388
Michigan.....	7			6	3,965	4	4	9	97
Wisconsin.....	2			2	551	1	1	1	39
West North Central division:									
Minnesota.....	4			4	2,525	4	4	13	80
Iowa.....	9			9	5,202	7	7	37	485
Missouri.....	7			7	4,999	3	3	20	249
Kansas.....	6			6	1,380	4	4	15	139
South Atlantic division:									
Virginia.....	3	1	1,700	3	801	3	3	18	224
West South Central division:									
Texas.....	4			4	3,113	4	4	16	190
Mountain division:									
Colorado.....	2			2	358	2	2	7	51
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	4	1	350	3	889	3	3	12	145
California.....	6	1	1,000	6	6,650	5	6	33	328
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	1	1,500	4	1,413	5	6	28	296

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in the District of Columbia, Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Rhode Island.

## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, III.

## HISTORY.

The third branch of Brethren includes those who adopted in full the views of the English leaders referred to in the statement for the first branch. They represent the extreme high-church principle of Brethrenism and hold that absolute power of a judicial kind has been delegated by Christ to the Christian assembly, so that any decision of the assembly in entire accordance with the Scriptures must be accepted. Accordingly, they advocate the absolute disfellowshipping of any person whose life or doctrinal views are not in accord with the principles of the Christian faith as laid down in the Scriptures.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Plymouth Brethren III for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 169.

As compared with the report for 1906, the figures for 1916 show a considerable decrease, due to a defection from this body resulting in the organization of

Plymouth Brethren V. There were but 17 organizations as against 81, and the membership fell from 1,724 to 476, a decrease of 72.4 per cent. No church edifices were reported. The figures for the Sunday schools follow the record for the churches, 5 being reported for 1916 as against 28 reported in 1906, and 333 scholars as against 720, a loss in scholars of 53.8 per cent. As in the other Plymouth Brethren bodies, the contributions for missionary work of every kind are local.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,723, reported by 13 churches, for the first time in 1916, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 17 organizations, 12, with 270 members, reported services in English only; 1, with 32 members, in French only; 3, with 69 members, in German only; and 1, with 105 members, in Dutch and German. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 9 in the number of organizations reporting foreign languages and of 89 in their membership.

There is no regular ministry among the Plymouth Brethren, hence there are no parsonages and no record of salaries.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.									Female.	Church edifices.
Brethren, Plymouth, III.....	17	17	476	17	204	272	.....	17	.....	13	\$3,723	5	5	27	333
Middle Atlantic division:															
New York.....	2	2	43	2	17	26	.....	2	.....	2	603	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	3	3	147	3	74	73	.....	3	.....	3	974	2	2	11	168
Pennsylvania.....	2	2	110	2	40	70	.....	2	.....	1	1,200	1	1	4	50
East North Central division:															
Illinois.....	2	2	36	2	14	22	.....	2	.....	2	260	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> ....	8	8	140	8	59	81	.....	8	.....	5	686	2	2	12	115

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, IV.

## HISTORY.

A fourth division of Plymouth Brethren resulted from a breach which occurred in 1890. In that year a controversy arose in regard to the great subject of eternal life. Most of the Brethren in the English-speaking countries claimed that the possession of this great blessing depended not only upon assent to, and acceptance of, the statements of Scripture regarding it, but

also upon the presence of the Holy Ghost in the believer. They hold that, although the people of God are now divided and scattered, yet there is only one Church of God and that all true Christians belong to it; that Christ is head of this church, which is His body; that He is coming to take it to heaven; and that He will have it rule with himself over the earth, in the period called in Scripture the "world to come," and commonly "millennium."

These Brethren do not regard themselves as an organization except in the sense that they seek to recognize the principles or commandments that govern the house of God. They have meeting rooms and regular times of meetings, and in general conduct their services according to the custom of the early Christians. There is nothing in the way of foreign missionary work, but they seek to hold forth the word of life in their localities, doing the work of the evangelist without assuming to be evangelists.

The meetings are not many in number and are scattered mostly throughout the Northern states. Very few are to be found in the South. They are much more numerous in the British Empire.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Plymouth Brethren IV for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 169.

The statistics for 1916 in comparison with those for 1906 show a considerable increase, notwithstanding the fact that many members withdrew, forming the

organization of Plymouth Brethren VI. There were 72 organizations, with 1,389 members, reported in 1916, as against 60 organizations, with 1,157 members, reported in 1906, a gain of 20 per cent both in organizations and membership. No church edifices were reported. Sunday schools were reported for the first time, numbering 6, with 13 officers and teachers, and 194 scholars. Contributions for general missionary work, as in other Brethren bodies, are by local organizations.

Church expenditures amounting to \$17,630, reported by 47 churches, for the first time in 1916, covering running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 72 organizations, with 1,389 members, all but 1 reported services conducted in English only. This organization, with 13 members, reported services in French only. The report for 1906 showed 8 organizations, with 117 members, reporting the use of foreign languages. These were French, German, Italian, Norwegian, and Swedish.

There is no regular ministry among the Plymouth Brethren, hence there are no parsonages and no record of salaries.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.							
Brethren, Plymouth, IV.....	72	72	1,389	72	558	831	.....	72	.....	47	\$17,630	6	6	13	194
New England division:															
Massachusetts.....	2	2	79	2	28	51	.....	2	.....	1	818	1	1	2	37
Connecticut.....	4	4	27	4	10	17	.....	4	.....	3	368	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle Atlantic division:															
New York.....	8	8	344	8	140	204	.....	8	.....	6	4,176	1	1	2	16
New Jersey.....	5	5	105	5	37	68	.....	5	.....	4	2,122	.....	.....	.....	.....
East North Central division:															
Ohio.....	5	5	51	5	20	31	.....	5	.....	4	941	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana.....	3	3	87	3	37	50	.....	3	.....	2	1,871	1	1	3	72
Illinois.....	6	6	85	6	35	50	.....	6	.....	4	1,145	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	2	2	46	2	20	26	.....	2	.....	1	473	.....	.....	.....	.....
West North Central division:															
Minnesota.....	3	3	53	3	22	31	.....	3	.....	3	661	1	1	1	28
Iowa.....	2	2	57	2	22	35	.....	2	.....	2	1,306	1	1	1	11
Nebraska.....	10	10	112	10	43	69	.....	10	.....	5	880	.....	.....	.....	.....
East South Central division:															
Tennessee.....	3	3	76	3	28	48	.....	3	.....	2	325	1	1	4	30
Pacific division:															
California.....	4	4	127	4	55	72	.....	4	.....	2	1,117	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	15	15	140	15	61	79	.....	15	.....	8	1,427	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, V.

HISTORY.

This branch of Brethren separated from the third branch on a question of discipline. It has grown and has extended its activities through individual effort. It emphasizes the individual responsibility of its members for evangelistic and philanthropic work under the guidance of Scripture, and as a consequence they have spread all over the country, helping all gatherings and entering new fields. The Bible Truth Depot at St. Louis, Mo., is its publishing center, and a weekly paper, "Messages of Love," is sent free to many mission Sunday schools and to homes on application. The publishing house sends out thousands of tracts to mission workers and tract distributors, the expense being met by freewill, unsolicited, offerings. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are observed as with other groups of the Brethren, and the church is held to be composed of all truly converted persons.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Plymouth Brethren V for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which fol-

lows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

As this is a new body, no comparison with 1906 is possible. The number of local meetings reported in 1916 was 80, with a membership of 1,820. One church edifice, church property valued at \$1,200, and 43 Sunday schools with 1,109 scholars were reported. There were no general contributions for benevolences.

Church expenditures amounting to \$17,899, reported by 57 organizations, cover running expenses and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by the 80 organizations in 1916, was 8 out of the total number of 1,820 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 80 organizations, 76, with 1,788 members, reported services conducted in English only; 1 organization, with 11 members, in French only; 2, with 12 members, in German only; and 1, with 9 members, in Polish only.

As in other Plymouth Brethren bodies, no ministry and no parsonages were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Brethren, Plymouth, V.....	80	80	1,820	80	808	1,012	1	79	1	2	\$1,200
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	3	38	3	15	23		3			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	7	7	233	7	83	150		7			
New Jersey.....	2	2	29	2	11	18		2			
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	96	4	42	54		4			
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	3	47	3	21	26		3			
Illinois.....	8	8	254	8	108	146		8			
Michigan.....	3	3	29	3	13	16		3			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4	4	17	4	6	11		4			
Iowa.....	9	9	268	9	143	125	1	8	1	1	1,000
Missouri.....	4	4	105	4	42	63		4			
Kansas.....	3	3	20	3	7	13		3			
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	2	2	16	2	8	8		2			
Florida.....	2	2	31	2	14	17		2			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	7	7	102	7	50	52		7			
Oregon.....	3	3	85	3	35	50		3			
California.....	6	6	226	6	94	132		6			
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	10	10	224	10	116	108		10		1	200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Brethren, Plymouth, V.....	80			57	\$17,899	41	43	114	1,109
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	3			3	415	1	1	1	8
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	7			6	2,186	4	5	17	175
New Jersey.....	2			2	474	2	2	2	18
Pennsylvania.....	4			4	1,262	3	3	5	64
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	3			2	539	3	3	9	93
Illinois.....	8			4	1,766	4	4	14	93
Michigan.....	3					2	2	3	23
West North Central division:									
Minnesota.....	4			2	115				
Iowa.....	9			6	2,776	4	4	13	168
Missouri.....	4			4	1,491	2	2	15	110
Kansas.....	3			1	295	1	1	2	6
South Atlantic division:									
Virginia.....	2			2	252				
Florida.....	2			2	340	1	2	2	22
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	7			6	1,418	4	4	8	92
Oregon.....	3			1	419	2	2	5	51
California.....	6			6	2,903	3	3	9	71
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	10			6	1,248	5	5	9	115

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

## BRETHREN, PLYMOUTH, VI.

## HISTORY.

Another company of Brethren began a separate existence in the year 1906. The reason for this separation was not doctrinal but ecclesiastical. A question of church order arose between meetings in Alnwick and Stanton, Northumberland, England, identified with the company known as Brethren, Plymouth, IV. The local meeting in Alnwick had been in a divided state for years, and experienced Brethren in Stanton sought to introduce harmony, with the entire concurrence of many meetings in their locality. Failing in this, they at length began to receive into their fellowship those in Alnwick whom they considered worthy, and repentant for their share in the confusion. The action of Stanton was repudiated by leading men in London, and after many conferences on the subject neither would submit. London regarded Stanton as having interfered with local responsibility. As a consequence, a world-wide division ensued, which affected many in the United

States. As stated above, it is purely an ecclesiastical question, and neither doctrine nor practice is involved in it.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Plymouth Brethren VI for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This body was reported first in 1916. There were 10 local meetings, with a membership of 208, and 3 Sunday schools, with 64 scholars, but no church edifices and no general contributions were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,978, reported by 10 meetings, cover running expenses and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

As in other Plymouth Brethren bodies there is no ministry, and no parsonages were reported.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.									Female.	Church edifices.
Brethren, Plymouth, VI.....	10	10	208	10	79	129	.....	10	.....	10	\$2,978	3	3	6	64
New England division:															
Connecticut.....	3	3	53	3	23	30	.....	3	.....	3	836	1	1	2	21
East North Central division:															
Michigan.....	2	2	39	2	15	24	.....	2	.....	2	472	1	1	3	23
Pacific division:															
California.....	2	2	24	2	5	19	.....	2	.....	2	610	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	92	3	36	56	.....	3	.....	3	1,060	1	1	1	20

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania.

BRETHREN, RIVER.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

In the latter part of 1750 about thirty Mennonite families in Canton Basel, Switzerland, after a long period of persecution, during which they suffered both imprisonment and loss of property, decided to emigrate westward. They went first to England and, in the fall of 1751, set sail for America. The voyage across the Atlantic was disastrous, one of the ships, with all their goods, being lost, and they landed poor and destitute. One company, including John and Jacob Engle, and others whose names are uncertain, settled near the Susquehanna River in the southwestern part of Lancaster County, Pa., in the spring of 1752.

In 1770, as a result of the labors of some members of the Lutheran, Mennonite, and Baptist churches, who were grieved at what they considered the formalism which then characterized the churches, there was, in that region, a notable revival, which was attended by many conversions. It was conducted principally by Messrs. Otterbein, Boehm, Bochrans, and the Engles, representing the different bodies. Subsequently difference of views arose in regard to the form of baptism, some holding that the applicant should make choice of the method, while others claimed that trine immersion was the only proper form. The result was that they mutually agreed to work independently, in accordance with their various interpretations of the Scriptures.

The believers in trine immersion had no regular organization but were in the habit of designating the various communities as brotherhoods. There was thus the Brotherhood down by the River, meaning in the southern part of Lancaster County; also the Brotherhood in the North; the Brotherhood in Dauphin; the Brotherhood in Lebanon; the Brotherhood in Bucks and Montgomery, etc. The outlying brotherhoods looked to the brotherhood in the southern part of Lancaster County as the home of the organization, and it was probably due to this fact that the general term "River Brethren" was given to the entire body. Another explanation has been given by some, namely, that they were in the habit of baptizing in the river. With the development of these brotherhoods it seemed advisable to select some one to perform the duties of the ministerial office, and the choice fell upon Jacob Engle, who thus became their first minister.

In course of time dissensions arose concerning what would now be called minor points, which ultimately caused divisions. In 1843 the body known as "Yorker" or, as some have termed them, "Old Order" Brethren, withdrew, and in 1853 the body known as "Brinsers," but later as "United Zion's Children," also withdrew.

The three bodies grouped under the name Brethren, River, in 1916 and 1906 are listed in the table on the next page, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BRETHREN, RIVER: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY..		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
<b>BRETHREN, RIVER.</b>										
1916.										
Brethren in Christ.....	72	3,805	64	\$218,875	\$215	4	\$9,000	61	617	4,631
Old Order or Yorker Brethren.....	9	432								
United Zion's Children.....	31	1,152	27	67,125	11,550			10	105	827
1906.										
Brethren in Christ.....	74	3,397	73	143,000	475	4	8,000	40	455	2,695
Old Order or Yorker Brethren.....	9	423								
United Zion's Children.....	28	749	20	22,850	1,000			2	18	117

**BRETHREN IN CHRIST.****HISTORY.**

At first the organization of the River Brethren was simple, but as their numbers increased a more permanent form became necessary, and about 1820 the present ecclesiastical organization was adopted. During the Civil War some of the members, although proclaiming the doctrine of nonresistance, were drafted for military service, and it became evident that the denomination must secure legal recognition as a religious organization holding that doctrine. Steps to secure such recognition were taken at a private council held in Lancaster, Pa., as early as 1862, at which time those who remained after the separation of the other two branches, and who constituted the great majority of the Brethren, decided to adopt the name "Brethren in Christ" instead of "River Brethren," which was done the following year. In 1904 the organization was incorporated according to the laws of the state of Pennsylvania as "a religious body for the worship of Almighty God," with headquarters at Harrisburg.

**DOCTRINE.**

The Brethren in Christ have not accepted any historical creed or confession, but have certain generally recognized doctrines to which they adhere. They believe that the church is "built on faith in an almighty, triune, eternal, self-existent God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." They accept the doctrines of the immortality of the soul; redemption through Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who makes atonement for the sins of the world; and regeneration through the influence of the Holy Spirit, developing into holy living. They hold that trine immersion is the only proper form of baptism, practice confession of sins to God and man, and observe the sacrament of the Eucharist, accompanying it by the ceremony of foot-washing. The recognition of Christ, not only as Saviour, but as Lord and Master and King, involves, in their view, the acceptance of the tenets and principles of His government. Accordingly they believe that, inasmuch as

He is Prince of Peace, His kingdom is of peace, and as His subjects, they should abstain from the employment of carnal forces which involve the taking of human life. For this reason the doctrine of non-resistance is a prominent feature of their belief.

**POLITY.**

The ecclesiastical organization of the denomination includes the local church, a system of district councils, and a General Conference. The officers of the church are bishops, ministers, and deacons. The bishops preside at all council meetings, officiate at marriages and in the observance of the sacraments, and exercise all functions of the ministry. The ministers are specifically the teaching body, but also do parish visiting and, by request of the bishop, in his absence, administer the sacraments. No salaries are paid, and whatever is necessary for their support is raised by voluntary contributions. The deacons have charge of the business affairs of the churches, serve at the communion table, look after the poor, and also do some visiting in the parish. Officers are elected by the congregations or the councils, but are ordained by a bishop. The membership of the district councils and of the General Conference, which meets annually, includes laymen as well as ministers.

**WORK.**

The activities of the church are under the care of an executive board of 5 persons appointed by the General Conference. The home missionary work under direction of this board, during 1916, was carried on by 22 workers who conducted general evangelistic services and cared for 8 missions, while \$5,570 was contributed for its support. Foreign missionary work was carried on in South Africa and India, where 6 stations were occupied by 26 American missionaries and 20 native helpers, who had care of 6 churches, with a membership of 625, and of 25 schools with 975 pupils. There is no general philanthropic work. The value of

mission property is estimated at \$28,000, and the amount contributed for the foreign work during the year was about \$9,000.

The educational interests of the denomination in the United States are represented by a Bible School and Missionary Training Home at Grantham, Pa., which in 1916 had 110 pupils, property valued at \$30,000, and an endowment of \$2,000. For the support of this school voluntary contributions were made to the amount of \$5,300. There are also 4 philanthropic institutions in the United States, with 156 inmates, and holding property valued at \$70,000. For the support of these institutions \$15,452 were contributed during the year 1916.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Brethren in Christ for 1916 are presented, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	72	74	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	3,805	3,397	408	12.0
Church edifices.....	64	73	-9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$218,875	\$143,000	\$75,875	53.1
Debt on church property.....	\$215	\$475	-\$260	-54.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	4	4		
Value.....	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$1,000	12.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	61	40	21	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	617	455	162	35.6
Scholars.....	4,631	2,695	1,936	71.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$35,322	\$5,828	\$29,494	506.1
Foreign.....	\$26,322	\$4,504	\$21,818	484.4
	\$9,000	\$1,324	\$7,676	579.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a slight loss in number of organizations and church

edifices, somewhat of an increase in membership—from 3,397 in 1906 to 3,805 in 1916, or 12 per cent—and a considerable increase in the value of church property, \$218,875 being reported for 1916, as against \$143,000 in 1906, showing a gain of 53.1 per cent. The amount of debt on church property reported for 1916 is considerably less than was reported for 1906. Sunday schools report a gain of 21 in number, and 1,936, or 71.8 per cent, in scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences show a marked advance, the total being \$35,322 in 1916 as against \$5,828 in 1906; the larger amount was for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$31,841, reported by 69 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 57 organizations in 1916, was 119, constituting 3.7 per cent of the 3,175 members reported by these organizations. Based upon this proportion the number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 143.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 72 organizations, 59, with 2,673 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 13, with 1,132 members, used German and English. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 8 in the number of organizations reporting a foreign language, and of 451 in the membership of such organizations.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 203. Schedules were received from 128 of these, almost all being in pastoral work. The denomination pays no salaries, its ministers supporting themselves by other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Brethren in Christ.....	72	72	3,805	72	1,541	2,264	64	5	64	67	\$218,875
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	69	2	32	37	2		2	2	7,500
Pennsylvania.....	34	34	2,275	34	887	1,388	30	4	30	31	126,600
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	12	12	406	12	157	249	12		12	12	26,800
Indiana.....	3	3	138	3	60	78	3		3	3	8,500
Illinois.....	3	3	47	3	20	27	1	1	1	2	1,750
Michigan.....	3	3	77	3	35	42	3		3	3	3,000
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2	2	31	2	16	15	2		2	2	16,000
Kansas.....	7	7	498	7	216	282	6		6	7	19,525
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	2	136	2	62	74	2		2	2	1,200
Pacific division:											
California.....	2	2	114	2	50	64	2		2	2	7,000
States with one organization only.....	2	2	14	2	6	8	1		1	1	1,000

1 One organization each in Idaho and Texas.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Brethren in Christ.....	72	1	\$215	4	\$9,000	69	\$31,841	58	61	617	4,631
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2					2	1,402	2	2	16	132
Pennsylvania.....	34	1	215			34	13,139	27	28	294	2,260
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	12			1	2,400	12	4,204	7	7	65	480
Indiana.....	3					3	765	3	3	32	235
Illinois.....	3					2	180	2	2	12	58
Michigan.....	3			1	800	3	639	3	3	21	141
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2			1	5,000	2	2,172	2	2	9	64
Kansas.....	7			1	800	7	6,405	7	9	108	821
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2					2	1,862	2	2	25	215
Pacific division:											
California.....	2					2	1,073	2	2	27	180
States with one organization only.....	2							1	1	8	45

1 One organization each in Idaho and Texas.

## OLD ORDER OR YORKER BRETHERN.

## HISTORY.

In 1843 a number of the River Brethren withdrew from the main body, claiming that the original doctrines of the founders were being departed from, particularly in regard to nonresistance and nonconformity to the world. Most of those who withdrew resided in York County, Pa., whence they received the name of "Yorkers," or "Yorker Brethren." They are also known as the "Old Order Brethren," and thus are sometimes confused with the Old Order German Baptist Brethren. They have no church edifices, and the services are frequently held in large barns.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Old Order or Yorker Brethren for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 178.

The statistics for 1916, in comparison with those for 1906, indicate very little change. There was the same number of local organizations, 9, and very nearly the same membership, 432 in 1916 as against 423 in 1906,

an increase of 9 only. There were no church edifices and no parsonages. The denomination has no Sunday schools, and its contributions for domestic and foreign work are such as individuals choose to make.

Church expenditures amounting to \$400, reported by 3 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 9 organizations, with 432 members, 1 reported services in English only, and 8, with 418 members,

reported services conducted in German and English. In 1906 there were 6 organizations, with 390 members, reporting services in German and English.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 25, most of whom were not on the regular ministerial lists but served along general evangelistic lines. Schedules were received from 7, all of them being pastors, but engaged in other occupations from which they drew their support.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Old Order or Yorker Brethren.....	9	9	432	9	174	258	.....	9	.....	3	\$400
Middle Atlantic division: Pennsylvania.....	6	6	351	6	142	209	.....	6	.....	2	300
East North Central division: Ohio.....	2	2	39	2	13	26	.....	2	.....	1	100
West North Central division: Iowa.....	1	1	42	1	19	23	.....	1	.....	.....	.....

UNITED ZION'S CHILDREN.

HISTORY.

Questions of administration or ceremonial detail, particularly in connection with a church building, arose among the River Brethren in 1852. The next year about fifty persons in Dauphin County, Pa., withdrew and organized under the leadership of Matthias Brinser as their first bishop. They were thus generally called "Brinsers," but later adopted the name "United Zion's Children." They are found principally in Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties, Pa.

Their doctrine is essentially the same as that of the Brethren in Christ,<sup>1</sup> and their confession of faith is about the same. They practice baptism by trine immersion, which must be preceded by "thorough repentance" on the part of the applicant. They also observe the ceremony of foot-washing, but differ from the Brethren in Christ in that with them the same person both washes and dries the feet, while in the other body one person washes and another person dries. Communion services, generally called love feasts, are held several times a year. They have 1 home for the aged, valued at \$14,000.

STATISTICS.

All of the 31 organizations reported in 1916 by the United Zion's Children were in the state of Pennsylvania. Of the 1,152 members reported, 478 were

males and 667 were females, and the sex of 7 was not reported. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	31	28	3	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	1,152	749	403	53.8
Church edifices.....	27	20	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$67,125	\$22,850	\$44,275	193.8
Debt on church property.....	\$11,550	\$1,000	\$10,550	1,055.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	10	2	8	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	105	18	87	( <sup>1</sup> )
Scholars.....	827	117	710	606.8

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As appears from this table, the denomination showed an increase during the decade in every particular. There were 31 organizations reported in 1916 against 28 in 1906; the membership increased from 749 to 1,152, or 53.8 per cent; the number of church edifices rose from 20 to 27; and the value of church property from \$22,850 to \$67,125, or 193.8 per cent. The amount of debt on church property likewise increased—3 churches reporting \$11,550 in 1916, as compared with \$1,000 reported by 1 church in

<sup>1</sup> See Brethren in Christ, p. 178.

1906. There were no parsonages. The Sunday school statistics show an even greater increase than do the church statistics—the number of schools increasing from 2 to 10, and the number of scholars from 117 to 827. Contributions for domestic and foreign missions and benevolences, being by local churches and not by the denomination as a whole, were not reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,511, reported by 30 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury during 1916.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 25 organizations in 1916, was 15, out of

the total number of 1,152 members reported by the whole denomination.

Of the 31 organizations, 6, with 80 members, reported services conducted in English only, 24, with 1,059 members, conducted services in German and English, and 1 organization, with 13 members, used German only. The report for 1906 showed 26 organizations, with 702 members, reporting services in German and English.

The number of ministers reported for the denomination was 20, and schedules were received from all. All were in pastoral work, 17 being in full pastoral charge and 3 being assistants. No salaries are paid in the denomination and the ministers support themselves by other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

### BUDDHISTS.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

The influx into this country of numbers of Chinese and Japanese, even for temporary residence, has been attended naturally by the establishment of their prevailing forms of religious worship, and their temples or shrines are to be found in many cities. Almost all are Buddhist, though a few Confucian Assemblies appear to have been formed, and a single Shinto temple has been included with the Japanese Buddhist temples; but there is in general so clearly marked a

distinction between the Chinese and Japanese worship that separate statements have been prepared. These do not include any review of Buddhism, or give any survey of its history in Asia, but are confined to the existing phases in the United States. For reasons explained in the statement, statistics for the Chinese temples are lacking for 1916, but the statistics reported for 1906, together with the principal statistics for the Japanese Buddhists for both 1916 and 1906, are shown in the following summary:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BUDDHISTS: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of temples.	TEMPLE PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
BUDDHISTS.										
1916.										
Chinese temples <sup>1</sup> .....	12	5,639	12	\$73,050	\$6,055	4	\$7,000	7	18	299
Japanese temples.....										
1906.										
Chinese temples.....	62		62	30,000						
Japanese temples.....	12	3,165	7	58,000	2,000			19	48	913

<sup>1</sup> No statistics available.

### CHINESE TEMPLES.

#### HISTORY.

Chinese places of worship were established in the United States as early as 1852, during which year about 20,000 Chinese immigrants entered the port of San Francisco. As was natural, these places of worship multiplied more rapidly and were more elaborate on the Pacific coast than in the East, and it was not until 1874 that the Joss House in New York, one of the best known in the United States, and one of the

few that could be called a temple, was established. Most of those in the East and Middle West are of more recent date. These temples probably played a considerable part in the development of Chinese immigration, for, while they scarcely constituted an inducement, it is undoubtedly true that the uneducated coolies were more eager to seek a new home or a new residence, even if temporary, when they realized that their customs of worship were not necessarily to be discontinued. Thus it came about that the

famous Six Companies, which were so directly interested in the importation of Chinese labor, not only exerted great influence in the establishment of shrines, but gave direct assistance in providing for their countrymen the means for appealing to their gods and patron saints for help and protection.

At the time of the San Francisco earthquake, in 1906, there were not far from 100 places of worship in more than 25 cities scattered over 12 states of the Union. Of the number in California, 40 or 50 were destroyed, but only a few have been replaced. Since the revolution of 1911 in China, the custom of worship has to a considerable degree been discontinued among the Chinese, and this has been furthered by the lack of any distinct ecclesiastical organization. At a place of worship there is never more than one priest; there is no registry of members; no sermon is preached; and no religious instruction is given. The temple is simply a place where individual Chinese worshipers, when about to enter upon a new enterprise, or to take a journey, or when in doubt concerning any particular course of action, may consult their gods and patron saints.

The pilgrims offer their prayers in secret before shrines, of which, in a large temple, there are several, each having usually an inner and an outer altar, consisting of two square tables joined together. On the inner table are placed the wooden statues of gods and goddesses, in a small case covered with beautiful carving. At the outer end of the front table stand two tall candlesticks, a tripod incense receptacle, and two flower vases. Plates filled with cakes, heaped in the form of a pyramid, are left standing on the altar for at least one year. The worshipers who have pressing requests to make bow down before the inner altar.

The deities chiefly worshiped in this country are three in number. The first is God Kuan, a duke who lived in the Three Kingdoms, was deified by the people for his heroic fight to save his country, and stands as a symbol of loyalty and patriotism. The second is the God of Fortune, to whom are intrusted all the secrets of wealth and success, and who is worshiped in every Chinese household in America as well as China. The third is the Goddess of Mercy, who is believed to answer all prayers for the protection of women, children, and the sick. She is sometimes called the Goddess of a Thousand Hands, although her full title is "Great in pity, great in love, saviour from misery and woe, hearer of earthly cries."

Every worshiper provides himself with incense sticks, two red candles, and sacrificial papers, which are generally to be had of the attendants at small cost. Offerings of wine and meat are added on the Chinese New Year, on the first and fifteenth days of each moon, and on special occasions. The incense sticks are lighted and must be placed singly, or three by three, or in any number divisible by three, in their

proper receptacles. If wine is used, it is placed in cups scarcely larger than thimbles, and these are arranged before the shrine in rows of three, six, or nine, with as many pairs of chopsticks placed between the cups. The meat offerings may be steamed chicken, roast pig, or any other table luxury. When everything is properly placed the genuflections begin, and the worshiper presents his request while bowing low on a cushion with his head touching the floor.

The articles used to ascertain the wishes of the deities are of two kinds. If the answer required is a single affirmative or negative, the worshiper drops three times two pieces of bamboo or wood, each piece having one face flat and the other convex. The answer is considered to be affirmative or negative according as the number of times the flat face turns up is greater or less than the number of times it turns down. If the flat face turns up three times and down three times, the answer is construed as being an indifferent one.

The other way of obtaining an answer from the gods to a given prayer is to shake a bamboo cylindrical box filled with numbered slips of bamboo, one of which falls out; and then to consult, with or without the help of a priest, a book containing numbered answers in Chinese verses.

The revenue of the temples or shrines is derived largely from the privilege, sold at auction to the highest bidder, of selling the articles of worship which every worshiper must have. In a temple where a priest is installed he receives this privilege instead of a fixed salary. Penance is often performed by making money gifts to the priest.

The idols or paper signs for worship are in most cases put in rooms of the Tong organizations. When they are in separate buildings or rooms, the rooms are often highly decorated. The walls and ceilings are hung with wooden memorial tablets of the size of an ordinary dinner table, bearing inscriptions in Chinese characters in commemoration of some deity for some particular act of mercy and kindness; and there are rows of lanterns, large fans, and silk embroidered umbrellas of unusual size. The decorations are the gifts of the worshipers. Usually erected by popular subscription, the temples are free not merely to Buddhist but also to Confucianist worshipers; no denominational or sectarian lines are drawn.

The first Confucian society in the United States was organized in Chinatown, New York, in 1907, by a Chinese student of Columbia University, and since its institution has been rapidly gaining influence and power over the Chinese residents in the city. The object of the new movement is said to be to give Confucianism more of the character of a national religion for China instead of having the name represent merely a school of moral philosophy. For this purpose services are held every Saturday or Sunday, lasting

for an hour and a half each time, the principal features of which are the singing of eulogistic hymns in commemoration of Confucius as a religious teacher, and a sermon having for its text some passage taken from Confucian classics, and dealing chiefly with the spiritual side of the subject chosen. These services are becoming popular among the Chinese residents, whether they be merchants, coolies, or students, and are usually attended by 200 or 300 people. They are generally held at the headquarters of the Chinese Merchants' Guild, but, if the attendance is exceptionally large, the Chinese theater is used as the place of worship for these Confucianists, many of whom were formerly Buddhists.

#### STATISTICS.

The statistics of Chinese Buddhist organizations for 1916, it was found, could not be obtained with any satisfactory degree of definiteness or accuracy. Through the courtesy of the Chinese Minister in Washington, the names of a number of persons, in different parts of the country, were secured and every effort was made to learn the exact conditions. Only one temple,

that in New York City, was reported. There was no such institution of the kind in Boston. In San Francisco there were evidently many shrines, but information as to their number even could not be obtained. Meager and manifestly incomplete lists of shrines in Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Portland, Oreg., and a few other places were given, but these in some cases included Masonic meeting places, and in others were so identified with business offices of the Tongs that it was impracticable to list them satisfactorily. These conditions, and the further fact that in no case do they represent any distinctive membership and are thus on a radically different basis from the organizations of other religious bodies, led to the decision to omit all statistical tables and give only the text description.

As stated above, there appears to have been a marked change in the general attitude of the Chinese communities toward religious worship since the Revolution of 1911, and the establishment of the Republic, which may in part account for the difficulty in obtaining definite information experienced by those who made specific inquiries.

#### JAPANESE TEMPLES.

##### HISTORY.

Since the introduction of Buddhism into Japan a great variety of Buddhist sects have developed, and these sects are separated from each other even more widely than Christianity is from Judaism. One of the strongest and most influential of these, though by no means the largest, is that known as Jodo Shinshu, "True Teaching of Pure Land," which was founded in 1224 by two priests named Honen and Shin-ran. It is very strong and uncompromising in its iconoclastic and pragmatic character. It attacks all rituals, ceremonies, even prayers, and disregards the vows of celibacy and vegetarianism; but it is distinguished by its monotheistic tendency, and single-minded, whole-hearted devotion to Buddha Amita—the one and only one of all Buddhas, the Buddha of "three L's," life, light, and love. This Buddha is supreme Lord, not by birthright, but by his self-realization as chosen out of the hundred millions of Buddhas, because of the unsurpassed perfection of his acquired wisdom and practiced virtue. There is no taint of autocracy in the doctrine, which is thoroughly democratic; and it finds its expression in the phrase which the believer is taught to repeat constantly, "Namu Amida Butsu," a Japanese form of the Sanscrit "Namo Mitabhaya Buddhaya," which, literally, means "adoration to Amitabha Buddha." Thus the believer reminds himself that he is saved by grace and that his conduct should indicate his gratitude.

The leadership descends by primogeniture from its founders, and, although its followers are for the most part from the humble ranks of society, it is by far the richest sect in Japan, as the members are taught to give freely. From the beginning it was an aggressive and missionary organization, though during the period of isolation in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries this spirit to a considerable degree died out. With the contact with the western world it has revived, and at the present day this sect is quick to adopt the methods of Christian bodies. It sends students to the United States and England, and missionaries to China and Korea, while in its colleges and schools it teaches the modern sciences.

It is in two great divisions, the Hon-gwanji, East and West, the latter giving especial attention to missionary work in the United States, particularly among the Japanese residents along the Pacific coast and in Hawaii. The center of administration is in Kyoto, Japan, with a branch office in America at San Francisco, Calif. This missionary work is carried on quite systematically under the able guidance of Bishop Imanura, graduate of the Klio University and 20 years resident in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Bishop Uchida, graduate of the Tokyo Imperial University and for 12 years resident in San Francisco, Calif. Though both sections belong to the same denomination in Japan, the Hawaiian section is incorporated as the "Hon-gwanji Mission" in Hawaii, and the Pacific coast section as the "Buddhist Mission in America," having their headquarters in Hono-

lulu and San Francisco. The activities of the sections have branched out into almost all important plantations in Hawaii and to the most crowded districts on the Pacific coast, and it is estimated that there are 35 organized churches and 125 meeting places in the Hawaiian Islands, and on the Pacific coast 11 organized churches and 83 meeting places, with 55 ministers officiating in the former and 21 in the latter area.

Besides regular services, mostly on Sunday afternoons, but quite often on week days, they have their Young Men's Buddhist Associations, Women's Buddhist Associations, and Sunday schools under their supervision, with quite large enrollments. They have also night schools, morning schools, and after-noon schools, in order to teach the older persons English and the younger ones Japanese. Employment offices, athletic and various amusement clubs are also under this management.

One of the most remarkable incidents in the annals of the Buddhist mission in this country happened when the Hawaiian section resolved to commit itself to the citizenship educational campaign, and most assiduously cooperated with the white men's Y. M. C. A., to which this campaign work was entrusted. It may also be worth while to note that when this country declared war against the Imperial Government of Germany the Buddhist mission in Hawaii translated into Japanese the war message of the President, together with the Declaration of Independence, Washington's Farewell Address, and Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, published them in both languages, and distributed them free in large numbers. Their sincere cooperation in the food-saving movement, Red Cross campaign, and other similar enterprises are also attracting attention.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Buddhist Japanese temples for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 186; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown on this page.

From this table it appears that the number of organizations remained the same. Membership as reported increased from 3,165 in 1906 to 5,639 in 1916, or 78.2 per cent. The number of temples

almost doubled, while the value of temple property advanced from \$58,000 to \$73,050, or 25.9 per cent. The debt on temple property amounted in 1916 to \$6,055, as reported by 2 organizations, as against \$2,000 reported by 1 organization in 1906. Parsonages, reported by 4 organizations for the first time in 1916, were valued at \$7,000. Sunday school statistics show a marked decline, the number of schools dropping from 19 to 7, and the number of scholars from 913 in 1906 to 299 in 1916, or 67.3 per cent. There were no general contributions reported for 1916, although \$3,861 was reported in 1906.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	12	12		
Members.....	5,639	3,165	2,474	78.2
Temples.....	12	7	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of temple property.....	\$73,050	\$58,000	\$15,050	25.9
Debt on temple property.....	\$6,055	\$2,000	\$4,055	202.8
Parsonages:				
Temples reporting.....	4		4	
Value.....	\$7,000		\$7,000	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	7	19	-12	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	18	48	-30	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	299	913	-614	-67.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....		\$3,861	-\$3,861	
Domestic.....		\$3,861	-\$3,861	
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in the services.

Expenditures amounting to \$24,252, reported by all of the organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, reported by all of the organizations in 1916, was 223, constituting 4 per cent of the 5,639 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 12 organizations, with 5,639 members, all reported services conducted in Japanese only.

The number of priests on the rolls of the denomination was 34. Of these, 13 sent in schedules, 8 reporting annual salaries which averaged \$831.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF TEMPLE PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF TEMPLE PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of temples reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Temples.				Halls, etc.
Japanese temples .....	12	12	5,639	12	4,698	941	11	1	12	12	\$73,050
Mountain division:											
Colorado .....	1	1	911	1	873	38	1	.....	1	1	2,000
Pacific division:											
California .....	11	11	4,728	11	3,825	903	10	1	11	11	71,050

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON TEMPLE PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON TEMPLE PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY TEMPLE ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Japanese temples .....	12	2	\$6,055	4	\$7,000	12	\$24,252	7	7	18	299
Mountain division:											
Colorado .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	1	3	6
Pacific division:											
California .....	11	2	6,055	4	7,000	11	21,252	6	6	15	293

## CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

This communion does not claim exclusive right to the name of Catholic Apostolic Church, but, maintaining that the one Catholic and Apostolic Church includes everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus and is baptized according to His commandment, whether by sprinkling or immersion, by layman or priest, no matter in what sect or denomination he may be found, the church recognizes no other name than Catholic Apostolic as correctly applicable to it.

The movement which resulted in the formation of this communion had its inception approximately at the beginning of the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The momentous events of the closing years of the eighteenth century and the earlier years of the nineteenth, including the French Revolution and the rise and fall of Napoleon, had aroused in the minds of many devout men a conviction of the nearness of Christ's personal return, which was accompanied by a deep sense of the unreadiness of His Church, in its divided condition, to meet Him. At the same time there began to be a realization of the importance of prayer for the coming of the Holy Ghost and an earnest desire for the renewal of the spiritual gifts of apostolic days. As a result of these things, pious people of all denominations began to pray for a gen-

eral revival and for the outpouring and restoration of such a measure of the Holy Ghost as distinguished the apostolic age.

About 1830 there appeared among some of those who were engaged in this concert of prayer what were considered as distinct and abundant manifestations of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, similar to those of the apostolic age, taking the form principally of speaking in tongues and prophecy, as at Pentecost. These manifestations continued, and in 1832, as a result of the "prophetic revelations," certain men were regarded as called to the office of apostle. Others were added from time to time, until, in 1835, twelve in all had been chosen, corresponding to the number of the original Apostolate. These 12 men were of the highest respectability, of good standing in the Presbyterian and Anglican communions, and several were clergymen or lawyers. Among them were men of some prominence, including Henry Drummond, esq., a banker and distinguished member of Parliament; the Rev. Nicholas Armstrong, a clergyman of the Church of England, distinguished for eloquence and power as a preacher; and Mr. Percival, son of a prime minister of England.

The call of these men was held to constitute them a college of apostles, "distinguished from all other ministry by the claim that their call and mission were not



by election of the Church, but by direct call and mission from the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost, making them superior in mission and authority to all other ministry." Their mission was to testify to the personal return of the Lord and to minister to the whole Church the full apostolic measure of the Holy Ghost and the apostolic gifts and blessings, so that corporate unity might be manifested and the Church be prepared to receive her Lord at His coming.

After delivering their testimony personally to the heads of church and state in Christendom, and receiving no recognition from any of the established churches or denominations, the apostles proceeded to ordain and commission evangelists, and to organize in nearly all Christian nations churches on what they considered the original apostolic pattern, which would show how the Lord would govern His Church, if it would permit.

The first church in the United States was organized at Potsdam, N. Y., and the second in New York City in 1851. In England the adherents of this communion are frequently called "Irvingites," from the fact that the celebrated preacher Edward Irving was prominent in the movement which resulted in its formation.<sup>1</sup>

#### DOCTRINE.

The standard of doctrine is found in the three historic Catholic creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian. The church also includes among its tenets the unquestionable authority and inspiration of the canon of the Holy Scriptures; the "sacramental nature" of the ordinances of baptism, the Lord's Supper, and ordination to the ministry, as recognized by the different denominations of the Christian Church; the indissolubility, except by death, of the sacramental union in marriage; the restoration of the ordinance of the laying on of hands by the apostles for the imparting of the fullness of the gift of the Holy Ghost; the necessity of the gifts of the Spirit, as tongues and prophecy, and the other gifts, for the perfecting of the Church; the payment of the tithe as due to Christ, the High Priest, in addition to the making of voluntary offerings; and the hope of the Lord's speedy personal coming to raise the dead, translate the living members of His Church, and bring in His reign of peace on the earth, commonly spoken of as the Millennium.

#### POLITY.

The principle upon which the organization of the Catholic Apostolic Church is based is that a twelvefold apostleship, as in the first days of the Church, is the Lord's only ordinance for supreme rule over the whole Church and for revealing His mind. Local churches are each under the charge of a bishop, designated "angel," with a staff of priests and deacons, whose call, conse-

cration, appointment, and rule are subject to the apostles. There is no election of ministers by the clergy or laity, except that deacons, to the number of seven in any one church, may by permission of the apostles be chosen by the people. A call from the Lord by the word of the Holy Ghost through prophets is a prerequisite to admission to the office of priest or bishop.

Ordination to the priesthood and diaconate and consecration to the episcopate are exclusive functions of the apostleship. Bishops can not in any case consecrate bishops, nor can they ordain to the priesthood, except when specially commissioned as apostolic delegates.

Bishops and priests, thus called and ordained, are classified and assigned for ministry as elders, prophets, evangelists, or pastors, according to apostolic discernment of their respective gifts and temperaments, this classification following from the recognition of the four kinds of gifts specified in Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, iv, 11-13.

As appointment to any office belongs exclusively to the apostleship, and as vacancies in the apostleship can be filled only by direct call of Christ, during the absence of an apostle or a vacancy in the apostleship the churches remain in the charge of their bishops, with their priests and deacons.

Persons seeking admission to the church are received by the bishop of the local church on the certificate of the evangelist bishop as to baptism, instruction in doctrine, and acceptance of the authority of the apostles. The orders of priests from the Roman and Anglican or Episcopal communions, taking service under the apostles, are recognized, and they do not receive reordination, but only apostolic confirmation of orders.

Worship is conducted according to a liturgy compiled by the apostles from the various liturgies of the historic Church, the clergy who officiate wearing appropriate vestments. The support of the ministry is provided for solely by the payment of the tithe, in addition to freewill offerings for worship and for the poor.

#### WORK.

As the work of the church has been directed exclusively toward the awakening of the Christian Church to the hope of the Lord's coming and preparation therefor, it has included no foreign missionary, educational, or so-called institutional work, although the different churches care for the poor in their respective localities.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Catholic Apostolic Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

<sup>1</sup> See New Apostolic Church, p. 529.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	13	11	2	(2)
Members.....	2,768	2,907	-139	-4.8
Church edifices.....	9	7	2	(3)
Value of church property.....	\$165,000	\$153,000	\$12,000	7.8
Debt on church property.....	\$6,000	\$10,000	-\$4,000	-40.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	6	-2	(2)
Officers and teachers.....	16	10	6	(2)
Scholars.....	176	170	6	3.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that during the decade 1906-1916 the number of organizations increased from 11 to 13, while the membership decreased from 2,907 to 2,768, a loss of 4.8 per cent. There was a slight increase in the number of church edifices, from 7 to 9. The value of church property increased from \$153,000 in 1906 to \$165,000 in 1916, showing a gain of 7.8 per cent, while during the same period the debt on church property fell from \$10,000 to \$6,000, a decrease of 40 per cent. There was a slight

decrease in the number of Sunday schools, but a slight increase in the number of scholars. No parsonages were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$29,740, reported by 6 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, reported by all of the organizations in 1916, was 759, constituting 27.4 per cent of the 2,768 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 13 organizations, 10, with 2,116 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 3, with 652 members, used German only. The report for 1906 showed 3 organizations, with 1,606 members, conducting services in German alone or with English.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 13, but no schedules were received from them.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Catholic Apostolic Church.....	13	13	2,768	13	1,161	1,607	9	4	9	8	\$165,000
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	1	1	205	1	85	120		1			
Connecticut.....	3	3	228	3	100	128	2	1	2	2	35,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	1,216	3	476	740	3		3	3	85,000
Pennsylvania.....	2	2	334	2	137	197	1	1	1		
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	2	2	500	2	250	250	2		2	2	33,000
Pacific division:											
California.....	2	2	285	2	113	172	1	1	1	1	12,000

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Catholic Apostolic Church.....	13	2	\$6,000	6	\$29,740	4	4	16	176
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	1								
Connecticut.....	3								
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	3			1	2,750	1	1	3	50
Pennsylvania.....	2			1	250	1	1	5	58
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	2	2	6,000	2	20,000	2	2	8	70
Pacific division:									
California.....	2			2	6,740				

## CHRISTADELPHIANS.

## HISTORY.

Among those who identified themselves with the Disciples of Christ in their early history was John Thomas, M. D., an Englishman, who came to the United States in 1844. As he pursued the study of the Bible, his views changed and he became convinced that the cardinal doctrines of the existing churches corresponded with those of the apostate church predicted in Scripture; that the only authoritative creed was the Bible, the originals of which were inspired of God in such a manner and to such an extent as to secure absolute truthfulness; and that the churches should strive for a return to primitive Christianity in doctrine, precept, and practice. He soon began to publish his views, and organized a number of societies in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain, the central thought in his mind being not so much the immediate conversion of the world as the "taking out of the Gentiles a people for His name." No name was adopted for the societies until the breaking out of the Civil War, when the members applied to the Government to be relieved from military duty in consequence of religious and conscientious scruples. It then appeared that they must have a distinctive name, and accordingly that of "Christadelphians," or "Brothers of Christ," was adopted.

## DOCTRINE.

The Christadelphians do not accept the doctrine of the Trinity, but hold that Christ was son of God and son of man, manifesting divine power, wisdom, and goodness in working out man's salvation, of which He is the only medium, and that He attained unto power and glory by His resurrection. They believe that the Holy Spirit is an "effluence" of divine power; that the soul is by nature mortal, and that eternal life is given by God only to the righteous; that Christ will shortly come personally to the earth to raise the dead and judge His saints, and to set up the Kingdom of God in place of human governments; that this kingdom will be established in Palestine, where the twelve tribes of Israel will be gathered; that Christ and the saints will reign over them and all nations then existing upon earth for one thousand years; and at the end of that period a second resurrection will take place, and judgment will be pronounced upon all who lived during the thousand years, the just receiving eternal life and the unjust, eternal death.

Admission to membership is contingent upon profession of faith in the doctrines of the church, and baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. Participation in the Lord's Supper is restricted to members of the church.

## POLITY.

In polity the Christadelphians are thoroughly congregational. They do not accept the name "church" for the local organization, but call it an "ecclesia." For the management of the affairs of each ecclesia the members elect representatives from among themselves, who are termed presiding brethren, managing brethren, secretary and treasurer, and superintendent of the Sunday school. The duty of the presiding brethren is to conduct the meetings in turn. They are expected to call upon the various members in the exercises of prayer, reading the Scriptures, or addressing the meeting; except when, by previous arrangement, the preaching or lecturing, as they term it, has been allotted to some one brother. The aim is to have as many as possible take part in the exercises, in order to avoid the appearance of discrimination between clergy and laity. Women take no part in public speaking, although all vote on the questions that come before the ecclesia. The temporal affairs of the ecclesias are cared for by the managing brethren, who arrange the various questions that arise in proper form for final action by the ecclesia. While the duties of these persons are the same as in ordinary societies, the term "serving brethren" is preferred to "officers," to exemplify the words of Scripture, "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." The meetings of the ecclesias are generally held in public halls, private houses, and schoolhouses, comparatively few church buildings being occupied.

There are no general associations or conventions of the ecclesias, although they have what are called "fraternal gatherings." These are not legislative bodies, neither do they claim to have power to act in any way for the ecclesias, but are rather for the spiritual upbuilding of the members and their further enlightenment in the Scriptures, and for the instruction of the public. They are held annually, and usually occupy from two days to a week.

## WORK.

The home missionary work of the denomination is carried on by each ecclesia independently of the others, although when it is desired to invite a lecturing brother for special public work a number of ecclesias unite in the invitation, and each does what it considers its part in bearing the expense. Several brethren are engaged in this special work, and travel more or less for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel of Christ to the alien, and establishing a better understanding of, and obedience to, the truth among the members of the ecclesias. Salaries are not paid them, but their needs

are supplied by the voluntary contributions of the brethren.

No foreign missionary work is undertaken, Christadelphians believing that their province is to make known the true gospel to the people of so-called Christendom who have been led astray from the simplicity of the truth preached by Christ and His apostles.

A Christadelphian Fellow Service League was organized in 1910, with headquarters at Rutherford, N. J., for the special purpose of helping the smaller ecclesias in their preaching. In the same year a Christadelphian monthly, "Bible Truth," was founded.

The denomination pays special attention to the preparation of literature, including a printed statement of its doctrines, and to its distribution at great public gatherings, such as the expositions at Chicago, St. Louis, and Jamestown. For this work funds are sent by individuals and ecclesias to committees appointed by the ecclesia at or near the place of the gathering, and these committees attend to the distribution of the literature and report all receipts and the work that is done.

There are four Christadelphian magazines—the Christadelphian Advocate, the Christadelphian, the Faith, and Bible Truth.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Christadelphians for 1916 are given, by states, in the next table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown on this page.

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased in every particular. The number of organizations more than doubled, being 145 in 1916 as against 70 in 1906, and the membership rose from 1,412 to 2,922, a gain of 106.9 per cent. There was an even larger advance in church edifices and in the value

of church property. Debt on church property, as reported for the first time in 1916 by 3 organizations, amounted to \$675; 1 church reported a parsonage, valued at \$2,000; and Sunday schools increased from 22 to 79, and the scholars from 480 to 1,825. No contributions for general purposes were reported.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations .....	145	70	75	(1)
Members .....	2,922	1,412	1,510	106.9
Church edifices .....	17	4	13	(1)
Value of church property .....	\$19,743	\$3,245	\$16,498	508.4
Debt on church property .....	\$675	.....	\$675	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting .....	1	.....	1	.....
Value .....	\$2,000	.....	\$2,000	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number .....	79	22	57	(1)
Officers and teachers .....	276	78	198	(1)
Scholars .....	1,825	480	1,345	280.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$16,340, reported by 83 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 96 organizations in 1916, was 16, out of a total number of 2,922 members reported by the whole denomination.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 145 organizations, 143, with 2,901 members, conducted services in English only; 1, with 18 members, in Italian only; and 1, with 3 members, in French and English. In 1906 English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services.

No ministers were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

CHRISTADELPHIANS.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christadelphians .....	145	145	2,922	142	1,235	1,670	15	108	17	24	\$19,743
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	13	2	7	6		2			
Massachusetts.....	13	13	395	13	170	225		11		3	575
Rhode Island.....	2	2	26	2	9	17		2		1	200
Connecticut.....	2	2	42	2	17	25		2			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	13	13	274	12	128	145		12		1	100
New Jersey.....	7	7	176	6	74	87	1	4	1	2	160
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	201	10	81	120		10			
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	42	4	21	21		3			
Illinois.....	10	10	113	10	69	104	1	9	1	1	600
Michigan.....	5	5	45	5	21	24		5			
Wisconsin.....	2	2	26	2	6	20		2			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	3	2	2	1		1			
Iowa.....	2	2	42	2	15	27	1	1	1	1	3,000
Missouri.....	6	6	106	6	49	57		6			
Kansas.....	3	3	18	3	10	8		2			
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	3	3	72	3	25	47		1			
District of Columbia.....	2	2	42	2	15	27		2		1	100
Virginia.....	9	9	308	9	120	188	5	4	5	7	7,608
Florida.....	3	3	34	3	14	20		2			
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	5	5	127	5	58	69	2	3	2	2	3,500
Texas.....	20	20	240	19	105	134	3	9	4	3	2,800
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2	2	32	2	11	21		1		1	100
California.....	10	10	303	10	129	174		8			
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8	8	182	8	79	103	2	6	3	1	1,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christadelphians .....	145	3	\$675	1	\$2,000	83	\$16,340	78	79	276	1,825
New England division:											
Maine.....	2					2	33	2	2	4	12
Massachusetts.....	13					11	3,514	9	9	37	284
Rhode Island.....	2					2	456	2	2	3	19
Connecticut.....	2					2	201	2	2	6	22
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	13					10	1,606	10	10	34	212
New Jersey.....	7					4	1,825	3	3	19	130
Pennsylvania.....	10					5	1,190	5	5	16	135
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4					4	370	3	3	5	46
Illinois.....	10					3	450	4	4	11	81
Michigan.....	5					1	90	4	4	5	26
Wisconsin.....	2					1	175				
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2							1	1	1	8
Iowa.....	2	1	500			1	275	1	1	4	25
Missouri.....	6					2	142	1	1	2	24
Kansas.....	3					2	140	1	1	3	12
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	3					2	260	1	1	1	8
District of Columbia.....	2					2	700	2	2	9	31
Virginia.....	9					6	1,650	7	7	53	268
Florida.....	3					3	200	1	1	1	3
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	5					3	492	2	3	12	148
Texas.....	20	2	175			7	529	8	8	19	106
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2					2	275				
California.....	10			1	2,000	5	1,597	5	5	22	144
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8					3	170	4	4	9	81

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Washington.

## CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

## HISTORY.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance originated in a somewhat informal movement started by the Rev. A. B. Simpson, D. D., in the year 1881. At that time Dr. Simpson was pastor of a Presbyterian church in New York City, but left the pastorate, and also withdrew from the presbytery of New York, for the purpose of conducting a wider evangelistic movement among the unchurched masses. For several years he held services in public halls, theaters, and in the summer in gospel tents. Shortly after the movement was started an independent church was organized in New York City with an independent charter, still known as the Gospel Tabernacle Church. The work became more widely known and affiliated throughout the country through many calls for evangelistic services and religious conventions in popular centers, such as Old Orchard Beach, Me., and various other resorts, and a number of local organizations were formed. From the beginning a strong missionary tone characterized the conferences, and in 1887 two societies were organized, respectively, for home and foreign missionary work—one known as the Christian Alliance, for home work, especially among the neglected classes in towns and cities of the United States; the other, the International Missionary Alliance, was for the purpose of planting missions among neglected communities in non-Christian lands. In 1895 the two societies were united in the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and since then have labored in the double function of home and foreign evangelism.

In the report for 1906 the local organizations were chiefly included with the Independent churches, but in 1916, together with the churches of the Gospel Mission, and some others they combined to form one body under the name adopted by the society with which they were connected.

## DOCTRINE.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance is strictly evangelistic in its doctrine. It stands firmly for the inspiration of the Scriptures, the atonement of Christ, the supernaturalism of religious experience, and a life of separation and practical holiness. It has no strict creed, but expresses the great essential features of its testimony in a simple formula known as the fourfold gospel of Christ, as Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming Lord. It is not a sectarian body, but allows liberty in the matter of baptism and church government, and is in fraternal union with evangelical Christians of all denominations, accepting missionaries from the various churches, provided they are in full sympathy with the evangelical standards of the Alliance.

## POLITY.

There is no close ecclesiastical organization, though the society has in the United States and Canada about a dozen organized districts with between two and three hundred regular branches. Only a small proportion of these are organized churches, as the society seeks always to avoid a sectarian aspect and therefore is somewhat averse to the establishment of independent churches. Each local branch is entirely self-directing, and in most cases is primarily evangelistic in character and a center of missionary conference. An annual council meets in the spring, to which reports are submitted from all branches and fields, and which passes such legislation as may be needed concerning the government and administration of the work. It is to be noted that many of the most liberal and active supporters of this work are still in active membership in various Protestant churches, giving their support to the Alliance in its evangelistic work.

## WORK.

The territory covered by the home and foreign work of the Alliance embraces the United States, Canada, some of the West Indian Islands, the Republics of Chile, Ecuador, and Argentine in South America, the Philippine Islands, the Congo State and Western Soudan in Africa, the interior of Japan, several provinces in China, more recently the Kingdom of Annam, three provinces in India, and several stations in Palestine.

The home missionary work consists of a general evangelism, carried on chiefly among those destitute of church privileges, and results frequently in the organization of local branches, and in some cases, of churches. A feature of the work, also, is, as noted above, the holding of evangelistic services and religious conventions in popular resorts, all of these being characterized by a strong missionary tone. The report for 1916 shows contributions for this work estimated at \$114,041.

The foreign missionary activities are more fully organized than those for the United States. They are under the administration of a large and representative board with various committees and heads of departments, and the chief executive is a foreign secretary who devotes his whole time to the supervision of this work. The report for 1916 shows 105 stations and 241 outstations, occupied by 273 American missionaries and 571 native workers; 104 organized churches, with 7,538 members; 187 primary and intermediate schools, with a total of 6,571 pupils; 11 Bible training schools with 145 pupils; and 135 Sunday schools, with 8,281 pupils. There were 4 orphanages, having 212 inmates. The total amount expended for

work in the foreign field during the year was \$140,003, and the value of mission property was estimated at \$361,445.

The Alliance maintains a number of schools in the United States, which are mainly training centers for workers. The principal of these are the Nyack Institute and Academy, at Nyack, N. Y., and institutes at Boydton, Va., and Toccoa, Ga. The amount contributed for the support of schools during 1916 was \$15,000.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 194; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

Since this is a new denomination, the local organizations of which were not combined in one body in 1906, comparison with that year is not possible. The total number of organizations reported in 1916 was 166, with a membership of 9,625—3,273 males and 6,043 females. There were 126 church edifices, and church property valued at \$590,150, on which 72 churches reported a debt of \$137,657. The number of churches reporting parsonages was 31, and the parsonages were valued at \$78,000. Almost every church reported a Sunday school, 161 in all, with 1,342 officers and teachers and 10,735 scholars. The Alliance has been from its inception a distinctively missionary organization, and the total contributions for general missionary and benevolent work reported for the year were \$269,044, of which \$129,041 was for domestic work.

Church expenditures amounting to \$232,029, reported by 147 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 125 organizations in 1916, was 286, constituting 3.8 per cent of the 7,504 members reported by

these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 2,121 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 367.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 166 organizations, 165, with 9,306 members, used English only, and 1, with 319 members, reported services in German and English. Of the eight organizations belonging to the "Gospel Mission" in 1906 and which form a part of this body, all reported the use of English only in the conduct of services.

While there is no distinctively ecclesiastical organization, there were 114 persons reported on the ministerial lists. Schedules were received from 112, distributed by states in the table below. All of them were in pastoral work; 99 were full pastors, and 85 reported annual salaries from their churches averaging \$701. A few were supplies and assistants, and a few supplemented their income by some other occupation.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction; p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	112	99	13	.....	\$701
Connecticut.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,050
Indiana.....	2	2	.....	.....	880
Iowa.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Maryland.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	5	4	1	.....	619
Minnesota.....	3	2	1	.....	750
Missouri.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	5	4	1	.....	778
New York.....	22	18	4	.....	626
North Carolina.....	3	2	1	.....	425
North Dakota.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	15	13	2	.....	637
Oregon.....	2	2	.....	.....	610
Pennsylvania.....	40	38	2	.....	683
Rhode Island.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	5	5	.....	.....	975

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian and Missionary Alliance.....	166	163	9,625	152	3,273	6,043	126	35	126	132	\$590,150
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	5	5	247	5	74	173	5	.....	5	5	12,100
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	29	28	1,274	24	381	779	21	8	21	21	71,500
New Jersey.....	7	7	308	7	111	197	3	4	3	3	20,200
Pennsylvania.....	67	65	3,857	60	1,355	2,357	52	12	52	56	255,750
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	16	16	1,344	15	476	843	12	4	12	12	86,600
Indiana.....	6	6	130	6	40	90	4	2	4	6	10,100
Illinois.....	2	2	195	2	64	131	2	.....	2	2	7,800
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4	4	133	4	49	84	3	1	3	3	3,500
South Atlantic division:											
North Carolina.....	3	3	314	3	105	209	3	.....	3	3	8,500
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2	2	169	1	57	87	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	5	260	5	104	156	4	1	4	4	9,000
Oregon.....	2	2	90	2	29	61	2	.....	2	2	8,700
California.....	8	8	749	8	259	490	6	.....	6	6	41,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	10	10	555	10	169	386	9	1	9	9	55,400

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian and Missionary Alliance.....	166	72	\$137,657	31	\$78,000	147	\$232,029	153	161	1,342	10,735
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	5	2	1,300	1	2,000	5	8,579	5	5	46	256
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	29	11	21,973	5	13,700	27	34,209	26	28	226	1,584
New Jersey.....	7	2	6,250	.....	.....	7	10,921	5	5	29	203
Pennsylvania.....	67	30	81,372	12	34,100	61	86,841	66	69	524	4,026
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	16	7	7,126	2	5,500	14	26,487	16	17	180	1,617
Indiana.....	6	6	3,050	.....	.....	3	2,970	6	6	28	275
Illinois.....	2	1	400	.....	.....	2	3,994	2	3	30	435
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,208	3	3	27	140
South Atlantic division:											
North Carolina.....	3	2	825	3	5,500	2	2,750	3	3	36	425
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	2	2	19	163
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	1	50	1	1,500	4	7,580	5	5	43	315
Oregon.....	2	1	116	1	1,300	2	3,015	2	3	23	170
California.....	8	1	2,000	3	7,000	7	26,606	4	4	52	564
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	10	8	13,195	3	7,400	9	13,669	8	8	79	562

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH (AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION).

## HISTORY.

The period following the War of the Revolution was characterized by a general spiritual declension. This again was succeeded by a revival period during which, especially in what were then the western and southern sections, denominational lines were frequently ignored, and members of different churches united both in evangelistic and sacramental services. In some cases there were efforts to enforce ecclesiastical discipline, which resulted in revolt, while in others entirely independent movements were started, not so much antagonistic to, as independent of, ecclesiastical organization.

The pioneer in this movement was the Rev. James O'Kelley, a Methodist minister in Virginia. He opposed very earnestly the development of the superintendency into an episcopacy, especially so far as it gave the bishops absolute power in the matter of appointments to charges. He presented his cause in the general conference and elsewhere, but failed to bring about the change he desired, and in 1792, with a number of others, withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church. A little later they organized under the name of "Republican Methodists," but in 1794 resolved to be known as "Christians" only, taking the Bible as their guide and discipline, and accepting no test of church fellowship other than Christian character.

A little later a similar movement arose among the Baptists of New England. Dr. Abner Jones, of Vermont, became convinced that "sectarian names and human creeds should be abandoned, and that true piety alone, and not the externals of it, should be made the test of Christian fellowship and communion." On this basis he organized a church at Lyndon, Vt., in 1800. He was soon joined by Elias Smith, a Baptist minister of Portsmouth, N. H., and by many others.

In 1800 the "Great Revival," as it came to be known, was started in the Cumberland Valley of Tennessee and Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> It was confined to no denomination, and in the preaching no attention was given to the doctrines which had divided the churches. In the Presbyterian Church, especially, this seeming neglect of fundamental doctrines was viewed with concern, and resulted in charges being preferred against two ministers, Richard McNemar and John Thompson, for preaching doctrines contrary to the confession of faith. As a consequence, these men, with three others—John Dunlavy, Robert Marshall, and Barton W. Stone—withdraw from the Synod of Kentucky and, in 1803, organized the Springfield Presbytery. Shortly afterwards this body was dissolved, and its members adopted practically the same position as that held by

James O'Kelley in the South and by Abner Jones in New England.

General meetings, the first step toward organization, were held in New England as early as 1809, but it was not until 1819 that the first general conference met at Portsmouth, N. H., on the call of Frederick Plummer, of Pennsylvania, and Edward B. Rollings, of New Hampshire. The conference met again at Windham, Conn., in 1820, and regularly until 1832, when it was dissolved; but the following year, by the action of several conferences, a general convention was organized. In 1834, by direction of the convention, the Christian General Book Association was formed, and thereafter met once in four years in connection with the convention, the same persons being delegates to both bodies. This form of organization continued until after 1860, when the two bodies became entirely separated. In 1886 the general convention, then called the "American Christian Convention," and the publication board, then called the "Christian Publishing Association," were again made identical in membership.

In the year 1829 Alexander Campbell and his followers separated from the Baptists of Pennsylvania and Ohio.<sup>2</sup> Their teaching spread rapidly to Kentucky, and in 1832 Barton W. Stone, one of the most prominent of the original leaders of the Christians in that section, united with them, on the condition that the Bible alone should be the basis of the union. A large number of the Christians in Kentucky and Ohio followed Mr. Stone in this action, but even in these states the greater part remained with the original body, while the eastern and southern churches were not affected. Out of this movement, however, some confusion of names has arisen, since many of the churches of the Disciples are still known as "Christian" churches.

In the report for 1890 the denomination was listed as "Christians (Christian Connection)," and the same name was used in 1906. This did not prove entirely satisfactory, and after some conference the name "Christian Church (American Christian Convention)" was adopted for this report, as identifying the denomination with its general business organization.

In 1854, on account of the adoption of resolutions condemning slavery, the southern delegates to the general convention withdrew and formed a separate organization, which continued until 1890, when the delegates from the South resumed their seats in the convention.

## DOCTRINE.

The principles upon which its first churches were organized continue to characterize the denomination.

<sup>1</sup> See Cumberland Presbyterian Church, p. 569.

<sup>2</sup> See Disciples of Christ, p. 244.



No general organization has ventured to set forth any "creed" or statement of doctrine other than the Bible itself. Christian character is the only test of church fellowship, and, while their interpretation of the teachings of the Bible is generally in accord with that of most evangelical denominations, they do not bar any follower of Christ from membership because of difference in theological belief. This same liberty extends to the ordinances of the church. Baptism is not made a requisite to membership, although it is often urged upon believers as a duty. While immersion is generally practiced, no one mode is insisted upon. The churches practice open communion and labor to promote the spirit of unity among all Christians.

#### POLITY.

The general polity of the denomination is congregational, and each local church is independent in its organization, but at a very early period conferences were organized which admitted ministers to membership, and in which the churches were represented by lay delegates. These conferences at first were advisory only, but have largely developed into administrative bodies. They have the oversight of the ministry, but do not interfere with the discipline of the churches. Ordination of ministers is usually by action of the conference, often upon request of some church. Churches and ministers are expected to report annually to the conference, and to cooperate in carrying out its recommendations. Besides the local conferences, there are a number of state conferences and associations for administrative work. Nearly all these bodies are incorporated, and hold property for denominational use, sometimes holding in trust the property of local churches.

The American Christian Convention, with its two incorporated departments, the Mission Board of the Christian Church and the Christian Publishing Association, is primarily the agent of the churches for the conduct of their general work, but its sessions are occasions for the consideration of topics affecting church life and for ecclesiastical fellowship. The membership includes delegates from the several local conferences, each conference being entitled to 1 ministerial and 1 lay delegate for each 700 members of the churches within it; the presidents of the conferences, state associations, or district conventions; the presidents of the colleges controlled by the denomination; and the officers chosen at the previous session. It has departments of foreign missions, home missions, education, publishing, Sunday school, Christian Ed-  
deavor, and finance, together with the societies or organization's auxiliary to the convention or its departments. It elects a secretary of each department, and these secretaries, with the president and vice president of the convention, constitute an executive board, whose duty it is to carry out the measures adopted

by the convention, and to act as a board of trustees to conduct its corporate interests and manage its property.

#### WORK.

The mission work of the Convention is carried on in 2 departments, home and foreign, under the direction of a board of 10 members, elected by the convention, 2 of the members acting as secretaries of the departments. In the home field, assistance is given to needy churches, and missionaries are employed in the newly settled and in some of the older sections. In 1916, 40 churches and missions in 30 cities and towns were assisted, frontier work was carried on in Washington and Wyoming, and help was given in 2 eastern conferences, 30 missionaries being employed. The board holds missionary conferences, rallies, and institutes; publishes missionary literature; and in other ways promotes missionary interests throughout the conferences and local churches. The total amount raised for home missions and church extension during the quadrennium 1913-1916 was \$54,988, of which \$13,481 was raised in 1916.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Japan, with headquarters at Tokyo, and in Porto Rico, with headquarters at Ponce. The churches in Japan are organized in a conference, independent of any control by the denomination in the United States. A corporation effected by the missionaries under the laws of Japan holds, for the mission board, the greater part of the property, which is valued at \$22,000. The reports for 1916 show, for both fields, 5 stations, occupied by 12 missionaries, with the assistance of 24 native helpers; and 19 churches, with 1,423 members. There are also in Porto Rico 8 Sunday schools, with 649 members. The entire property in both missions is valued at \$40,000, and \$23,961 was contributed for the conduct of the work.

There are 2 women's boards, 1 for home and the other for foreign missions, which operate with the mission board in raising funds.

The receipts of the mission board have advanced steadily from \$84,228, 1902-1906, to \$144,216, 1913-1916.

Under the control of the denomination, or affiliated with it, are 7 institutes and colleges, 2 (1 Negro) in North Carolina, and 1 each in Ohio, New York, Indiana, Missouri, and Wyoming. Reports for 1916 show about 1,500 students in these institutions; about \$7,000 contributed by churches and individuals toward their support; property valued at \$901,151; and a total endowment of \$714,600.

A home for aged Christian ministers is maintained at Lakemont, N. Y., and an orphanage at Elon College, N. C. The property of these institutions is valued at \$20,000, and their endowment at \$10,000. In 1916 there were 259 young people's societies with 7,327 members.

"The Herald of Gospel Liberty," the denominational organ, was founded by Elias Smith, at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1808, and is the oldest religious newspaper in the United States published in the English language. It is now published at Dayton, Ohio, by the Christian Publishing Association, which also issues the Sunday school literature. The association furnishes offices for the denominational societies in its buildings at Dayton, and the "Christian Missionary," the organ of the mission board, is also issued there. The value of the plant is estimated at \$110,000.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Christian Church are given, by states and conferences, on pages 198 to 200, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal statistics for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,265	1,379	-114	-8.3
Members.....	118,737	110,117	8,620	7.8
Church edifices.....	1,171	1,253	-82	-6.5
Value of church property.....	\$3,569,471	\$2,740,322	\$829,149	30.3
Debt on church property.....	\$147,494	\$101,561	\$45,933	45.2
<b>Parsonages:</b>				
Churches reporting.....	183	160	23	14.4
Value.....	\$379,750	\$256,350	\$123,400	48.1
<b>Sunday schools:</b>				
Number.....	1,115	1,149	-34	-3.0
Officers and teachers.....	11,093	10,510	583	5.5
Scholars.....	91,853	72,963	18,890	25.9
<b>Contributions for missions and benevolences:</b>				
Domestic.....	\$44,442	\$28,879	\$15,563	53.9
Foreign.....	\$20,481	\$15,000	\$5,481	36.5
	\$23,961	\$13,879	\$10,082	72.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination suffered a loss in the number of organizations, edifices, and Sunday schools, but showed an increase in every other particular. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 1,265, as against 1,379 in 1906, a loss of 8.3 per cent; but the membership rose from 110,117 in 1906 to 118,737 in 1916, a gain of 7.8 per cent. There was a loss of 82, or 6.5 per cent, in number of church edifices, but a gain of \$829,149, or 30.3 per cent, in value of church property. Debt on church property amounting to \$147,494, was reported by 107 organizations in 1916, as against \$101,561 reported by 97 organizations in 1906. The loss of 34, or 3 per cent, in number of Sunday schools was balanced by a gain of 583, or 5.5 per cent, in number of officers and teachers, and 18,890, or 25.9 per cent, in number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$28,879 to \$44,442, or 53.9 per cent, the gain for the foreign work being the greater.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under

13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$644,044, reported by 1,103 organizations, cover running expenses, benevolences, and such items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 909 organizations in 1916, was 5,402, constituting 5.9 per cent of the 91,430 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 27,307 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 7,015.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The following table gives the principal facts in regard to the 623 ministers from whom schedules were received, distributed by states:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				A average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	623	295	187	141	\$776
Alabama.....	10	1	7	2	333
Arkansas.....	1			1	
Colorado.....	5	1	1	3	1,200
Connecticut.....	2	2			680
Delaware.....	1		1		
Florida.....	1			1	
Georgia.....	9	3	4	2	668
Illinois.....	39	23	10	6	796
Indiana.....	87	46	26	15	774
Iowa.....	21	11	3	7	1,008
Kansas.....	28	5	10	13	660
Kentucky.....	17	3	10	4	240
Maine.....	20	11	5	4	673
Maryland.....	1				
Massachusetts.....	13	10	3		1,093
Michigan.....	14	4	4	6	763
Mississippi.....	13		9	4	
Missouri.....	5	5			742
Montana.....	1			1	
Nebraska.....	3		3		
New Hampshire.....	12	9	1	2	872
New Jersey.....	10	7	2	1	683
New Mexico.....	1			1	
New York.....	53	26	11	16	781
North Carolina.....	54	30	18	6	615
North Dakota.....	1				
Ohio.....	119	52	38	29	812
Oklahoma.....	1			1	
Oregon.....	1		1		
Pennsylvania.....	21	16	3	2	647
Rhode Island.....	4	2		2	1,250
Texas.....	2		1	1	
Vermont.....	2	2			597
Virginia.....	36	22	10	4	885
Washington.....	2	1		1	800
West Virginia.....	5	1	2	2	800
Wisconsin.....	5	2	2	1	196
Wyoming.....	3			3	

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 1,213, including 159 licentiates. Of the 623 ministers from whom schedules were received, 482 were in pastoral work and 141 not in pastoral work. Of the 295 pastors, 294 reported annual salaries averaging \$776. Of those not in pastoral work, the majority were retired, a comparatively small number being in denominational work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Church (American Christian Convention).....	1,265	1,263	118,737	1,079	43,300	61,825	1,170	48	1,171	1,162	\$3,569,471
New England division:											
Maine.....	24	24	1,561	23	610	931	23	1	23	21	89,800
New Hampshire.....	19	19	1,111	19	360	751	17	2	17	17	67,600
Vermont.....	2	2	301	2	113	188	2	.....	2	2	11,000
Massachusetts.....	25	24	1,846	24	560	1,286	25	.....	25	25	236,500
Rhode Island.....	7	7	951	7	347	604	6	.....	6	6	67,700
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	77	77	4,818	66	1,742	2,671	77	.....	77	77	276,283
New Jersey.....	12	12	1,678	12	698	980	12	.....	12	12	121,300
Pennsylvania.....	53	53	4,517	41	1,465	2,062	46	1	46	47	110,050
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	224	224	26,123	186	9,125	13,775	215	2	215	213	785,695
Indiana.....	197	197	20,253	163	7,037	9,696	195	1	195	194	597,650
Illinois.....	107	106	8,391	94	3,261	4,546	104	1	104	103	211,030
Michigan.....	16	16	1,023	15	378	611	14	1	14	14	40,150
Wisconsin.....	8	8	585	7	163	163	8	.....	8	8	16,100
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	33	33	3,501	29	1,237	1,576	30	1	30	30	67,000
Missouri.....	27	27	2,157	27	925	1,232	21	6	21	21	32,000
Nebraska.....	2	2	315	2	154	161	2	.....	2	2	5,500
Kansas.....	17	17	1,033	15	394	539	14	3	14	14	22,600
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	106	106	13,558	96	5,298	7,333	104	.....	105	102	390,237
West Virginia.....	23	23	650	14	165	267	14	2	14	13	22,150
North Carolina.....	184	184	18,299	160	7,151	9,644	178	1	178	178	321,826
Georgia.....	12	12	902	8	271	323	10	.....	10	10	24,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	52	52	2,424	35	796	1,006	25	19	25	25	17,700
Alabama.....	26	26	2,140	24	884	1,174	23	1	23	23	29,000
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	2	48	2	21	27	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Mountain division:											
Wyoming.....	3	3	244	3	106	138	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	138	2	35	51	2	.....	2	2	2,800
States with one organization only.....	4	4	170	3	63	90	3	1	3	3	3,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Texas.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Church (American Christian Convention).....	1,265	107	\$147,494	183	\$379,750	1,103	\$644,044	1,110	1,115	11,093	91,853
New England division:											
Maine.....	24	2	7,000	10	26,200	19	13,962	21	21	214	1,691
New Hampshire.....	19	.....	.....	11	16,900	17	12,900	17	17	156	1,040
Vermont.....	2	.....	.....	2	2,400	2	1,827	2	2	19	126
Massachusetts.....	25	3	3,000	9	23,700	22	27,287	22	22	290	1,937
Rhode Island.....	7	1	9,400	2	7,500	7	7,083	6	6	90	598
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	77	3	11,000	41	73,300	66	51,112	64	64	618	4,308
New Jersey.....	12	3	13,200	9	27,200	12	13,487	12	12	166	2,171
Pennsylvania.....	53	2	1,300	12	19,550	40	18,622	45	45	439	3,565
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	224	15	36,784	32	74,750	198	136,080	204	206	2,569	21,178
Indiana.....	197	6	3,950	18	34,450	190	122,767	187	187	2,137	16,067
Illinois.....	107	2	4,200	11	16,100	100	46,892	98	99	938	6,794
Michigan.....	16	.....	.....	3	7,000	13	6,235	16	16	131	1,216
Wisconsin.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	1,348	8	8	109	579
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	33	1	1,000	7	13,200	31	24,329	31	31	297	2,201
Missouri.....	27	2	360	.....	.....	23	7,141	17	17	122	904
Nebraska.....	2	.....	.....	1	1,500	2	1,455	2	2	29	245
Kansas.....	17	.....	.....	1	1,200	16	6,669	16	16	175	1,050
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	106	30	39,279	10	26,800	101	71,398	95	95	1,016	8,781
West Virginia.....	23	3	168	.....	.....	11	2,582	12	12	77	915
North Carolina.....	184	30	16,510	1	3,500	166	52,918	165	167	1,008	12,408
Georgia.....	12	1	200	1	1,500	8	4,059	10	10	73	798
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	52	1	18	.....	.....	18	5,502	26	26	156	1,211
Alabama.....	26	2	125	.....	.....	23	5,852	23	23	169	1,446
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	80	1	1	7	22
Mountain division:											
Wyoming.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,045	3	3	42	262
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	.....	.....	1	1,000	3	495	3	3	19	157
States with one organization only.....	4	.....	.....	1	2,000	3	917	4	4	27	183

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Texas.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION).

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Church (American Christian Convention).....	1,265	1,263	118,737	1,079	43,300	61,825	1,170	48	1,171	1,162	\$3,569,471
Alabama.....	23	23	1,916	23	836	1,080	21	2	21	21	26,000
Central Illinois.....	28	28	2,614	25	1,011	1,388	26	.....	26	25	96,680
Central Indiana.....	10	10	1,019	7	323	401	10	.....	10	10	16,200
Central Iowa.....	5	5	520	4	193	267	5	.....	5	5	14,500
Delmarvia.....	2	2	252	1	85	150	2	.....	2	2	10,700
Des Moines.....	11	11	1,092	9	387	433	8	1	8	8	15,500
Eastern Atlantic.....	22	22	1,232	18	478	673	20	.....	20	20	16,126
Eastern Indiana.....	73	73	6,591	67	2,543	3,544	72	.....	72	71	204,425
Eastern Kansas.....	5	5	225	5	96	129	2	3	2	2	3,300
Eastern North Carolina.....	46	46	4,345	34	1,464	1,853	45	.....	45	45	90,750
Eastern Virginia.....	41	41	7,598	39	3,284	4,050	40	.....	40	40	280,350
Eastern Virginia (Negro).....	37	37	3,489	34	1,356	2,068	37	.....	38	36	67,800
Eel River.....	34	34	4,246	26	1,159	1,653	34	.....	34	34	145,175
Erie.....	12	12	1,379	10	469	839	12	.....	12	12	67,750
Georgia and Alabama.....	16	16	1,191	10	349	452	12	.....	12	12	27,000
Illinois.....	13	12	771	10	326	407	13	.....	13	13	17,500
Indiana Miami Reserve.....	29	29	2,314	16	407	641	29	.....	29	29	51,825
Kentucky Christian.....	32	32	1,490	13	313	431	19	4	19	19	8,950
Kentucky State Convention.....	26	26	1,209	24	517	631	9	15	9	9	10,400
Maine.....	13	13	813	12	300	493	12	1	12	11	53,000
Merrimack.....	11	11	807	11	286	521	9	2	9	9	33,400
Miami, Ohio.....	55	55	10,344	44	3,529	5,422	55	.....	55	55	376,660
Michigan.....	12	12	843	12	319	524	10	1	10	10	34,750
Mount Vernon.....	18	18	1,383	15	487	672	18	.....	18	18	68,600
Nebraska.....	1	1	227	1	112	115	1	.....	1	1	3,500
New Jersey.....	21	21	2,630	17	831	1,250	20	1	20	20	177,800
New York Central.....	9	9	628	8	243	355	9	.....	9	9	27,100
New York Eastern.....	43	43	3,002	35	1,065	1,612	43	.....	43	43	158,933
New York Northern.....	4	4	194	3	65	94	4	.....	4	4	9,000
New York Western.....	9	9	563	9	215	348	9	.....	9	9	32,000
North Carolina.....	51	51	5,314	51	2,245	3,069	51	.....	51	51	72,300
North Carolina and Virginia.....	36	36	4,627	33	1,885	2,553	34	.....	34	34	91,187
North Fork.....	5	5	246	5	100	146	5	.....	5	5	3,600
North Missouri.....	8	8	459	8	207	252	5	3	5	5	6,200
Northern Illinois.....	4	4	199	4	76	123	4	.....	4	4	9,000
Northern Kansas.....	5	5	388	5	161	227	4	1	4	4	7,600
Northeastern Ohio.....	1	1	34	1	11	23	1	.....	1	1	1,000
Northwestern Indiana.....	24	24	2,313	20	891	1,247	23	1	23	23	62,900
Northwestern Kansas.....	5	5	267	5	122	145	4	1	4	4	7,000
Northwestern Ohio.....	32	32	3,782	26	1,338	1,999	31	1	31	31	105,410
Ohio Central.....	20	20	1,980	20	775	1,205	20	.....	20	20	75,600
Ohio Eastern.....	28	28	1,987	23	727	1,100	27	1	27	27	29,350
Ohio Valley.....	10	10	405	10	155	250	6	1	6	5	3,600
Osage—Eastern Division.....	10	10	1,007	10	454	553	9	1	9	9	7,600
Rays Hill and Southern Pennsylvania.....	28	28	2,396	24	949	1,221	23	.....	23	24	29,750
Rhode Island and Massachusetts.....	28	28	2,465	28	807	1,658	27	.....	27	27	276,700
Richland Union.....	8	8	585	7	104	168	8	.....	8	8	16,100
Rockingham.....	16	15	1,107	15	345	762	16	.....	16	16	82,700
Scioto Valley.....	4	4	89	4	47	42	3	.....	3	3	1,500
Southern Illinois.....	13	13	802	9	244	357	13	.....	13	13	13,000
Southern Indiana.....	5	5	496	5	214	282	5	.....	5	5	30,800
Southern Kansas.....	5	5	289	3	78	111	5	.....	5	5	6,700
Southern Ohio.....	34	34	3,479	27	1,198	1,736	34	.....	34	34	49,450
Southern Wabash.....	36	36	3,238	36	1,354	1,884	35	1	35	35	53,550
Southwestern Iowa.....	13	13	1,361	12	394	611	13	.....	13	13	29,900
Southwestern West Virginia.....	3	3	77	2	20	45	1	.....	1	1	5,000
Tioga River.....	14	14	593	12	200	288	14	.....	14	14	27,100
Union Iowa.....	8	8	868	8	383	483	8	.....	8	8	14,600
Virginia Valley.....	24	24	2,075	19	533	944	22	1	22	21	30,300
West Virginia.....	15	15	336	8	67	126	11	.....	11	10	16,250
Western Illinois.....	10	10	583	7	175	278	10	.....	10	9	18,700
Western Indiana.....	37	37	5,008	34	2,086	2,742	36	.....	36	36	121,700
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana.....	5	5	260	4	99	127	5	.....	5	5	6,300
Western North Carolina.....	34	34	3,213	29	1,222	1,785	33	1	33	33	63,250
Western Osage.....	5	5	353	5	144	209	3	2	3	3	10,700
Western Pennsylvania.....	5	5	171	4	49	68	4	.....	4	4	7,800
Western Washington.....	3	3	138	2	35	51	2	.....	2	2	2,800
Wyoming.....	3	3	244	3	106	138	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York and Cumberland.....	9	9	578	9	252	326	9	3	9	8	26,800

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Church (American Christian Convention).....	1,265	107	\$147,494	183	\$379,750	1,103	\$644,044	1,110	1,115	11,093	91,853
Alabama.....	23	1	25			22	5,321	22	22	156	1,258
Central Illinois.....	28			3	5,100	27	24,535	25	25	289	2,186
Central Indiana.....	10	1	90			9	2,982	9	9	126	780
Central Iowa.....	5			3	5,000	5	9,775	5	5	61	456
Delmarvia.....	2			1	3,000	2	2,965	2	2	19	277
Des Moines.....	11			1	1,400	9	4,712	9	9	71	482
Eastern Atlantic.....	22	8	1,620			17	6,984	21	21	150	1,147
Eastern Indiana.....	73	3	2,234	5	6,500	69	51,871	69	69	781	5,927
Eastern Kansas.....	5					4	597	4	4	37	182
Eastern North Carolina.....	46	6	3,875			39	11,299	38	38	272	2,523
Eastern Virginia.....	41	10	25,177	8	22,800	39	48,693	38	38	539	5,363
Eastern Virginia (Negro).....	37	19	12,177	2	4,000	35	15,820	34	34	278	1,819
Eel River.....	34	1	650	6	13,000	33	27,958	34	34	482	3,837
Erie.....	12	2	1,300	7	13,100	12	14,701	11	11	128	1,250
Georgia and Alabama.....	16	2	300	1	1,500	10	4,650	12	12	94	1,036
Illinois.....	13	1	1,000			12	2,132	12	13	89	608
Indiana Miami Reserve.....	29	1	160			28	9,140	24	24	271	1,614
Kentucky Christian.....	32					13	1,434	12	12	70	523
Kentucky State Convention.....	26	1	18			6	4,368	17	17	101	802
Maine.....	13	2	7,000	4	13,500	10	7,495	11	11	108	1,037
Merrimack.....	11			6	8,700	10	7,710	11	11	90	635
Miami, Ohio.....	55	7	27,400	16	43,950	55	62,019	52	54	916	9,248
Michigan.....	12			3	7,000	11	5,429	12	12	97	987
Mount Vernon.....	18			1	1,500	17	8,618	17	17	163	1,048
Nebraska.....	1			1	1,500	1	1,146	1	1	17	178
New Jersey.....	21	4	18,200	14	36,650	21	20,879	21	21	274	3,069
New York Central.....	9			7	11,800	9	7,505	9	9	96	645
New York Eastern.....	43	1	2,000	21	37,700	34	27,622	33	33	314	2,111
New York Northern.....	4			2	5,000	3	2,293	4	4	34	230
New York Western.....	9	1	4,000	8	17,200	9	7,086	7	7	81	631
North Carolina.....	51	11	5,090			50	13,152	49	50	202	3,759
North Carolina and Virginia.....	36	3	7,325			33	14,384	29	30	254	2,933
North Fork.....	5					3	373	4	4	29	192
North Missouri.....	8	1	150			6	1,175	5	5	37	189
Northern Illinois.....	4			3	3,900	4	2,560	4	4	54	231
Northern Kansas.....	5			1	1,200	4	3,520	5	5	54	383
Northeastern Ohio.....	1							1	1	7	39
Northwestern Indiana.....	24			2	4,800	24	10,756	24	24	237	1,900
Northwestern Kansas.....	5					5	1,418	5	5	48	305
Northwestern Ohio.....	32	1	4,000	8	15,900	28	23,775	28	28	410	3,481
Ohio Central.....	20	1	2,500	4	6,900	19	12,310	20	20	263	1,670
Ohio Eastern.....	28	3	623			22	4,514	24	24	190	1,302
Ohio Valley.....	10	1	100			8	773	9	9	65	444
Osage—Eastern Division.....	10					9	3,088	5	5	27	312
Rays Hill and Southern Pennsylvania.....	28	1	800			18	4,523	22	22	186	1,514
Rhode Island and Massachusetts.....	28	3	11,900	9	23,700	25	28,136	25	25	315	2,121
Richland Union.....	8					8	1,348	8	8	109	579
Rockingham.....	16	1	500	9	19,100	15	14,731	13	13	183	1,230
Scioto Valley.....	4					4	288	4	4	22	129
Southern Illinois.....	13					12	1,905	10	10	66	393
Southern Indiana.....	5			2	4,200	5	3,598	5	5	46	280
Southern Kansas.....	5					5	1,493	4	4	55	269
Southern Ohio.....	34	1	600	1	500	28	6,638	31	31	306	1,844
Southern Wabash.....	36	1	3,200	1	1,500	34	12,312	35	35	346	2,611
Southwestern Iowa.....	13	1	1,000	3	6,800	13	7,465	13	13	125	1,056
Southwestern West Virginia.....	3										
Tioga River.....	14			4	2,600	13	5,119	13	13	122	824
Union Iowa.....	8	1	210			8	4,348	8	8	69	460
Virginia Valley.....	24					23	4,862	20	20	179	1,320
West Virginia.....	15	2	145			7	2,080	9	9	55	721
Western Illinois.....	10			4	5,600	10	3,453	10	10	83	631
Western Indiana.....	37	1	1,600	3	6,200	36	23,985	35	35	372	3,141
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana.....	5			1	750	3	1,297	5	5	40	289
Western North Carolina.....	34	3	525	1	3,500	32	9,197	31	31	150	2,325
Western Osage.....	5					4	907	3	3	29	150
Western Pennsylvania.....	5					1	265	4	4	20	149
Western Washington.....	3			1	1,000	3	495	3	3	19	157
Wyoming.....	3					3	1,045	3	3	42	262
York and Cumberland.....	9			6	11,700	7	4,987	8	8	73	369

## CHRISTIAN UNION.

## HISTORY.

The churches forming the denomination called the "Christian Union" trace their origin to the movement, in the first half of the nineteenth century, for a larger liberty in religious thought, a greater freedom from ecclesiastical domination, and a closer affiliation of men and women of different creeds and lines of belief. At that time a number of organizations arose, most of them having little connection with each other, and among these was the Evangelical Christian Union, consisting of seven congregations in Monroe County, Ind., gathered in 1857 by the Rev. Eli P. Farmer. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Farmer entered the Army as chaplain, and a considerable number of the members of these churches enlisted as volunteers, with the result that the organization was practically broken up.

Meanwhile the intensity of political strife became manifest in bitter political preaching, and the war spirit entered into the church services to such a degree that many ministers and laymen who were strongly opposed to the presentation of such questions from the pulpit withdrew from the different denominations. Others again, who had refused to indorse the war and countenance what they deemed "an unwarrantable meddling both North and South, which was the culmination of the great injustice and insane haste on the part of the extreme leaders of both sections," were either expelled from the churches or socially ostracized, and joined the ranks of those who were impatient under the restrictions of ecclesiastical rule.

The Rev. J. F. Given, of Columbus, Ohio, began to give expression to the sentiment of these people through his paper, the *Christian Witness*, and finally a call was issued for a convention to be held by those favorable to "forming a new church organization" on broader lines than those of the already existing denominations, and free from political bias and ecclesiastical domination. This convention met in Columbus, Ohio, February 3, 1863, and the following declaration was adopted:

Having a desire for a more perfect fellowship in Christ and a more satisfactory enjoyment of the means of religious edification and comfort, we do solemnly form ourselves into a religious society under the style of "The Christian Union," in which we avow our true and hearty faith in the received Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice, and do pledge ourselves "through Christ which strengtheneth us" to "keep and observe all things whatsoever He hath commanded us."

The next year, in 1864, a general convention was held in Terre Haute, Ind., attended by delegates from various states, at which the action of the former convention was reaffirmed, and a summary of principles was adopted as follows: (1) The oneness of the Church of Christ; (2) Christ the only head; (3) the Bible

the only rule of faith and practice; (4) good fruits the only condition of fellowship; (5) Christian union without controversy; (6) each local church self-governing; (7) political preaching discountenanced.

The movement spread rapidly. Among the leaders were the Rev. J. F. Given, the Rev. J. V. B. Flack, and the Rev. Ira Norris. The Rev. Eli P. Farmer, on his return from the Army, also joined the movement, and remained in active connection with it till his death in 1878.

The local organizations now differ somewhat in name. Most of those in the Middle West, where the movement began, use the original name, "The Christian Union," for both local and general organizations; but many of those farther west call the local organization the "Church of Christ," or the "Church of Christ in Christian Union." While differing somewhat in name, these several organizations affiliate, and recognize one another as parts of the same general movement, while the General Council in all the states is known as the "General Council of Christian Union."

## DOCTRINE.

Apart from the brief summary already given, the Christian Union can scarcely be said to have a system of doctrine. Its members believe in the generally accepted doctrines of evangelical Christians, making no distinction, however, between Arminian and Calvinist. They require no special creed, but say, as did the Apostle Paul: "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Each individual thus has the right to his own interpretation of the Scriptures, and on admission to membership is expected only to make public confession of Christ as his Saviour, state his acceptance of the Bible as the revealed Word of God, and give his promise to study it and follow its teaching as it interprets itself to him. If the congregation wishes, a vote may be taken as to the eligibility of the applicant; usually, however, unless objection is raised, the candidate is at once received, or declared admitted, by the minister, and is welcomed into full fellowship upon his compliance with the above requirements.

The Lord's Supper, baptism, and, in rare cases, foot-washing, are observed; but none of these is required. In each case the mode of baptism is that which the candidate decides to be scriptural. The ordination of ministers is in the hands of the annual councils, and follows recommendation from the local organization of which the candidate is a member. There are no orders or ranks, all being on an equality.

## POLITY.

The local church or congregation is absolutely self-governing. For purposes of fellowship, however, and for the transaction of such business as pertains to the general movement in their territory, various councils

have been organized which meet annually. Of these councils, there are four classes—charge, district, state, and general.

## WORK.

The denomination as such carries on no mission work, the members giving to causes with which they come into closest contact. Home mission boards are maintained in the various councils, and one missionary or council evangelist is engaged in each of the 9 councils to look after the work of church extension or church assistance in his respective territory. In 1916, 35 churches were aided and about \$4,000 was contributed for such work. No foreign missionary work is carried on directly, although contributions are made by churches to the work of other religious bodies.

No denominational schools exist. Sunday schools, however, are maintained, and there are a number of Christian Endeavor societies, but exact figures are not available.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Christian Union for 1916 are given, by states and councils, on pages 203 and 204, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	220	217	3	1.4
Members.....	13,692	13,905	-213	-1.5
Church edifices.....	193	188	5	2.7
Value of church property.....	\$341,510	\$299,250	\$42,260	14.1
Debt on church property.....	\$9,169	\$5,288	\$3,881	73.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	8	3	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$11,000	\$2,200	\$8,800	400.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	173	169	4	2.4
Officers and teachers.....	1,479	1,514	-35	-2.3
Scholars.....	11,582	9,234	2,348	25.4
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.0
Domestic.....	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.0
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a slight increase during the decade. Church organizations numbered 220 in 1916 as against 217 in 1906, and church edifices 193 as against 188. The membership fell somewhat—from 13,905 to 13,692—but the value of church property rose from \$299,250 to \$341,510, a gain of 14.1 per cent. Debt on church property increased from \$5,288 in 1906 to \$9,169 in 1916. Eight churches reported parsonages as against 3 in

1906, and the value reported was \$11,000 as against \$2,200. There were 173 Sunday schools with 11,582 scholars in 1916, as against 169 schools with 9,234 scholars in 1906, showing an increase of 2.4 per cent in schools and 25.4 per cent in scholars. The contributions, all for domestic purposes, were \$4,000 as against \$2,000 in 1906.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$47,079, reported by 176 organizations, covered running expenses and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 125 organizations in 1916, was 405, constituting 5 per cent of the 8,050 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 5,642 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 689.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 211. As shown by the following table, schedules were received from 173 of these, reporting 105 in pastoral work and 68 not in pastoral work. The number reported as receiving full support from their church salaries was 42, with an average annual salary of \$520. Of those not in pastoral work, 29 were in other occupations, 27 had retired from active ministry, and 12 were in educational and evangelistic work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
Pastors.		Supplies, assistants, etc.			
United States.....	173	42	63	68	\$520
Arkansas.....	7		5	2	
California.....	1			1	
Colorado.....	1			1	
Indiana.....	6	2		4	838
Iowa.....	15	5	4	6	866
Kansas.....	1			1	
Kentucky.....	6		4	2	
Michigan.....	3	1		2	
Missouri.....	33	5	15	13	447
North Carolina.....	2			2	
Ohio.....	74	24	24	26	450
Oklahoma.....	23	5	10	8	513
Tennessee.....	1		1		



CHRISTIAN UNION.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Union.....	220	220	13,692	199	5,713	7,490	192	13	193	191	\$341,510
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	123	123	7,678	118	3,282	4,219	111	6	111	111	189,985
Indiana.....	13	13	1,366	13	568	798	13	.....	13	13	29,500
Illinois.....	4	4	155	4	67	88	3	1	3	2	2,500
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	14	14	1,048	11	443	542	11	1	12	11	36,200
Missouri.....	39	39	2,382	34	958	1,294	36	2	36	36	65,800
Nebraska.....	2	2	48	1	9	10	2	.....	2	2	5,050
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	5	55	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	4	775
Tennessee.....	2	2	73	1	30	35	2	.....	2	2	1,550
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	5	5	96	4	25	44	2	1	2	2	1,000
Oklahoma.....	11	11	721	11	297	424	6	2	6	6	7,400
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	70	2	34	36	2	.....	2	2	1,750

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas and Michigan.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Union.....	220	15	\$9,169	8	\$11,000	176	\$47,079	172	173	1,479	11,582
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	123	9	4,990	5	7,200	110	26,335	112	112	967	7,483
Indiana.....	13	.....	.....	1	1,500	12	4,149	10	10	100	809
Illinois.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,355	3	3	22	137
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	14	1	1,500	1	1,500	10	4,837	10	11	103	832
Missouri.....	39	2	2,168	1	800	28	7,366	22	22	167	1,302
Nebraska.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	635	1	1	8	30
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	239	1	1	7	72
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	5	1	11	.....	.....	2	350	2	2	12	119
Oklahoma.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1,263	10	10	83	737
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	500	.....	.....	1	550	1	1	10	61

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas and Michigan.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY COUNCILS: 1916.

COUNCIL.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Union.....	220	220	13,692	199	5,713	7,490	192	13	193	191	\$341,510
Arkansas.....	5	5	96	4	25	44	2	1	2	2	1,000
Illinois.....	4	4	155	4	67	88	3	1	3	2	2,500
Indiana.....	10	10	1,146	10	469	677	10	.....	10	10	22,200
Iowa.....	16	16	1,096	12	452	552	13	1	14	13	41,250
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	7	7	128	1	30	35	6	.....	6	6	2,325
Michigan.....	1	1	45	1	24	21	1	.....	1	1	750
Missouri.....	33	33	2,201	30	890	1,216	33	.....	33	33	62,600
North Ohio.....	49	49	2,990	47	1,274	1,675	48	.....	48	48	104,160
Ohio.....	24	24	1,019	24	444	575	18	2	18	18	17,750
Oklahoma.....	11	11	721	11	297	424	6	2	6	6	7,400
South Missouri.....	7	7	206	5	78	93	4	2	4	4	4,200
South Ohio.....	53	53	3,889	50	1,663	2,090	48	4	48	48	75,375



## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY COUNCILS: 1916.

COUNCIL.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Union.....	220	15	\$9,169	8	\$11,000	176	\$47,079	172	173	1,479	11,582
Arkansas.....	5	1	11			2	350	2	2	12	119
Illinois.....	4					3	1,355	3	3	22	137
Indiana.....	10					9	3,103	7	7	63	524
Iowa.....	16	1	1,500	1	1,500	12	5,472	11	12	111	862
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	7					1	239	1	1	7	72
Michigan.....	1	1	300			1	550	1	1	10	61
Missouri.....	33	3	2,368	1	800	26	7,063	19	19	148	1,198
North Ohio.....	49	2	2,780	5	6,200	42	13,763	42	42	462	2,994
Ohio.....	24	5	1,740			23	4,786	21	21	139	869
Oklahoma.....	11					7	1,263	10	10	83	737
South Missouri.....	7					2	303	3	3	19	104
South Ohio.....	53	2	470	1	2,500	48	8,832	52	52	403	3,905

## CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST.

## HISTORY.

In the latter part of the year 1896 William S. Crowdy, a Negro man employed on the Sante Fe railroad as a cook, claimed to have a vision from God, calling him to lead his people to the true religion, and giving him prophetic endowment. He immediately gave up his employment, went into Kansas, commenced preaching, and soon after organized the Church of God and Saints of Christ, at Lawrence. At first only a few persons joined him, but the numbers increased rapidly, and the headquarters were removed to Philadelphia. He was appointed bishop of the new body, and two white men who were associated with him were subsequently raised to the same office.

## DOCTRINE.

Believing that the Negro race is descended from the ten lost tribes of Israel, the prophet taught that the Ten Commandments and a literal adherence to the teachings of the Bible, including both the Old and the New Testaments, are man's positive guides to salvation. In order, however, that the faithful may make no mistake as to the commandments which they are to follow, a pamphlet has been published by the church under the direction of the prophet, called the "Seven Keys," which includes Bible references giving the authority for the various customs and orders of the church. Among these customs are the observance of the Jewish calendar and feast days, especially the Jewish Sabbath, and the use of the corresponding Hebrew names.

Admission to the church follows repentance for sin, baptism by immersion, confession of faith in Christ, the reception of unleavened bread and water at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the washing of the feet by an elder, and the pledge of the holy kiss. The last-mentioned is also a general form of greeting, but, having been criticized severely, it is frequently omitted.

## POLITY.

The organization of the church centers in an executive board or council, called a "presbytery," consisting of 12 ordained elders and evangelists, whose duty it is to look after the general business of the church. The prophet, who is presiding officer both of the executive board and of the church, is not elected, but holds his position by virtue of a divine call. He is believed by his followers to be in direct communication with the Deity, to utter prophecies by the will of God, and to perform miracles. On his death the prophetic office lapses until a new vision appears.

There are district annual and general assemblies, composed of the different orders of the ministry, and including delegates from each local church or tabernacle. The ministerial order includes ministers not in full ordination, elders fully ordained, evangelists (elders engaged in general missionary work), and bishops, the last-mentioned not exceeding 4 in number. The ministers hold office during good behavior. The temporal affairs of the church are cared for by deacons under general supervision of the assemblies.

## WORK.

For the support of the ministry, including the prophet, tithes are collected, as well as freewill offerings, and the district assemblies are required to establish storehouses for the tithes. From these storehouses groceries and other necessities of life are sold to the members, the net receipts being used to supplement the tithes contributed for the support of the ministers in the work.

The church is a strong advocate of temperance, refusing even to use wine in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It allows marriage only within the circle of the faithful, except by special permit, and exercises a rigid censorship over all printed matter, permitting only that to be used which receives the

approval of the publishing house, and referring the decision of all disputed points to the Bible.

One of the main auxiliaries of the church is an organization known as the "Daughters of Jerusalem" and "Sisters of Mercy." It is the duty of this organization to look out for straying members, and attend to the comfort or welfare of the members of sister churches of the organization who may chance to be visiting the place in which the tabernacle is located.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of God and Saints of Christ for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	94	48	46	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	3,311	1,823	1,488	81.6
Church edifices.....	37	1	36	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$43,746	\$6,000	\$37,746	629.1
Debt on church property.....	\$11,754	.....	\$11,754	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	57	1	56	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	257	6	251	( <sup>1</sup> )
Scholars.....	1,526	150	1,376	917.3

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The figures for 1916 as compared with those for 1906 show a marked increase in every particular. The number of organizations has advanced from 48 to 94, and the number of church edifices from 1 to 37. The membership, although it increased 81.6 per cent

during the decade, shows a less proportionate advance than other items, which indicates a greater consolidation and development of work rather than great extension. The value of church property has increased from \$6,000 to \$43,746, and there is a debt of \$11,754, reported by 12 churches. No parsonages were reported. Against 1 Sunday school in 1906, there were, in 1916, 57, with 257 officers and teachers, and 1,526 scholars. No general contributions were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$18,674, reported by 45 churches; cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 53 organizations in 1916, was 408, constituting 22.9 per cent of the 1,779 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,532 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 759.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers, including those engaged in general evangelistic work, was 101, and schedules were received from 87. Of these, 27 reported annual salaries averaging \$304. Others were supported partly by voluntary offerings and partly by income from other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of God and Saints of Christ.....	94	92	3,311	92	1,170	2,141	36	25	37	26	\$43,746
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	76	2	37	39	1	.....	1	1	2,800
Connecticut.....	5	5	145	5	46	99	2	3	3	1	1,150
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	17	16	473	16	165	308	2	7	2	2	4,700
New Jersey.....	8	8	245	8	82	163	2	2	2	1	500
Pennsylvania.....	9	9	603	9	236	367	4	1	4	2	4,830
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	3	44	3	17	27	1	2	1	1	600
Illinois.....	2	2	225	2	50	175	2	.....	2	2	4,500
West North Central division:											
Kansas.....	2	2	56	2	17	39	1	1	1	.....	.....
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	3	3	82	3	31	51	1	1	1	1	300
Virginia.....	17	17	439	17	160	279	9	3	9	6	9,400
West Virginia.....	2	2	86	2	52	34	1	.....	1	1	66
North Carolina.....	11	11	301	11	92	209	5	3	5	5	3,600
Georgia.....	4	4	174	4	57	117	2	.....	2	1	1,300
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8	8	362	8	128	234	3	2	3	2	10,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of God and Saints of Christ.....	94	12	\$11,754	45	\$18,674	57	57	257	1,526
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	2	1	2,600	1	369	2	2	5	25
Connecticut.....	5			2	800	2	2	4	10
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	17	2	3,250	11	6,200	11	11	43	334
New Jersey.....	8	1	52	5	3,406	6	6	23	123
Pennsylvania.....	9	1	372	2	1,204	5	5	30	175
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	4			3	1,227	3	3	17	74
Illinois.....	2			2	1,000	2	2	15	60
West North Central division:									
Kansas.....	2					1	1	5	32
South Atlantic division:									
Maryland.....	3			1	144	2	2	13	73
Virginia.....	17	4	4,600	6	1,011	10	10	33	208
West Virginia.....	2								
North Carolina.....	11	2	180	5	1,528	9	9	44	221
Georgia.....	4	1	700	4	1,100	1	1	4	83
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8			3	685	3	3	21	108

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

### CHURCH OF THE UNIVERSAL MESSIANIC MESSAGE.

#### HISTORY.

Among the developments resulting from the introduction into the United States of the study of various phases of oriental religions, especially those in India emphasizing the mystical union of the human and divine, was the organization of the Christian Yoga Society. The founder, A. K. Mozumdar, gathered a number of followers and a society was organized at Spokane, Wash., in February, 1911, with 50 active members. For some time it developed somewhat slowly but gathered membership in different parts of the United States. After a time the organization was disbanded, and Mr. Mozumdar organized the Universal Messianic Church, or the Church of the Universal Messianic Message.

#### DOCTRINE.

The purpose of this church is to bring about unity with Omnipresent God on the part of its members, in imitation of the Great Master Jesus Christ; to heal the sick by an appeal to God for interposition of divine power; to teach, preach, and demonstrate the great mystery of life; and to endeavor to secure that health and inspiration which comes from living a life close to God.

It recognizes no creed or confession and observes no sacrament, the only condition imposed on members being that they have an earnest desire to help humanity to a higher and holier idea of God and their fellow men. The attitude toward other creeds is one of good will and brotherly love, holding that all have their place in the school of the evolution of man.

#### POLITY.

The societies or churches are distinctly independent in their organization. In the beginning there were ordained ministers, but subsequently the ministerial office was discontinued. Each individual member is supposed to gain his own understanding through earnest study and prayer.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of the Universal Messianic Message for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. They reported 5 organizations, 3 in the state of Washington, 1 in California, and 1 in New Jersey. The total membership was 266—98 males and 168 females. There were 5 places of worship, though no church edifices, but 2 of the organizations reported property valued at \$425, probably including the furnishings of rooms used for worship. Four Sunday schools were reported, 3 of them in Washington and 1 in California, with 13 officers and teachers and 80 scholars.

Expenditures amounting to \$2,816 for the conduct of the organizations were reported by 3 of the churches.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 5 organizations in 1916, was 3, out of the total number of 266 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

In 1916, 4 ministers were reported as connected with the denomination, but since that time, as stated above, the ministerial office has been dropped.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Universal Messianic Message .....	5	5	266	5	98	168	.....	5	.....	2	\$425
Pacific division: Washington.....	3	3	171	3	72	99	.....	3	.....	2	425
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	95	2	26	69	.....	2	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California and New Jersey.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Universal Messianic Message.....	5	.....	.....	3	\$2,816	4	4	13	80
Pacific division: Washington.....	3	.....	.....	2	1,610	3	3	8	65
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	.....	.....	1	1,206	1	1	5	15

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California and New Jersey.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

HISTORY.

In their early history the churches which gathered under the leadership of Thomas and Alexander Campbell <sup>1</sup> emphasized the distinctively apostolic character of the individual church, not merely as a worshipping congregation and a working force, but as an autonomous ecclesiastical body. As set forth in the "declaration and address," by Alexander Campbell, they deplored human creeds and systems and protested against considering anything as a matter of faith and duty for which there could not be produced a "Thus saith the Lord," either in expressed terms or from approved precedent, and held that they should follow "after the example of the primitive church exhibited in the New Testament without any additions whatever of human opinions or inventions of men." With this basis of action they adopted as the keynote of their movement, "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent."

As the churches increased in membership and wealth, however, there arose what seemed to some to be a desire for popularity and for such "human inventions" as had been deplored in the beginning of the movement. Chief among these "inventions" were, a general organization of the churches into a missionary

<sup>1</sup>See Disciples of Christ, p. 244.

society with a "money basis" of membership, and the use of instrumental music in church worship. The agitation for the organization of a missionary society began soon after 1840, and continued until the American Christian Missionary Society was formed in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1849. Although this received Mr. Campbell's approval, many of his followers were dissatisfied and held firmly to the earlier position, quoting his own language in speaking of the apostolic Christians:

Their churches were not fractured into missionary societies, Bible societies, and educational societies; nor did they dream of organizing such. \* \* \* They knew nothing of the hobbies of modern times. In their church capacity alone they moved. \* \* \* They viewed the Church of Jesus Christ as the scheme of salvation to ameliorate the world. As members of it they considered themselves bound to do all they could for the glory of God and the good of men. They dared not transfer to a missionary society a cent or a prayer, lest in so doing they should rob the Church of its glory and exalt the inventions of men above the wisdom of God.

A society with a "money basis" and a delegated membership, it was urged, was the beginning of apostasy from New Testament Christianity. The article in the constitution of the missionary society which gave more offense than any other, because, in the view of some, it established a "money basis" and created a "moneyed aristocracy," read as follows: "The society shall be composed of annual delegates, life members, and life directors. Any church may appoint a delegate for an

annual contribution of \$10; and \$20 paid at one time shall be requisite to constitute a member for life." Various and earnest efforts were made at different times to dissuade them from this "departure from New Testament Christianity," but without avail.

The question as to the use of instrumental music in the services of the church became an issue as early as 1859, when a melodeon was placed in the church at Midway, Ky. Much opposition was aroused, and the claim was made that instrumental music in the church services "ministered to pride and worldliness, was without the sanction of New Testament precept and example, and was consequently unscriptural and sinful."

Other matters in regard to which there was controversy were the introduction of the "modern pastor" and the adoption of "unscriptural means of raising money."

It was inevitable that such divergencies of opinion should result in the formation of opposing parties, and these parties were variously called "Conservatives" and "Progressives," or "Antis" and "Digressives." Actual divisions, however, came slowly. Many who sympathized with the Progressives continued to worship and work with the Conservatives because they had no other church facilities; on the other hand, many Conservatives associated with the Progressives for a similar reason.

In the census report for 1890 both parties were reported together under the title Disciples of Christ. In the report for 1906 the Churches of Christ were reported separately, but the results were not altogether satisfactory, as it was difficult to draw the line between them and the Disciples of Christ. The report for 1916 was far more complete, and the large increase, noted below, does not indicate the organization of new churches so much as a more nearly accurate alignment of churches which in 1906 were either not reported at all or were included with the Disciples of Christ.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine and polity the Churches of Christ are, in some respects, in accord with the Disciples of Christ.<sup>1</sup> They reject all human creeds and confessions, consider the Scriptures a sufficient rule of faith and practice, emphasize the "divine sonship of Jesus" and the "divine personality of the Holy Spirit," and regard the Lord's Supper as a memorial service rather than as a sacrament, to be observed each Lord's Day. The church, with such officers as belonged to it in apostolic times, is considered a divine institution. Each local church is independent; it elects its own officers, calls its own ministers, and conducts its own affairs. Membership is on the general basis of faith in Christ, repentance,

and baptism (immersion). The ministerial office is not emphasized, the term "elder" being preferred, and there are no ministerial associations. Each elder is a member of the church which he serves, and is subject to its discipline. In general, the doctrine on nonresistance is advocated.

#### WORK.

The opposition to missionary societies on the part of the Churches of Christ does not imply any lack of interest in missionary work, which has been fully developed since the division. They are rapidly establishing new churches in different parts of the United States, and are carrying on missionary work in Japan, India, and Africa. The work in Armenia and Persia has been destroyed by the ravages of war.

The educational institutions of the Churches of Christ include 6 Bible or Christian Colleges, with 58 teachers, 1,213 students, and property valued at \$200,500; a normal and business college, with 12 teachers, 423 students, and property valued at \$50,000; a classical institute, with 6 teachers, 81 students, and property valued at \$25,000; an orphan school, with 6 teachers, 65 pupils, and property valued at \$100,000; and 3 orphanages, with 234 orphans. These institutions are located in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Churches of Christ for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 209 and 210; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal statistics for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	5,570	2,649	2,921	110.3
Members.....	317,937	159,658	158,279	99.1
Church edifices.....	4,342	1,974	2,368	120.0
Value of church property.....	\$5,644,096	\$2,555,372	\$3,088,724	120.9
Debt on church property.....	\$136,003	\$76,208	\$59,795	78.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	22	21	1	(1)
Value.....	\$28,900	\$22,900	\$6,000	26.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	3,441	1,260	2,181	173.1
Officers and teachers.....	15,213	5,112	10,101	197.6
Scholars.....	167,809	56,086	111,723	199.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has experienced a marked gain in almost every particular. The number of organizations reported increased from 2,649 to 5,570, showing a gain of 110.3 per cent, and the membership advanced from 159,658 to 317,937, or 99.1 per cent. Similar increases are noted in church edifices and in value of church property—each advancing 120 per cent—while the

<sup>1</sup> See Disciples of Christ, p. 244.

debt on church property increased from \$76,208 in 1906 to \$136,003 in 1916, or 78.5 per cent. There was an even greater gain in Sunday schools. The number of schools increased from 1,260 to 3,441, or 173.1 per cent; the number of officers and teachers increased from 5,112 to 15,213, or 197.6 per cent; and the number of scholars increased from 56,086 to 167,809, or 199.2 per cent. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased by 1 only, but the value of parsonages increased from \$22,900 to \$28,900, or 26.2 per cent. No report was made of contributions for missions and benevolences.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$679,191, reported by 2,168 organizations, cover running expenses and all items passing through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,751 organizations in 1916, was 2,127, constituting 2 per cent of the 108,845 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 209,092 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 6,213.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 5,570 organizations, with 317,937 members, all but 1 reported services conducted in English only. This organization, with 135 members, reported the use of 4 languages in the church services—German, Polish, Russian, and Yiddish. In 1906, 1 organization, with 21 members, reported German only, the remaining organizations using English only.

The denomination reports 2,507 elders (or ministers), but no schedules were received.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Churches of Christ.....	5,570	5,570	317,937	5,569	132,755	185,057	4,334	1,199	4,342	4,373	\$5,644,096
New England division:											
Maine.....	6	6	153	6	48	105	3	3	3	3	4,750
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	32	32	1,295	32	549	746	21	10	21	21	50,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	139	139	9,004	139	3,637	5,367	126	13	126	126	202,473
Indiana.....	210	210	16,512	210	6,980	9,532	202	7	202	201	309,400
Illinois.....	103	103	6,726	103	3,925	3,925	96	5	96	97	155,800
Michigan.....	17	17	1,398	17	533	865	10	7	10	10	72,900
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	30	30	1,534	30	617	917	26	4	26	26	41,000
Missouri.....	279	279	15,180	278	6,043	8,992	239	39	239	241	264,450
North Dakota.....	2	2	44	2	15	29	2	2	2	2	.....
South Dakota.....	3	3	39	3	18	21	3	3	3	3	.....
Nebraska.....	31	31	1,252	31	500	732	23	8	23	23	31,000
Kansas.....	110	110	5,573	110	2,300	3,273	93	17	93	93	153,050
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	13	13	841	13	321	520	13	.....	13	13	10,850
West Virginia.....	182	182	10,342	182	4,291	6,051	163	18	163	163	226,100
North Carolina.....	21	21	951	21	380	571	19	1	19	19	16,250
Georgia.....	58	58	2,671	58	1,114	1,557	43	15	43	46	46,375
Florida.....	74	74	2,865	74	1,234	1,631	60	14	60	62	63,650
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	330	330	24,216	330	9,989	14,227	295	30	295	303	374,516
Tennessee.....	995	995	63,521	995	28,676	36,845	872	120	872	874	1,162,060
Alabama.....	361	361	20,943	361	9,031	11,912	307	52	307	312	311,780
Mississippi.....	122	122	5,994	122	2,591	3,403	97	25	97	97	74,980
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	514	514	26,239	514	11,396	14,843	390	123	390	399	311,987
Louisiana.....	38	38	1,268	38	550	718	22	14	22	22	36,425
Oklahoma.....	481	481	21,700	481	9,059	12,641	234	245	234	236	253,635
Texas.....	1,240	1,240	71,542	1,240	29,445	42,097	899	328	907	903	1,376,135
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3	3	41	3	15	26	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	9	9	364	9	166	198	5	4	5	5	3,300
Wyoming.....	2	2	19	2	8	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	11	11	588	11	268	320	6	4	6	6	9,650
New Mexico.....	51	51	1,333	51	534	799	13	38	13	13	11,750
Arizona.....	7	7	239	7	104	135	1	6	1	1	1,500
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	34	34	1,194	34	478	716	20	14	20	21	20,880
Oregon.....	23	23	1,133	23	521	612	18	5	18	18	17,050
California.....	35	35	1,149	35	495	654	17	18	17	18	29,200
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	94	4	48	46	1	2	1	1	700

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, District of Columbia, Minnesota, and New York.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Churches of Christ.....	5,570	276	\$136,003	22	\$28,900	2,168	\$679,191	3,408	3,441	15,213	167,809
New England division:											
Maine.....	6					1	520	2	2	8	80
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	32	1	1,200			14	18,414	14	14	56	538
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	139	14	8,873			51	13,994	64	64	302	3,294
Indiana.....	210	11	10,840	1	1,000	79	26,855	68	68	347	4,017
Illinois.....	103	5	1,739	1	3,500	34	12,819	40	40	231	2,547
Michigan.....	17	3	1,325			13	12,491	12	12	97	973
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	30	2	370			9	2,425	16	16	57	628
Missouri.....	279	16	5,015			100	22,887	155	155	735	7,683
North Dakota.....	2							2	3	10	47
South Dakota.....	3					1	104	1	1	1	17
Nebraska.....	31	4	1,500	1	1,000	11	4,942	14	14	69	599
Kansas.....	110	9	5,977	1	800	45	21,059	58	59	273	3,093
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	13					1	25	9	9	38	385
West Virginia.....	182	15	10,141			60	16,708	94	95	412	4,777
North Carolina.....	21	1	200			12	1,266	13	15	41	458
Georgia.....	58	4	850			31	9,757	35	36	151	1,763
Florida.....	74	6	1,730			34	6,768	50	52	192	1,843
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	330	14	6,828			133	48,197	217	218	1,020	11,081
Tennessee.....	995	46	23,400	4	8,500	370	124,030	802	804	3,664	40,427
Alabama.....	361	7	1,215	1	1,000	149	29,970	279	284	1,161	12,251
Mississippi.....	122	2	831			42	7,449	78	79	288	2,724
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	54	26	9,247	2	2,200	216	39,216	309	313	1,382	14,432
Louisiana.....	38	3	1,070			20	3,607	17	17	69	628
Oklahoma.....	481	18	3,847			231	62,726	246	250	1,016	11,657
Texas.....	1,240	59	37,779	9	9,000	431	174,593	710	715	3,247	38,104
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3					1	70	3	3	6	52
Idaho.....	9					4	781	7	8	22	265
Wyoming.....	2										
Colorado.....	11	1	264			6	1,072	7	8	36	385
New Mexico.....	51					20	3,555	22	23	63	654
Arizona.....	7	1	150			6	711	5	5	14	201
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	34	3	242			13	2,820	20	20	69	760
Oregon.....	23	1	140	1	400	7	925	15	15	63	711
California.....	35	4	1,230	1	1,500	20	7,998	21	21	64	660
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4					3	437	3	3	9	75

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, District of Columbia, Minnesota, and New York.

## CHURCHES OF GOD, GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

## HISTORY.

The denomination known as the General Assembly of the Churches of God had its origin in the conviction of a number of people, in different denominations in Tennessee, that existing bodies with which they were acquainted were not strictly in accord with their views of Scripture, and in the belief that their wishes for a body conforming to their own views must be satisfied. The first organization was formed in August, 1886, in Monroe County, Tenn., under the name "Christian Union." In 1902 there was a reorganization under the name "Holiness Church," and in January, 1907, a third meeting, at Union Grove, Bradley County, Tenn., adopted the name "Church of God," with a membership of 150, representing 5 local churches in North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. From that time the body has grown until it is represented in 22 states and has churches in the British West Indies. The headquarters in 1916 were in Cleveland, Tenn.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine this body is Arminian and in accord with the Methodist bodies. It recognizes no creed as authoritative, but relies upon the Bible "as a whole rightly divided" as the final court of appeals. It emphasizes sanctification as a second definite experience subsequent to regeneration. Conditions of membership are profession of faith in Christ, experience of being "born again," bearing the fruits of a Christian life, and recognition of the obligation to accept and practice all the teachings of the church. The sacraments observed are: The Lord's Supper, foot-washing, and water baptism by immersion.

## POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization is described as "a blending of congregational and episcopal, ending in theocratical, by which is meant that every question is to be decided by God's Word." The pastor of the local church is the chief ruler, and after conference with the board of deacons and the men of the church



for the purpose of ascertaining the general sentiment, he announces the decision without committing the matter to a vote of the people.

The officers of the churches are bishops, deacons, and evangelists. Bishops and deacons must be at least 24 years of age, have experienced sanctification and baptism with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and must prove themselves to have lived what they profess. There is no age limit for evangelists. All are required to have a fair general education, good judgment, wisdom, and ability to speak.

When a reasonable number of churches have been organized in a state, an annual state assembly is held, not legislative in character, but rather educational, and for the advancement of the interests of the church in that state. A General Assembly, convened annually and composed of representatives from all states, provinces, and countries, is recognized as the Supreme Council.

The missionary work of the denomination, both home and foreign, is under the supervision of a general overseer appointed by the General Assembly, who is assisted by 12 men, from whom he selects a secretary for home missions and one for foreign missions.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Assembly of the Churches of God for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

As this is a newly organized denomination, there are no figures for 1906 with which comparison can

be made. The total number of organizations reported in 1916 was 202, and the membership 7,784. There were 122 church edifices, church property valued at \$73,283, and 31 organizations reported a debt on church property of \$6,639. Parsonages, with a total value of \$3,000, were reported by 4 churches. There were 143 Sunday schools reported, with 740 officers and teachers, and 6,475 scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences were not reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$32,090, reported by 149 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 161 organizations in 1916, was 367, constituting 5.5 per cent of the 6,644 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,140 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 430.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 202 organizations, 201, with 7,765 members, reported services in English only, and 1, with 19 members, reported services conducted in Spanish and English.

This is a general evangelistic body and a considerable number of persons are on the ministerial lists who are not closely identified with pastoral work. Of the 477 claimed by the denomination, schedules were received from 210, and of these, 81 reported annual salaries averaging \$232.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Churches of God, General Assembly, ....	202	202	7,784	201	2,657	5,104	120	50	122	125	\$73,283
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	3	58	3	14	44	.....	3	.....	1	30
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	128	2	43	85	2	.....	2	2	1,300
Virginia.....	13	13	344	13	135	209	5	3	5	5	2,050
West Virginia.....	7	7	146	7	50	96	3	3	3	3	6,200
North Carolina.....	8	8	285	8	99	186	4	4	4	5	3,800
South Carolina.....	2	2	89	2	35	54	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	27	27	978	27	352	626	18	7	18	18	9,405
Florida.....	44	44	1,294	44	468	826	26	9	26	27	16,790
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	6	6	203	5	43	137	3	3	3	3	850
Tennessee.....	39	39	2,288	39	733	1,555	32	4	33	32	17,523
Alabama.....	27	27	918	27	319	599	13	5	13	16	7,335
Mississippi.....	11	11	510	11	178	332	6	3	7	5	2,550
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	3	3	149	3	53	96	3	.....	3	3	1,400
Texas.....	3	3	84	3	31	53	2	1	2	2	1,700
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	2	2	46	2	18	28	1	1	1	1	350
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	264	5	86	178	2	2	2	2	2,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, and Indiana.



ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Churches of God, General Assembly . . . . .	202	31	\$6,639	4	\$3,000	149	\$32,090	142	143	740	6,475
East North Central division:											
Ohio . . . . .	3					3	184	3	3	15	82
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland . . . . .	2					1	500	2	2	13	90
Virginia . . . . .	13					6	915	8	8	36	335
West Virginia . . . . .	7	1	250			6	391	6	6	35	207
North Carolina . . . . .	8	2	630			6	1,778	7	7	30	294
South Carolina . . . . .	2					1	188	2	2	7	75
Georgia . . . . .	27	4	1,189	1	500	22	6,556	22	22	97	907
Florida . . . . .	44	5	1,368	2	1,500	32	7,065	22	22	114	787
East South Central division:											
Kentucky . . . . .	6	1	125	1	1,000	4	738	5	6	20	196
Tennessee . . . . .	39	13	2,324			35	7,957	34	34	215	1,886
Alabama . . . . .	27	2	203			18	3,135	17	17	86	888
Mississippi . . . . .	11	1	60			6	690	5	5	23	232
West South Central division:											
Louisiana . . . . .	3	1	40			3	830	2	2	8	99
Texas . . . . .	3					1	50	3	3	17	117
Mountain division:											
New Mexico . . . . .	2					1	15	2	2	9	50
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5	1	450			4	1,098	2	2	15	230

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, and Indiana.

## CHURCHES OF GOD IN NORTH AMERICA, GENERAL ELDERSHIP OF THE.

### HISTORY.

The revival movement which spread through the United States during the early part of the nineteenth century was not felt as much in the Reformed as in the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches. In one case, however, it made itself apparent, and its fruits are seen in the denomination known as the "General Eldership of the Churches of God in North America," popularly known as "Winebrennerian," from the name of the founder.

John Winebrenner was born in the Glade valley, Woodsborough district, Frederick County, Md., March 25, 1797, his parents being of German descent. Baptized and confirmed in the German Reformed Church (now the Reformed Church in the United States), he early showed an inclination to the ministry, and after completing a course at the district school, an academy at Frederick, and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., he went to Philadelphia to study theology under Dr. Samuel Helfenstein. While here, on April 6, 1817, he passed through a peculiar religious experience which he interpreted as sound conversion, and from that moment the work of the ministry, which he had hitherto regarded with more or less indifference, became "the uppermost desire of his heart."

On September 24, 1820, he was ordained in Hagerstown, Md. He then accepted a call to Harrisburg, Pa., with charge of three other churches, commencing his work there October 22, 1820. He was earnest and energetic in his pulpit ministrations, preached experimental religion, sought to raise the standard of true piety, and organized Sunday schools and other church

agencies. So searching and impressive was his preaching that many of his hearers became seriously alarmed about their spiritual condition. Revivals of religion were new experiences in the churches of that region, so that his ministry early awakened strong opposition. Some of the members of his charge became much dissatisfied, and the matter was brought to the attention of the Synod of the Reformed Church, which met at Harrisburg, September 29, 1822. The case was not finally disposed of until some time in 1828, when Mr. Winebrenner's connection with the German Reformed Church was finally severed.

After his separation from the Reformed Church, his labors extended to surrounding districts and towns, and were attended by extensive revivals of religion. Gradually his views changed on a number of doctrinal points and on the ordinances or sacraments, and in 1829 he organized an independent church, calling it simply the "Church of God." Others followed, both in and around Harrisburg, each assuming the name of "Church of God at ———." These churches, in which all members, baptized believers, had equal rights, elected and licensed men to preach, but there was as yet no common bond, general organization, or directing authority. Finally, for the purpose of adopting a regular system of cooperation, a meeting was held at Harrisburg in October, 1830, which was attended by six of the licensed ministers. At this meeting an "eldership," to consist of an equal number of teaching and ruling elders, was organized, which, to distinguish it from the local church eldership, was called "The General Eldership of the Church of God." The work continued to grow and spread to adjoining

counties, to the state of Maryland, and to western Pennsylvania and Ohio, where elderships were organized. On May 26, 1845, delegates from these three elderships met at Pittsburgh, Pa., and organized the "General Eldership of the Church of God in North America," which name was changed in 1896 to the "General Eldership of the Churches of God in North America." The eldership in eastern Pennsylvania dropped the word "General" and became the "East Pennsylvania Eldership of the Church of God."

Missionaries were sent into the Western states, and churches were organized in Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington. In nearly all these states and territories, annual elderships have been organized, in cooperation with the General Eldership.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Churches of God are evangelical and orthodox, and Arminian rather than Calvinistic. They hold as distinctive views, that sectarianism is anti-scriptural; that each local church is a church of God, and should be so called; that in general, Bible things, as church offices and customs, should be known by Bible names, and a Bible name should not be applied to any thing not mentioned in the Bible; and that there are not two, but three, ordinances that are perpetually obligatory, namely: Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the religious washing of the saints' feet. The last two they regard as companion ordinances, which are always to be observed together, and in the evening. The only form of baptism recognized is the immersion of believers. They have no written creed, but accept the Word of God as their only rule of faith and practice. They insist strongly on the doctrines of the Trinity, human depravity, atonement through the sacrifice of Christ, the office and work of the Holy Spirit, man's moral agency, justification by faith, repentance and regeneration, practical piety, the observance of the Lord's Day, the resurrection of the dead, the eternal being of the soul, and future and eternal rewards and punishments.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the churches is presbyterian. Each local church votes for a pastor, but the annual elderships make the appointments within their own boundaries. The church elects its own elders and deacons, who with the pastor constitute the church council, and are the governing power, having charge of the admission of members and the general care of the

church work. The ministers within a certain territory, and an equal number of laymen elected by the various churches (or charges), constitute annual elderships, corresponding to presbyteries, which have the exclusive right to ordain ministers. Laymen, on recommendation of churches, may be licensed as exhorters. The different annual elderships combine to form the General Eldership, which meets once in four years, and is composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay representatives (elders) elected by the annual elderships.

#### WORK.

The missionary activities of the Churches of God are under the control of the Board of Missions of the General Eldership, composed of persons elected quadrennially. There is also a Woman's General Missionary Society, independent in its organization, but under the general supervision and control of the Board of Missions.

For home mission work the denomination raised in 1916 the sum of \$2,824, which was expended in general evangelistic work, in church extension, and in aiding weak churches. There were 13 missionaries employed, and 24 churches aided.

The foreign mission work dates from October, 1896, when the first missionary sailed for India, and is in the hands of the Woman's General Missionary Society, subject to the control of the Board of Missions. The report for 1916 shows 3 stations, occupied by 4 missionaries and 11 native helpers. These missionaries are stationed in the Bogra District in Bengal and use the Bengali language in their work. They report 1 native church organized, with 27 members, and 7 schools, with 188 pupils. The contributions for this work in 1916 amounted to \$4,162, and there is property valued at about \$20,000. The work progresses slowly, as the Bogra population is very largely Mohammedan.

The educational work of the Churches of God, in its permanent form, began in 1881, when Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, was incorporated. Fort Scott Collegiate Institute, in Kansas, originally established in 1901, was adopted by the General Eldership in 1905. The report for 1916 shows about 300 students in these 2 institutions, property valued at \$138,479, and an endowment fund of \$135,664, while the contributions for its support amounted to \$15,000.

There is a publishing house and bookstore at Harrisburg, Pa., worth over \$100,000 where the Church Advocate and other journals are published.

The number of Young People's Societies reported was 213, with 8,469 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Eldership of the Churches of God for 1916 are given, by states and elderships, on pages 215 and 216, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	443	518	-75	-14.5
Members.....	28,376	24,356	4,020	16.5
Church edifices.....	391	417	-26	-6.2
Value of church property.....	\$1,418,787	\$1,050,706	\$368,081	35.0
Debt on church property.....	\$90,958	\$44,350	\$46,608	105.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	112	79	33	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$194,600	\$130,051	\$64,549	49.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	393	411	-18	-4.4
Officers and teachers.....	4,706	4,253	453	10.7
Scholars.....	39,259	29,487	9,772	33.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$21,992	\$26,550	-\$4,558	-17.2
Domestic.....	\$17,830	\$21,550	-\$3,720	-17.3
Foreign.....	\$4,162	\$5,000	-\$838	-16.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table there appears to have been a falling off in the number of organizations, church edifices, and Sunday schools, but a considerable increase in the membership, value of church property, debt on church property, number of churches reporting parsonages, value of parsonages, and number of Sunday school scholars. There were 443 organizations reported in 1916, as against 518 in 1906, a loss of 14.5 per cent, and 391 church edifices, as against 417, a loss of 6.2 per cent. Membership, however, increased from 24,356 to 28,376, or 16.5 per cent, and the value of church property from \$1,050,706 to \$1,418,787, a gain of 35 per cent. Sunday schools decreased in number from 411 to 393, but gained both in number of officers and teachers and in number of scholars, the latter increasing from 29,487 to 39,259, or 33.1 per cent. Contributions for benevolent purposes diminished from \$26,550 to \$21,992, a loss of 17.2 per cent, the greater loss being in contributions for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members

under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$266,338, reported by 402 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 310 organizations in 1916, was 1,129, constituting 5.4 per cent of the 21,015 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 7,361 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,524.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 443 organizations, 437, with 28,028 members, reported services conducted in English only; 5 organizations, with 314 members, in German and English; and 1, with 34 members, in Slavic only. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 2 in the number of organizations using a foreign language, and of 53 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 427. As shown by the following table, 187 sent in schedules of whom 124 reported annual salaries averaging \$650. A considerable number of those reporting stated that they were also engaged in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	187	128	43	16	\$650
Arkansas.....	6		6		
Colorado.....	2	2			417
Idaho.....	2	1	1		200
Illinois.....	14	13	1		585
Indiana.....	7	6	1		717
Iowa.....	8	8			808
Kansas.....	4	3	1		500
Maryland.....	7	5	2		475
Michigan.....	3	1	2		675
Missouri.....	11	2	8	1	875
Nebraska.....	2		1	1	
Ohio.....	25	19	4	2	555
Oklahoma.....	2	1	1		503
Pennsylvania.....	83	62	10	11	700
West Virginia.....	11	5	5	1	625

CHURCHES OF GOD IN NORTH AMERICA.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Churches of God in North America, General Eldership of the .....	443	440	28,376	417	10,758	15,826	391	35	391	390	\$1,418,787
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania .....	177	177	14,370	166	5,235	8,019	168	4	168	171	918,542
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	66	63	3,374	60	1,244	1,902	62	2	62	62	148,650
Indiana .....	29	29	2,064	29	838	1,226	28	1	28	28	85,600
Illinois .....	26	26	1,516	25	554	832	25	1	25	24	75,400
Michigan .....	10	10	282	10	116	166	9	1	9	8	14,300
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	20	20	907	19	308	474	19	1	19	19	45,700
Missouri .....	27	27	986	23	358	524	15	5	15	11	10,975
Nebraska .....	2	2	93	2	39	54	2	.....	2	2	3,200
Kansas .....	11	11	935	11	423	512	9	1	9	9	12,950
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	27	27	1,797	27	758	1,039	26	1	26	27	50,300
West Virginia .....	25	25	1,056	22	434	533	14	11	14	14	34,300
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	14	14	564	14	276	288	8	5	8	9	3,970
Oklahoma .....	5	5	209	5	77	132	3	2	3	3	5,900
Mountain division:											
Idaho .....	1	1	86	1	33	53	1	.....	1	1	4,000
Colorado .....	3	3	137	3	65	72	2	.....	2	2	5,000

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Churches of God in North America, General Eldership of the .....	443	50	\$90,958	112	\$194,600	402	\$266,338	388	393	4,706	39,259
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania .....	177	30	76,035	62	139,050	170	168,533	168	170	2,368	22,078
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	66	7	4,027	6	9,800	62	29,423	60	60	714	5,480
Indiana .....	29	2	825	5	11,500	28	15,602	26	26	346	2,340
Illinois .....	26	.....	.....	21	21,550	25	11,832	25	25	251	1,814
Michigan .....	10	1	650	1	500	9	3,317	10	12	95	636
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	20	1	195	4	5,200	19	11,261	18	18	174	1,066
Missouri .....	27	.....	.....	7	500	16	1,909	17	17	136	820
Nebraska .....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	333	2	3	18	65
Kansas .....	11	1	50	1	600	8	7,871	9	9	98	803
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	27	3	4,200	3	3,900	27	7,853	23	23	270	2,283
West Virginia .....	25	4	4,476	.....	.....	20	4,421	16	16	145	1,134
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	481	6	6	33	250
Oklahoma .....	5	.....	.....	1	1,000	5	1,152	4	4	26	180
Mountain division:											
Idaho .....	1	1	500	.....	.....	1	650	1	1	12	70
Colorado .....	3	.....	.....	1	1,000	3	1,700	3	3	20	240

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY ELDERSHIPS: 1916.

ELDERSHIP.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Churches of God in North America, General Eldership of the.....	443	440	28,376	417	10,758	15,826	391	35	391	390	\$1,418,787
Arkansas and Oklahoma.....	4	4	122	4	41	81	3	1	3	3	1,335
East Pennsylvania.....	122	122	10,341	113	3,730	5,843	115	3	115	118	778,542
Illinois.....	26	26	1,516	25	554	832	25	1	25	24	75,400
Indiana.....	30	30	2,078	30	844	1,234	29	1	29	29	86,600
Iowa.....	25	25	1,077	23	366	561	23	2	23	23	52,600
Kansas.....	17	17	1,201	17	544	657	13	2	13	13	22,950
Maryland and Virginia.....	30	30	1,880	30	796	1,084	29	1	29	30	53,700
Michigan.....	9	9	268	9	110	158	8	1	8	7	13,300
Missouri.....	23	23	902	20	333	490	12	4	12	8	8,075
Nebraska.....	2	2	93	2	39	54	2	.....	2	2	3,200
Ohio.....	59	56	3,171	54	1,178	1,793	55	2	55	55	137,650
Texas and Arkansas.....	12	12	522	12	256	266	6	5	6	7	3,485
West Pennsylvania.....	46	46	3,600	44	1,331	1,921	45	1	45	45	127,600
West Virginia, North.....	22	22	1,081	21	454	599	20	1	20	20	47,400
West Virginia, South.....	16	16	524	13	182	253	6	10	6	6	6,900

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ELDERSHIPS: 1916.

ELDERSHIP.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Churches of God in North America, General Eldership of the.....	443	50	\$90,958	112	\$194,600	402	\$266,338	388	393	4,706	39,259
Arkansas and Oklahoma.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	288	4	4	17	145
East Pennsylvania.....	122	23	74,385	48	112,250	116	139,284	116	116	1,872	17,179
Illinois.....	26	.....	.....	21	21,550	25	11,832	25	25	251	1,814
Indiana.....	30	2	825	5	11,500	29	15,772	27	27	354	2,390
Iowa.....	25	2	695	4	5,200	22	12,344	22	22	217	1,236
Kansas.....	17	1	50	3	2,600	14	10,631	14	14	135	1,138
Maryland and Virginia.....	30	4	4,350	3	3,900	30	8,185	26	26	295	2,485
Michigan.....	9	1	650	1	500	8	3,147	9	11	87	586
Missouri.....	23	.....	.....	7	500	14	1,476	14	14	105	720
Nebraska.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	333	2	3	18	65
Ohio.....	59	6	3,727	6	9,800	56	28,248	55	55	675	5,195
Texas and Arkansas.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	285	4	4	25	190
West Pennsylvania.....	46	6	1,500	14	26,800	45	27,025	43	45	413	4,197
West Virginia, North.....	22	4	3,276	.....	.....	20	6,786	17	17	172	1,341
West Virginia, South.....	16	1	1,500	.....	.....	12	702	10	10	70	578

CHURCHES OF THE LIVING GOD.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Under this head are included three bodies of Negro churches, similar in general type though differing in many details. The Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship was reported in 1906 as Christian Workers for Friendship, and the Church of the Living God, General Assembly, is the same as the Apostolic Church of 1906. The Church of Christ in

God, reported in 1906, has been consolidated with the Christian Workers for Fellowship. The Church of the Living God is a new body, organized in the state of Texas.

The denominations grouped under the name "Churches of the Living God" in 1916 and 1906 are listed below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. Certain changes in names and organizations, as mentioned above, will be noted.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF CHURCHES OF THE LIVING GOD: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
<b>CHURCHES OF THE LIVING GOD.</b>										
<b>1916.</b>										
Church of the Living God.....	28	1,743	27	\$23,875	\$1,033	.....	.....	27	129	491
Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship....	155	9,626	60	78,955	7,380	.....	.....	99	296	2,328
Church of the Living God, General Assembly.....	10	266	6	12,700	7,100	1	\$250	10	35	168
<b>1906.</b>										
Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Friendship....	44	2,676	27	23,175	1,710	.....	.....	43	122	886
Church of the Living God (Apostolic Church).....	15	752	12	25,700	1,600	2	1,500	13	67	585
Church of Christ in God.....	9	848	6	9,700	100	.....	.....	6	21	289

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD.

HISTORY.

This is a group of Negro churches in Texas, organized about 1908 as a separate body, in protest against what they deem the wrong subservience of the regular denominations to class and race prejudice. They hold that not only the white but Negro denominations have erred greatly in their interpretation of the Bible; and that as the Negro race has advanced since 1865 most rapidly in its spiritual life, notwithstanding the iniquities and prejudices of very many, they should seek the union for which Christ prayed in an organization based distinctly on His Word.

STATISTICS.

The organizations of the Church of the Living God, all of which are in the state of Texas, were reported for the first time in 1916. The statistics for 1916 are given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination, in 1916, had 28 organizations;

1,743 members—612 males and 1,131 females; 27 edifices; church property valued at \$23,875; and a debt on church property of \$1,033, reported by 6 organizations. The number of Sunday schools was 27, with 129 officers and teachers and 491 scholars. No parsonages were reported, nor were there any general contributions for missionary or benevolent work.

Church expenditures amounting to \$6,199, reported by 27 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 28 organizations in 1916, was 180, constituting 10.3 per cent of the 1,743 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 30. Of these, 25 were reported as in pastoral work, but none of them received a salary.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, CHRISTIAN WORKERS FOR FELLOWSHIP.

HISTORY.

The Church of the Living God, "Christian Workers for Friendship" was organized at Wrightsville, Ark., in 1889, by Rev. William Christian. In 1915 the name was changed to Christian Workers for Fellowship. There have been two secessions from this church: The Church of the Living God (Apostolic Church), now known as the Church of the Living God, General Assembly; and the Church of Christ in God, which more recently has consolidated with the parent body.

The distinctive characteristics of the church are believers' baptism by immersion, the washing of the

saints' feet, and the use of water and unleavened bread in the Lord's Supper. The local organizations are known as "temples" rather than as "churches," and are subject to the authority of a general assembly. The presiding officer is styled the "chief," or "bishop," and the ministry includes evangelists, pastors, and local preachers.

A considerable number of ministers are engaged in general missionary work for the extension of the church; Sunday schools occupy a prominent place in the church life; and there is a gospel extension club engaged in works of mercy, particularly along the lines followed by fraternal societies, rendering assistance in the care of the sick and the burying of the dead.

## WORK.

Work has begun for the establishment of 2 educational institutions, which are soon to be in operation; one is an industrial school at College Hill, Ohio; the other, at Ponta, Tex., is a theological and girls' seminary. In aid of these certain sums were contributed during the year, and the property, it was expected, would be valued at about \$4,500.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship, for 1916, are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906 <sup>1</sup>	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	155	53	102	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	9,626	3,524	6,102	173.2
Church edifices.....	60	33	27	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$78,955	\$32,875	\$46,080	140.2
Debt on church property.....	\$7,380	\$1,810	\$5,570	307.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	99	49	50	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	296	143	153	107.0
Scholars.....	2,328	1,175	1,153	98.1

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1906 include the Church of Christ in God, united since 1906 with this denomination.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The table shows a considerable increase in the denomination. In 1916, 155 organizations were reported

as against 53 in 1906, and a membership of 9,626 as against 3,524. A similar increase in number of edifices, value of church property, and debt on church property was also shown. The number of Sunday schools increased from 49 to 99, and the number of scholars from 1,175 to 2,328, representing a gain of 98.1 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$18,812, reported by 62 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 46 organizations in 1916, was 255, constituting 5.1 per cent of the 4,981 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 4,645 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 493.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 300 and schedules were received from 121, none of whom, however, reported a salary, although a few received small amounts in the way of freewill offerings.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organ- izations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organ- izations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organ- izations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organ- izations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship.....	155	154	9,626	152	3,556	5,795	60	88	60	60	\$78,955
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	304	6	127	177	2	4	2	2	3,500
Indiana.....	5	4	316	4	67	249	2	3	2	2	5,000
Illinois.....	9	9	318	9	118	200	4	5	4	4	4,700
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	6	6	298	6	92	206	1	5	1	1	1,300
Kansas.....	4	4	110	4	42	68	1	3	1	1	1,500
South Atlantic division:											
Florida.....	5	5	280	5	86	194	2	3	2	2	1,700
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	7	7	1,046	7	349	697	2	5	2	2	6,500
Tennessee.....	10	10	805	10	297	508	6	4	6	6	15,300
Alabama.....	9	9	792	9	247	545	4	3	4	4	4,500
Mississippi.....	11	11	282	11	105	177	4	6	4	4	3,000
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	34	34	1,857	32	672	910	13	18	13	13	11,750
Oklahoma.....	19	19	661	19	244	417	7	12	7	7	4,805
Texas.....	27	27	2,486	27	1,089	1,397	11	15	11	11	14,600
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	71	3	21	50	1	2	1	1	800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship.	135	14	\$7,380	62	\$18,812	99	99	296	2,328
East North Central division:									
Ohio	6			1	300	4	4	13	67
Indiana	5	1	400	2	1,200	4	4	8	107
Illinois	9	2	1,750	4	2,015	5	5	15	107
West North Central division:									
Missouri	6	1	475	2	455	2	2	8	53
Kansas	4			2	525	2	2	5	41
South Atlantic division:									
Florida	5	1	400	2	700	5	5	10	84
East South Central division:									
Kentucky	7	1	2,000	1	500	4	4	20	200
Tennessee	10	2	1,150	6	2,531	3	8	27	191
Alabama	9			3	1,075	6	6	21	192
Mississippi	11	1	110	4	334	5	5	12	85
West South Central division:									
Arkansas	34	1	25	16	3,813	20	20	67	430
Oklahoma	19	1	345	8	1,555	14	14	38	299
Texas	27	3	725	10	3,709	18	18	48	432
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup>	3			1	100	2	2	4	40

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(FORMERLY CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, APOSTOLIC CHURCH.)

HISTORY.

The Apostolic Church, also called the "Christian Friendship Workers," withdrew from the Church of the Living God, Christian Workers for Fellowship, in 1902, partly because of opposition to the head of that body and partly because of a different conception of certain articles of faith and church government. For several years the churches composing it were in a somewhat unsettled and disorganized state, with no stable form of government, name, or permanent leadership. In 1908 the presiding officer, Apostle Chas. W. Harris, called together the ministers and representatives from the different local churches, who then organized themselves into one association known as the General Assembly, Church of the Living God.

In this body the presiding apostle is styled officer instead of chief or bishop, and it has eight orders among its ministers—apostles, leaders, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders, and deacons.

The General Assembly of synods meets annually in the month of November at Waco, Tex., and this place of meeting is spoken of among the worshipers as Jerusalem.

In doctrine and general organization the church corresponds closely to the Methodist churches.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of the Living God, General Assembly for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables

in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations	10	15	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members	266	752	-486	-64.6
Church edifices	6	12	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property	\$12,700	\$25,700	-\$13,000	-50.6
Debt on church property	\$7,100	\$1,600	\$5,500	343.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting	1	2	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value	\$250	\$1,500	-\$1,250	-83.3
Sunday schools:				
Number	10	13	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers	35	67	-32	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars	168	585	-417	-71.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The denomination shows a marked decrease in number of organizations, church edifices, membership, value of church property, parsonages, and Sunday schools, but an increase in debt on church property. No contributions for benevolences were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,704, reported by 9 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.



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The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 5 organizations in 1916, was 16, constituting 9.9 per cent of the 161 members reported by these organizations.<sup>1</sup> Based on the same proportion,

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

the number under 13 for the entire denomination would be 26.

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported was 14, of whom 4 sent in schedules, but reported no salaries.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Living God, General Assembly.....	10	10	266	10	96	170	6	4	6	6	\$12,700
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	2	46	2	20	26	1	1	1	1	1,000
Texas.....	3	3	105	3	41	64	3	3	3	3	2,900
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	115	5	35	80	2	3	2	2	8,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Washington.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Living God, General Assembly.....	10	3	\$7,100	1	\$250	9	\$3,704	10	10	35	168
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	1	400	1	250	2	672	2	2	6	28
Texas.....	3	1	400	1	250	3	1,439	3	3	14	62
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	2	6,700	1	250	4	1,593	5	5	15	78

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Washington.

CHURCHES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The churches of the New Jerusalem, popularly called Swedenborgian, are two in number. The early history of both is given in the following statement of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem, the older body; while the movement which

resulted in the organization of a second body, and the points on which it differed from the General Convention, are set forth in the statement of the General Church of the New Jerusalem.

The principal statistics of the two bodies as reported for 1916 and 1906 are given below:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF CHURCHES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
CHURCHES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM.										
1916.										
General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.....	108	6,352	72	\$1,711,090	\$30,466	12	\$68,000	67	398	2,732
General Church of the New Jerusalem.....	15	733	8	55,032	11,000	1	5,000	14	40	318
1906.										
General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.....	119	6,612	89	1,760,691	49,625	17	64,400	78	510	3,434
General Church of the New Jerusalem.....	14	635	5	30,350	7,250	1	3,000	7	20	110

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

HISTORY.

The Church of the New Jerusalem, known also as the "New Church," was first organized in London in 1787. It was based upon the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, who was born in Sweden in 1688, studied at Upsala, traveled extensively in Europe, and was prominent in national affairs in his own country, where he held an assessorship under Charles XII. His favorite subject at first was mathematics, but astronomy, physics, human anatomy, and physiology all interested him, especially in their relation to spiritual matters. As he said, "I have gone through anatomy with the single object of investigating the soul." In 1747 he resigned his assessorship on a pension, and thenceforth devoted his life to the revelations which he claims were given him. His first publication was the "Arcana Coelestia," an exposition of Genesis and Exodus, considered in their symbolical sense, the first part appearing in 1749 and the final part in 1756. Later years saw the publication of a number of works along the same line, including the "True Christian Religion" and the "Apocalypse Revealed." Swedenborg's death occurred in London in 1772.

In common with the general scientific literature of the day, the writings of Swedenborg were originally in Latin, and were published anonymously. In 1750 and succeeding years some were translated into English, but they did not attract much attention until, in 1783, Robert Hindmarsh, a printer in London, became interested in them, and gathered together a few men

of like mind to consider them. Four years later the first organization, consisting of 16 persons, was effected. The following year public services were held, and in 1789 a general conference met. In 1821 there was incorporated the "General Conference of the Ministers and other Members of the New Church signified by the New Jerusalem in the Apocalypse or Revelation of John." In 1902 it consisted of 73 societies with an aggregate membership of 6,337, besides several societies and a number of individuals who did not join the General Conference, so that the total number of members of the church in Great Britain in that year was probably about 7,500. The first New Church society in America was founded at Baltimore in 1792, and in 1817 the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America was organized. In 1890 a considerable number withdrew and later organized the General Church of the New Jerusalem.

Swedenborg is regarded, on every hand, by members of this church, as a "divinely illuminated seer and revelator," and as having been given the key to Bible interpretation—the science of correspondences—in order that he might thereby open the internal sense of the Word, and announce the Lord Jesus Christ, in His second coming, which is "His coming as the Word newly revealed." He was thus "divinely chosen to live consciously in the natural and in the spiritual world at the same time, so that he might describe to men those things which he saw, especially those things relating to the Holy City, the divine system of doctrine revealed out of the internal sense of the Word for the establishment of a New Church." It is the revelation

of this interior truth of the Word, and not a personal appearing that, in their view, constitutes the Lord's second coming, the "clouds" in which He comes being the literal sense, the "power and great glory" the spiritual sense.

#### DOCTRINE.

The general doctrines of the New Church teach that there is one God, even the Lord God, the Saviour, Jesus Christ; that there is in Him a Trinity, not of persons, but of essence, called in the Word, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that the Father is the inmost Divine Essence, or Love, from which all things are; that the Son is the Divine Wisdom and Word, by which the Divine Love is manifested and acts; and the Holy Spirit is the Divine Proceeding and Operation; and that these three are related to each other in God, as are soul, body, and operation, in man. Thus they teach that the Lord Jesus Christ, as the one Divine Person in whom is the Father, and from whom is the Holy Spirit, is, in His glorified humanity, the one God of heaven and of earth, and the supreme and sole object of worship for angels and men.

With regard to revelation, they teach that the Word of God contained in the Bible is not written like any other book, and can not be subjected to the same methods of criticism; that it is plenary dictated by the Lord Himself, and inspired as to every word and letter, and, like Nature itself, is a divine symbol; that besides the literal sense adapted to men, it contains a spiritual sense adapted to angels; that these senses are connected with each other by the great law of correspondence, in accordance with which the universe itself was created in the beginning; and that in letter and spirit it contains the rule of life for angels and men.

With regard to redemption, they teach that the one God, Jehovah, the Creator of the universe, came down upon earth in the assumption, by birth of a virgin, of a human nature in order that He might live a human life, and, by purging it, redeem it; that in doing so He met and overcame in His temptations all the enemies of the human race, and reduced them to eternal subjection; and that He continues to hold them in subjection in the mind and heart of every man who will cooperate with Him by faith and obedience; and that the application of this redeeming work in those who believe in Him and keep His commandments is salvation.

With regard to death and the spiritual world, they teach that when a man dies he is raised up in his spiritual body in the spiritual world, and there lives forever, in heaven or in hell, his state being determined by the spiritual character he has formed for himself by his life in this world; the judgment occurs immediately after death, in the world of spirits, which is intermediate between heaven and hell, and it consists in a

man's coming to know himself in the light of the eternal realities of the Word of God.

Besides these cardinal points, the doctrines of the New Church have much to say about the laws of divine order and of divine providence; about faith and charity; about free will and imputation, repentance and regeneration; about marriage; about mental development in childhood and age; about the successive churches or divine dispensations that have existed on this earth, and the judgments terminating each; all of which teachings, based on the Word of the Lord, the believers hold to be in complete harmony with each other, and with the deductions of sound reason and the analogies of nature.

Baptism is administered in the scriptural formula, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," to children as well as to adults who come on confession of their faith. Infant baptism is followed by the act of confirmation or ratification in maturer years, which is usually identified with the first communion, and this profession of faith in the essential doctrines of the church is regarded as the appropriate gate of admission to the sacrament of the Lord's Table.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the church is a modified episcopacy, but the societies and associated bodies are left the utmost freedom in the administration of their local affairs. Each local society of the New Church elects its pastor and other officers, including a president, treasurer, secretary, and church committee. In some cases certain privileges are allowed to parishioners or pew holders who are not communicant members. The different societies are gathered in associations composed of the ministers and of lay members elected by the societies.

The General Convention is held annually, and every church member has a right to be present, take part in the deliberations, be appointed on committees, and be elected to office, but the right to vote is limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the convention, and to delegates of associations. In some cases women are sent as delegates.

The convention is an ecclesiastical, a legislative, and a judicial body—ecclesiastical in maintaining the orders of the ministry and of worship, and in providing for missions and for the education of ministers; legislative in maintaining its own organization and enacting measures for the carrying on of its various activities; and judicial in admitting ministers to its roll or dismissing them therefrom, and in promoting pastors to the general pastorate. The various boards of the church are elected by the General Convention, and are absolutely responsible to it.

A council of ministers, which consists of all the ministers belonging to the convention, has charge of

matters pertaining to the ministry. For the superintendence of the business of the convention and the exercise of its powers in the interval between meetings, there is a general council, consisting of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the convention, together with 4 ministers and 6 laymen, chosen by ballot by the convention.

The ministry includes ministers, pastors, and general pastors. Ministers are those who are ordained to the ministry without identification with any particular pastorate, having the power to teach, preach, and baptize, and officiate at marriages and the Holy Supper. Pastors are those ministers who are called to the pastorate of societies and installed over them, generally to serve without fixed term of office. When the candidate is called by a society at the time of his ordination, the ordination and installation offices are often combined. A general pastor is one who, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, is, by request of an association and with the sanction of the General Convention, invested with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, preside over a general body of the church, and act as presiding minister of any association or of the General Convention. An association may, with the sanction of the General Convention, temporarily invest the powers of general pastor in its presiding minister or superintendent during his continuance in office.

The worship of the church is generally liturgical, chants being extensively used, but great latitude is observed in different societies and localities. A very complete Book of Worship was adopted by the General Convention in 1912, and is extensively used by the societies of the New Church.

WORK.

The missionary enterprises of the New Church are conducted by the General Convention through its Board of Home and Foreign Missions, supplemented by an Augmentation Fund Committee, and by local boards of the various constituent bodies. In 1916 this board and some of the state associations employed 9 missionaries among the adherents in 17 states, and aided 13 churches in connection with their running expenses, etc. The work has extended into Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, and other foreign countries, where 11 stations have been cared for by 4 European missionaries. Contributions for the work amounted in 1916 to \$20,000 for the home work and \$1,200 for the foreign work. The property belonging to the denomination in the foreign field is valued at about \$1,000.

The educational preparation for the ministry of the church is carried on principally by the New Church Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., which has property valued at \$255,000, and during 1916 had 5 instructors and 15 students. Two other institutions,

in Massachusetts and Ohio, under distinctively New Church instruction, and partly supported by the church, reported 14 teachers and 64 students, and property valued at \$163,860. The total value of property devoted to educational purposes was given as \$418,860. The amount contributed for this work in 1916 was about \$43,000.

The New Church has a pension fund for needy ministers, and an orphan fund, both of recent origin and growth, and small in amount. It has also a league of 37 young people's societies, with 1,050 members.

The American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society of New York, the American New Church Tract and Publication Society, and the Jungerich Trustees, of Philadelphia, have made free distribution to theological students and clergymen of over 155,000 copies of Swedenborg's writings, including the "True Christian Religion," "Apocalypse Revealed," "Heaven and Hell," and "Divine Love and Wisdom," and also "The Life of Swedenborg." There are a number of other boards which make the press an important factor in the missionary work of the church. The church has 3 weeklies, a young people's monthly, and a quarterly. It is estimated that \$500,000 is invested in publication enterprises.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 225; and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	108	119	-11	-9.2
Members.....	6,352	6,612	-260	-3.9
Church edifices.....	72	89	-17	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$1,711,090	\$1,760,691	-\$49,601	-2.8
Debt on church property.....	\$30,466	\$49,625	-\$19,159	-38.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	12	17	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$68,000	\$64,400	\$3,600	5.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	67	78	-11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	398	510	-112	-22.0
Scholars.....	2,732	3,434	-702	-20.4
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$64,200	\$15,000	\$49,200	328.0
Domestic.....	\$63,000	\$14,000	\$49,000	350.0
Foreign.....	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$200	20.0

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As shown by this table, the denomination suffered a decrease in almost every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 108 as against 119 in 1906; the membership fell from 6,612 to 6,352, showing a loss of 3.9 per cent; the number of church edifices fell from 89 to 72; the value of church property from \$1,760,691 to \$1,711,090, or 2.8 per cent; and

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debt on church property, from \$49,625 to \$30,466, or 38.6 per cent. Only 12 churches reported parsonages in 1916 as against 17 in 1906, but the value of parsonages increased from \$64,400 to \$68,000, a gain of 5.6 per cent. Sunday schools decreased, also officers and teachers, and scholars. The contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes, however, showed a marked increase, from \$15,000 to \$64,200. The greater proportion of this was for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$172,463, reported by 87 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 75 organizations in 1916, was 155, constituting 3 per cent of the members reported by these organizations. Based upon this proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 192.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 108 organizations, 98, with 5,968 members, reported services conducted in English only; 7, with 271 members, reported services conducted in German alone or in connection with English; 2, with 99 members, in Spanish and English; and 1, with 14 members, in Swedish and English. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 2 in the number of organizations using a foreign

language, and of 229 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 87. Schedules were received from 67, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	67	39	10	18	\$1,700
Alabama.....	1			1	
Arkansas.....	1			1	
California.....	6	3	1	2	820
Colorado.....	1			1	
Delaware.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	5		3	2	
Kansas.....	1	1			
Maine.....	2	2			1,110
Maryland.....	3	3			1,056
Massachusetts.....	19	12	4	3	1,753
Michigan.....	1	1			
Minnesota.....	1	1			
Mississippi.....	1	1			
Missouri.....	3	2		1	1,225
New Hampshire.....	1	1			
New Jersey.....	1	1			
New York.....	2	2			6,000
North Carolina.....	1			1	
Ohio.....	7	3	1	3	2,067
Oregon.....	1	1			
Pennsylvania.....	4	3		1	2,250
South Carolina.....	1			1	
Texas.....	1			1	
Washington.....	1		1		

Of the 67 ministers from whom schedules were received, 49 were in pastoral work and 18 not in pastoral work. The number of pastors dependent upon their salaries for full support was 39, and the average annual salary received was \$1,700. Of those not in pastoral work, 3 were in evangelistic work, 3 were retired from the active ministry, and 12 were in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America...	108	108	6,352	107	2,223	4,019	71	14	72	72	\$1,711,090
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	3	3	143	3	41	102	3		3	3	16,300
New Hampshire.....	2	2	152	2	52	100	2		2	2	7,500
Massachusetts.....	15	15	1,378	15	418	960	14	1	14	14	314,760
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	7	7	531	7	183	348	4	1	4	4	415,000
New Jersey.....	3	3	140	3	50	90	2		2	2	25,847
Pennsylvania.....	6	6	760	6	264	496	4	2	5	5	222,200
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	7	7	668	7	245	423	6		6	6	163,500
Indiana.....	2	2	72	2	22	50	1		1	1	7,000
Illinois.....	11	11	473	10	141	221	8	1	8	8	121,133
Michigan.....	3	3	192	3	63	129	2		2	2	25,000
Wisconsin.....	2	2	22	2	10	12					
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	2	2	66	2	20	46	2		2	2	17,000
Iowa.....	2	2	49	2	28	21	1		1	1	1,200
Missouri.....	3	3	316	3	137	179	3		3	3	14,200
Kansas.....	2	2	141	2	73	68	2		2	2	4,050
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	5	5	220	5	84	136	4	1	4	4	48,600
Virginia.....	2	2	50	2	13	37		1			
Florida.....	2	2	23	2	9	14		1			
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Tennessee.....	4	4	59	4	23	36	1		1	1	2,000
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Louisiana.....	2	2	16	2	6	10		1			
Texas.....	4	4	115	4	57	58		3			
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Oregon.....	3	3	106	3	37	69		1			
California.....	5	5	239	5	84	155	5		5	5	89,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	11	11	422	11	170	252	7	1	7	7	216,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America...	108	9	\$30,466	12	\$68,000	87	\$172,463	67	67	398	2,732
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	3	1	1,000			3	4,120	3	3	19	68
New Hampshire.....	2					2	1,494	2	2	13	95
Massachusetts.....	15	2	9,800	4	15,500	14	69,798	12	12	94	718
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	7	2	17,200			4	20,050	4	4	19	135
New Jersey.....	3					2	3,007	1	1	3	15
Pennsylvania.....	6			1	5,000	6	15,699	4	4	45	349
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	7			1	20,000	7	13,539	6	6	33	298
Indiana.....	2	1	466	1	3,500	2	1,750	2	2	11	57
Illinois.....	11			1	1,500	9	7,626	7	7	27	142
Michigan.....	3					3	4,447	1	1	5	44
Wisconsin.....	2					1	140				
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	2					2	3,050	2	2	13	85
Iowa.....	2					1	28	1	1	7	14
Missouri.....	3					3	3,490	2	2	6	51
Kansas.....	2			1	1,500	1	1,223	2	2	17	211
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	5	1	800	1	1,000	4	2,875	3	3	23	85
Virginia.....	2					1	700	1	1	5	25
Florida.....	2					2	210				
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Tennessee.....	4					4	200	1	1	5	17
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Louisiana.....	2					1	50	1	1	1	7
Texas.....	4					2	220	1	1	3	52
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Oregon.....	3					2	1,609	3	3	8	62
California.....	5	1	1,000	1	10,000	4	5,405	4	4	19	79
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	11	1	200	1	10,000	7	11,733	4	4	22	123

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Washington.

## GENERAL CHURCH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM.

## HISTORY.

The General Church of the New Jerusalem traces its origin as an independent ecclesiastical body to the development, at the very beginning of the New Church in England and America, of a movement "toward a strict adherence to the doctrines and principles revealed in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and toward distinctiveness of teaching, worship, and life, in the Church of the New Jerusalem." Under the influence of two prominent theologians, the Rev. Richard de Charms and the Rev. W. H. Benade, both of Philadelphia, this movement gradually assumed more definite form, and in 1876 the institution known as "The Academy of the New Church" was founded as the organic exponent of its principles, which were subsequently adopted by the Pennsylvania Association, connected with the General Convention of the New Jerusalem. That association in 1883 adopted an episcopal form of government, elected the Rev. W. H. Benade bishop, and changed its name to "The General Church of Pennsylvania." In 1890 it severed its connection with the General Convention, and in 1892 adopted as its name "The General Church of the Advent of the Lord." In 1897 a complete reorganization was effected, and the name "The General Church of the New Jerusalem" was adopted.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the General Church of the New Jerusalem differs from other branches of the organized New Church simply in its attitude toward the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, which it regards as being "divinely inspired and thus the very Word of the Lord, revealed at His second coming."

## POLITY.

The polity of the General Church is based upon the principle of "practical unanimity," to be secured through deliberation and free cooperation in "council and assembly." The spiritual affairs of the church belong exclusively to the priestly office, of which three distinct degrees are recognized, namely, ministers, pastors, and bishops, though at present, on account of the limited membership, the services of but one bishop are required. The administrative functions of church government are vested in the office of the bishop, who is assisted by a consistory and a consultative general council, consisting of the most representative ministers and laymen. Admission to church membership is by direct application to the bishop, the only conditions required being adult age and baptism into the faith of the New

Church. Ordination to the ministry is by the bishop of the General Church.

## WORK.

Under the head of home missionary work, the General Church includes all the activities supported by the general fund, namely, the support of the bishop's office and of the visiting missionary, the pension fund, the extension fund, special funds, and the publication of the "New Church Life," a monthly magazine, the organ of the denomination. The contributions for these purposes during the year 1916, including \$7,000 for home missionary work, amounted to \$20,933. There were 5 missionaries employed and 8 churches were aided.

The main energies of the General Church have been concentrated on the religious education of children, and parochial schools for those who have been baptized into the faith of the New Church have been established in the main centers of the church under the direct supervision of the pastors of local churches. There were in 1916, 3 of these schools, with 150 pupils, in the United States. The higher education of the church is intrusted to the Academy of the New Church, which includes a theological school and college for young men and women, an academy for boys, and a seminary for girls. The central office of the legal corporation of the Academy is in Philadelphia, although the schools of the Academy were removed from Philadelphia to Bryn Athyn, Pa., in 1896. A sustentation fund of \$400,000 was received in 1899, and new school buildings were erected at Bryn Athyn in 1901 and 1903. In 1917 there were 88 pupils, property valued at \$416,664, and an endowment of \$1,168,797.

An orphanage fund, intended primarily to assist orphaned children of the church, was instituted in 1900. The receipts of this fund for the year amounted to \$1,076, and the expenditures to \$740.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Sweden, Belgium, France, Switzerland, South Africa, Brazil, and Canada. The report for 1916 shows 6 stations occupied in the foreign field, with 5 American missionaries and 9 native helpers. There are 5 organized churches, with 310 members; and 3 schools, with 35 pupils, were maintained.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Church of the New Jerusalem for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 227 and 228, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	15	14	1	(1)
Members.....	733	635	98	15.4
Church edifices.....	8	5	3	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$55,032	\$30,350	\$24,682	81.3
Debt on church property.....	\$11,000	\$7,250	\$3,750	51.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	66.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	14	7	7	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	40	20	20	(1)
Scholars.....	318	110	208	189.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$8,076	\$4,995	\$3,081	61.7
Foreign.....	\$8,076	\$4,995	\$3,081	61.7

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The denomination has grown, but slightly. One organization and 3 church edifices were added; the membership advanced from 635 in 1906 to 733 in 1916, showing a gain of 15.4 per cent; and the value of

church property rose from \$30,350 to \$55,032, or 81.3 per cent. Parsonages, reported by a single church at each census, increased in value from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Sunday schools doubled in number and very nearly trebled in number of scholars. Contributions, all for domestic work and largely educational, advanced from \$4,995 to \$8,076, or 61.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$16,666, reported by 14 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English is the only language used in the conduct of religious services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 35. Of these, 11 sent in schedules, 8 reporting annual salaries averaging \$1,327.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Church of the New Jerusalem.....	15	15	733	14	298	427	8	3	8	6	\$55,032
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	5	5	344	5	129	215	3	2	3	2	24,032
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	2	65	2	26	39	1	.....	1	1	3,000
Illinois.....	3	3	192	3	83	109	2	.....	2	2	26,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	132	4	60	64	2	1	2	1	2,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New York.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Church of the New Jerusalem.....	15	5	\$11,000	1	\$5,000	14	\$16,666	13	14	40	318
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	5	2	2,350	.....	.....	4	6,152	3	3	13	130
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,542	2	2	4	18
Illinois.....	3	2	8,000	1	5,000	3	6,980	3	4	10	112
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	1	650	.....	.....	5	1,322	5	5	13	58

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New York.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Church of the New Jerusalem...	15	15	733	14	298	427	8	3	8	6	\$55,032
Chicago.....	4	4	235	4	106	129	3	.....	3	3	28,000
Philadelphia.....	7	7	318	6	117	193	3	2	3	1	6,000
Pittsburgh.....	4	4	180	4	75	105	2	1	2	2	21,032

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Church of the New Jerusalem...	15	5	\$11,000	1	\$5,000	14	\$16,666	13	14	40	318
Chicago.....	4	3	8,650	1	5,000	4	7,536	4	5	14	131
Philadelphia.....	7	1	500	.....	.....	6	2,986	6	6	18	131
Pittsburgh.....	4	1	1,850	.....	.....	4	6,144	3	3	8	56

COMMUNISTIC SOCIETIES.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Under this head are included two bodies, similar in general type but not affiliated in any way. In addition to these there are other bodies, as the German Seventh Day Baptists and the Hutterian (Mennonite) Brethren, which are communistic in their general character, but are presented with the Brethren

(Dunkers), and Mennonite bodies, as being more closely affiliated with them. A number of similar bodies were presented in the report for 1890, but they have either disbanded or refused to answer inquiries.

The two bodies included under this head, with the principal statistics as presented in 1916 and 1906, are listed below:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF COMMUNISTIC SOCIETIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
COMMUNISTIC SOCIETIES.										
1916.										
Amana Society.....	7	1,534	22	\$16,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
United Society of Believers (Shakers).....	12	367	8	20,750	.....	1	\$2,000	6	11	96
1906.										
Amana Society.....	7	1,756	21	14,090	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
United Society of Believers (Shakers).....	15	516	3	17,100	\$80	3	7,500	6	17	103

## AMANA SOCIETY.

## HISTORY.

About the time that the Dunkers in Germany were developing under the influence of Pietism there arose a community more thoroughly representative of the mysticism of the period, the members of which were convinced that the days of direct inspiration by God had not passed, but that persons then living were endowed with the same divine power. Gradually they gathered strength, and in 1714 a small company of them, under the leadership of Johann Rock and Eberhard Gruber, met in Himbach, Hesse, and gave expression to their belief by a somewhat loose organization. They increased in numbers and in influence, but suffered severely at the hands of the government. On the death of Johann Rock, in 1749, "the gift of inspiration ceased."

His successors continued the work along the lines of the founders, but the congregations diminished in number until 1817, when a new impulse was given by Michael Kraussert and a peasant girl of Alsace, Barbara Heinemann, both of whom were recognized by a number of the older members as inspired and endowed with the gift of prophecy. With them, later, was associated Christian Metz, and these leaders traveled considerably and gradually strengthened the scattered organizations. By 1826 it became apparent that the Inspirationists, of whom there were many in Wurttemberg and other provinces, would have to renounce their faith and return to the fold of the state church, or leave their homes and seek refuge where they could follow their religious customs unmolested. A large estate at Marienborn, Hesse, was leased, to which other properties were added, and by 1835 the community was quite prosperous. Difficulties with the government, however, arose again. The authorities would not accept affirmation as the equivalent of the oath, which the members of the society refused to take. Already a revelation had come to Metz that they should be led out to a land of peace, and in 1842 it was decided that he and some other members should come to America.

They arrived in New York on the 26th of October of that year, and learning that the Seneca Indian reservation, near Buffalo, was available, secured the property. Little by little the entire community, numbering some 800 people, came over from Germany, and the society was organized in 1843 under the name of the Ebenezer Society, and houses were arranged in 4 villages, Lower, Middle, Upper, and New Ebenezer. Each village had its store, meetinghouse or place of worship, and school, and its own local government consisting of a board of elders. As the numbers increased, the quarters became too narrow and another change was suggested, which resulted, in 1855, in removal to

the present location in Iowa County, Iowa, where the villages of Amana, East, Middle, High, West, and South Amana, and Homestead were established.

In 1859 the society was incorporated as a religious and benevolent society under the name of the "Amana Society," although the term "Community of True Inspiration" is also used. The purpose of this association is declared to be an entirely religious one, for the service of God, the salvation of souls, and the demonstration in the community of faithfulness in inward and outward service. In order to accomplish this in full for all members, the entire property remains as a common estate with all improvements and additions. Every member, at the time of joining the society, is in duty bound to give his or her personal or real property to the trustees for the common fund. For such payments each member is entitled to a credit on the books of the society and to a receipt signed by the president and secretary, and is secured by a pledge of the common property of the society. All claims for wages, interest, and sharing income are released and each member is entitled to support through life. All children and minors, after the death of parents or relatives, are under the special guardianship of the trustees, and credits not disposed of by will, or debts left by parents, are assumed by their children. Persons leaving the society, either by their own choice or by expulsion, receive the amount paid by them into the common fund, without interest or allowance for services during the time of their membership.

## DOCTRINE.

The confession of faith is founded on the revealed Word of God manifest in the Scriptures and in the words of the instruments of true inspiration. Since the death of Christian Metz in 1867, and of Barbara Heinemann in 1883, no one is believed to have had the gift of inspiration. A holy universal Christian Church is acknowledged and the communion of saints, including all of every nation who fear God and work righteousness. They believe in the remission of sin, the resurrection of the body, the punishment of the wicked, and the life everlasting. Baptism with water is not practiced, as it is held to be only an outward form of true spiritual baptism. The true baptism is by "fire and the spirit." Confirmation or reception into the covenant of grace occurs at the age of 15 years; the vow is made in the presence of the whole congregation. There are three orders or classes of members—a young people's class; an intermediate class of those who are further advanced in religious faith; and the highest order, including principally the older members who have proved through many years their faithfulness to the principles of the community. The distinction is purely a religious and honorary one.

The Lord's Supper is held biennially and foot-washing is practiced by the highest spiritual order as a solemn service, after the example of Christ. The members are noncombatant, as war is believed to be contrary to the will of God and the teachings of Christ. Oaths are forbidden, though affirmation is allowed. In wearing apparel emphasis is placed on comfort, comeliness, and propriety; the men dress practically in the style in general use, with but slight modifications, while the women still retain the plain dress as worn by the German peasant. Amusements are not countenanced, as they are believed to divert the mind from religious matters, yet the life is in no sense ascetic, cheerless, or discontented.

## POLITY.

The general government of the society is in the hands of a board of 13 trustees, who are elected annually out of the board of elders, and these elect their own president, vice-president, and secretary, who have full power to sign public and legal documents. New members are admitted by vote of the trustees, but only as they give proof of being fully in accord with the religious doctrines of the society, and they usually pass through a period of probation. The trustees also have power to expel any member whose conduct is not according to the rules of the society.

Religious meetings are held in the meetinghouses twice on Sunday and sometimes on week days, while a short prayer meeting is held every evening. In the conduct of these meetings all have equal rights, although certain persons called "elders," though without special ordination or appointment, have a general supervision. The testimonies and writings left by Christian Metz and Barbara Heinemann are read in the meetings.

## WORK.

The society carries on agriculture, manufactures, and trade, and out of the income from these industries all the expenses are met; while any surplus is applied to improvements, the erection of schools and meeting-

houses, the care of the old and sick, the founding of a business and safety fund, and benevolent purposes in general.

Great emphasis is laid upon education, and graded schools are provided which children between the ages of 5 and 14 years are expected to attend all the year round. The schools are under the control of the state laws, and the teachers, while members of the society, are under the supervision of the county superintendent. The German language is used almost exclusively in the general work, but in the schools the children are also taught English.

No missions, private schools, or Sunday schools are maintained.

## STATISTICS.

All of the 7 organizations reported in 1916 by the Amana Society were in the state of Iowa. Of the 1,534 members reported, 715 were males and 819 females. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 228, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

From the general summary it appears that the situation in this denomination remains about the same as in 1906. There are the same number of organizations, 7, and practically the same number of church edifices, 21 in 1906 and 22 in 1916. The membership fell from 1,756 in 1906 to 1,534 in 1916, but the value of church property increased from \$14,090 to \$16,300.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 7 organizations in 1916, was 375, constituting 24.4 per cent of the 1,534 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 7 organizations, with 1,534 members, all reported services conducted in German only. The report for 1906 showed 7 organizations, with 1,756 members, using German only in their church services.

There were no ministers reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## UNITED SOCIETY OF BELIEVERS (SHAKERS).

## HISTORY.

The movement of which this society was the outcome originated in England about the middle of the eighteenth century, when Jane Wardley, of Bolton, began to exhort her Quaker neighbors to pure and right living. In their meetings a spiritual power was experienced, so strong that their bodies were exercised in various ways, and they were called in derision "Shaking Quakers." Her husband, James Wardley, was her first convert, and among the number who joined them were John Lee, a blacksmith of Manchester, and his wife and daughter. The daughter, Ann Lee, who later became their leader, after

being greatly concerned for many years over human depravity, came to the conviction that the root of evil in the world was the uncontrolled, undirected use of the sexual relation, and that the way to purity of life lay in abstinence and control of passion. The plain preaching and fervent exercises of her company became so offensive that a severe persecution broke out, and several times she narrowly escaped death. While imprisoned in Manchester in 1770, she received a further vision, and taught that the Christ Spirit which had anointed and inspired Jesus now rested upon and spoke through her; that it was necessary that Christ should come a second time, through a woman, to complete the perfect way of salvation;

and that the Holy or Mother Spirit was manifested through a woman, as the Father Spirit had been manifested through Jesus.

Persecution ceased, but the new doctrines, accepted by the little company, were not widely adopted, and, after two years of quiet, Ann Lee, with eight followers, conceived the idea of emigrating to America. The little party landed at New York on August 6, 1774. Only one of the number, John Hocknell, had means, and he paid the fare of the party and afterwards purchased a tract of land in the woods of Niskeyuna, or Watervliet, where, in 1776, they built their first rude log cabin and made preparation for the increase in numbers which Mother Ann, as she was known, firmly believed would follow.

In 1780 Joseph Meacham, pastor of the Baptist church in New Lebanon, with others, went to visit the newcomers, and soon after became a convert. As a result of a religious revival which took place during the preceding winter, and which had been characterized by many striking prophecies of the immediate second appearing of Christ, converts were made, and during a missionary tour of two years many hundreds were added to the membership.

After the death of Mother Ann in 1784 and of her immediate successor, Father James Whittaker, in 1787, Joseph Meacham and Lucy Wright, of Pittsfield, became the leaders of the large body of believers scattered throughout New York and New England and organized them into communistic societies. The period of greatest missionary activity after 1792 was from 1805 to 1835, during which time societies were planted in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and the Eastern states, and the membership came to number fully 5,000.

From the beginning Ann Lee and her followers were practical believers in the intercourse of spirits within and without the body, anticipating thus by many years the advent of modern spiritualism. The period from 1837 to 1848 is known as the time of "Spirit Manifestation," or "Mother Ann's Second Coming," and during this time remarkable spirit phenomena are said to have been observed in all of the societies.

Since 1860 there has been a steady decline in numbers, though this is not a surprise, as it was foretold by prophets among the believers. Aside from various collateral causes, the members recognize departures from principles and laxity in spiritual energy among themselves as operating forces in the reduction which they deplore, and, while seeking to rectify their mistakes, believers are assured that the principles at the foundation of their system are true and essential to the evolution of the spiritual manhood of the race, and that a new revival of true Shaker living is certain to come in due time. They are not greatly concerned whether the revival is to find expression in a resuscitation of the existing communities, or whether it shall build for itself new forms, better adapted to the needs of the new day.

#### DOCTRINE.

Shakerism is claimed to be "a kind of Christian socialism, whose basis is the spiritual family, founded on the type of the natural family." The duality of Deity is recognized, man having been made in the image of God. Hence, father and mother are coequal, and the spiritual parents, at the head of the order and of each family, are equal in power and authority, and this equality of the sexes extends through the entire membership and all departments of life. Of the principles that are the foundation of Shakerism the ones most emphasized are "virgin purity, peace or nonresistance, brotherhood, and community of goods." In their ideas of the Bible the earlier believers approached very closely to the views promulgated in recent years by what is commonly known as the higher criticism. Mother Ann was also among the first in the modern world to teach and practice the equality of woman with man, and was a pioneer in the woman's rights movement.

The conditions of membership are the desire to lead a pure life, freedom from debt, and freedom from marital bonds, and the form of admission is the confession of sin before the elder or eldress of the family.

#### POLITY.

The organizations include the family or local society, consisting of one or more families, and a central ministry, or bishopric, presiding over all subordinate bishoprics and societies.

In the days of the largest membership there was at the head of the order a ministry or bishopric, consisting of two brethren and two sisters. An equal number formed a lower ministry at the head of each group of societies; and the same number of elders stood at the head of each family. Subordinate orders of trustees, deacons, and caretakers had oversight of all business and industrial matters, while the ministry and elders were set apart for spiritual labor and ministrations. With the decline in membership the quota of leaders has been reduced, and the ministry and elders have been obliged to exercise an oversight of temporal affairs. The central ministry appoints its own members. Subordinate ministries are appointed by the central ministry, with approval of the older members. Elders and trustees in societies are appointed by the presiding ministry of the society, with the approval of the central ministry and of older members, and deacons and deaconesses in families are appointed by the elders of the family, with the approval of the presiding ministry. There is no special ordination or setting apart, merely the announcement of the appointment.

In worship the exercises employed by the Shakers are said to be derived from the inspiration of the Spirit. Elder, or Father, Joseph Meacham affirmed that he was shown in vision the various exercises, saw the hosts of heaven worshipping in these movements, and he taught them to the people. Modern experts in physical culture have in some cases studied out scientifically the very movements which marked the early Shaker worship. Of these the only one that forms a part of the present-day worship is the march, accompanied by motions of the hands. Shakers have been noted for their inspirational singing, the wordless songs practiced for years giving place to hymns and anthems of peculiar but impressive character.

#### WORK.

In their earlier days Shakers maintained schools. At present there are no distinctively Shaker schools, but many orphaned children are taken into the societies, where they are given a common school education and taught a trade. Charitable work of wide extent has been done in all societies in caring for the poor, and also in the case of transient members a great but silent work has been accomplished in rescuing, equipping, and inspiring with faith, hope, and energy the discouraged and unfortunate, thereby raising numbers of men and women from the ranks of paupers to self-respecting and useful citizens.

Believers are interested in the various benevolent activities and reform movements, including the movement for international disarmament, antivivisection, and animal rescue work, and many of their number are members of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

The publications of the Shakers are of wide scope in subject matter, and include a history of the order and many tracts bearing on doctrinal and spiritualistic themes.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Society of Believers for 1916 are given, by states, in the next table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	12	15	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	367	516	-149	-28.9
Church edifices.....	8	3	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$20,750	\$17,100	\$3,650	21.3
Debt on church property.....		\$80	-\$80	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	3	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$2,000	\$7,500	-\$5,500	-73.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	6		
Officers and teachers.....	11	17	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	96	103	-7	-6.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the society has lost somewhat in number of organizations and in membership, 12 organizations having reported in 1916 as against 15 in 1906, and the membership having fallen from 516 to 367, a loss of 28.9 per cent. Church edifices increased in number from 3 to 8, and the value of church property as reported, from \$17,100 to \$20,750, a gain of 21.3 per cent. One church reported a parsonage valued at \$2,000 in 1916, as against parsonages valued at \$7,500 reported by 3 churches in 1906. Sunday schools remained the same in number but decreased somewhat in officers and teachers and in scholars.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$750, reported by 3 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by the 12 organizations in 1916, was 35, constituting 9.5 per cent of the 367 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

No general contributions were reported, and there were no ministers on the rolls of the society.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting.	Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Male.	Female.		Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
United Society of Believers (Shakers)....	12	12	367	12	62	305	8	4	8	7	\$20,750
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	84	2	15	69	2		2	1	2,000
New Hampshire.....	2	2	76	2	4	72	1	1	1	2	1,750
Massachusetts.....	2	2	56	2	9	47	2		2	1	6,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	106	2	18	88	2		2	2	10,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	45	4	16	29	1	3	1	1	1,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Society of Believers (Shakers)....	12			1	\$2,000	3	\$750	6	6	11	96
New England division:											
Maine.....	2							2	2	5	40
New Hampshire.....	2							1	1	2	25
Massachusetts.....	2					1	100	1	1	1	7
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2					2	650	2	2	3	24
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			1	2,000						

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, and Ohio.

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### HISTORY.

The Reformation in England developed along three lines: Anglicanism, Puritanism, and Separatism. The Anglicans held to the old English Church, minus the papacy and the distinctively papal features. The Puritans, including the Presbyterians and some Anglicans, held to a National Church, but called for a thoroughgoing reformation which would provide an educated, spiritually minded ministry, and should recognize the right of the members to a voice in the selection of their ministers, the management of the local church, and the adoption of its creed or confession. They believed, however, that they should remain within the church, and thus secure its reformation. The Separatists held that the whole system of the Establishment was an anti-Christian imitation of the true Church and could not be reformed, and that the only proper thing for a Christian to do was to withdraw himself from it.

Such sentiments could scarcely be tolerated in that age, especially after the Act of Uniformity, passed in

1559, the year after the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne, and church after church which professed them was broken up. One pastor, Robert Browne, with his congregation, emigrated to Holland in 1581, whence he issued pamphlets so bitter in their attack upon the ecclesiastical government of the realm, that two men charged with distributing them were hanged, and the books were burned. In 1593 three others, Barrowe, Greenwood, and Penry, paid for their treasonable sentiments with their lives.

The movement, however, could not be suppressed, and in 1604 (the first year in the reign of James I) the man to whose influence is chiefly due the development of Separatism into Congregationalism, came to a little congregation already organized at Scrooby. John Robinson was ordained in the Church of England, but became acquainted with Browne's writings and accepted their principles without their virulence. For him, too, exile became inevitable, and, together, with a number of friends and followers, he went first to Amsterdam and then to Leyden. Here they met with a friendly reception, but, after a few years, decided

to remove to America, where they could practice their religion unmolested and at the same time live and rear their children as Englishmen. After many delays and discouragements, the first band of Pilgrim Separatists, 102 persons, under the leadership of Brewster, Bradford, and Winslow, landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, and founded there the first Congregational church upon American soil, Robinson remaining in Leyden. They were followed after a few years by the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay. So long as they were in England the differences between the two bodies were accentuated, but after their arrival in America the many points on which they agreed became more apparent, and the essential elements of both Separatism and Puritanism were combined in Congregationalism. This, indeed, was not accomplished at once. The modern conception of religious liberty was not yet realized. Certain members of the Salem church, who preferred to use the prayer book and withdrew from the Puritan service for that purpose, were promptly sent to England as nonconformists, and an extreme Separatist, Ralph Smith, was dismissed to find a welcome farther south. Little by little, however, the two united, and it is significant that the strongest influence for such union appears to have been that of two laymen, Governor Endicott, of Salem, and Doctor Fuller, of Plymouth.

During the decade from 1630 to 1640, the Puritan immigration increased rapidly, and with each accession new churches were formed, as the companies not infrequently brought their own pastors with them, and in two cases a full church organization. By 1640 there were 33 churches in New England, all but 2 being of pronounced Congregational type. These 2 at first preferred the Presbyterian system, but did not retain it long. A notable result was that Congregationalism soon became practically a state religion, and church influence was everywhere supreme, although it did not find expression in ecclesiastical courts. In two colonies, Massachusetts Bay and New Haven, the franchise was limited, until 1664 and 1665, to church members, and throughout the older Congregational colonies of New England, sooner or later, the salaries of pastors were secured by public tax, until into the nineteenth century. Any action affecting the general religious, as well as the social or civil life of the community was taken by the civil legislature, such as the calling of the Cambridge Synod, in 1646, to draw up a plan of ecclesiastical polity, and the expulsion of the Salem "nonconformists" and of Roger Williams, although Williams was expelled not so much for his religious opinions as for his attacks on the government.

The withdrawal of the Massachusetts charter in 1684 replaced Congregationalism by Episcopacy, but a new charter in 1691 restored the former conditions to a considerable degree. The old ecclesiastical tests

once abolished, however, were not renewed, and, while Congregationalism was still dominant, it was not supreme.

With the beginning of the eighteenth century other forms of church life developed in New England. Episcopalians, Baptists, and Quakers protested against being taxed for the support of Congregational churches, and little by little there ceased to be a state church. Thus the voluntary, democratic system of Separatist Plymouth overcame the ecclesiasticism of Puritan Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, although this result was not attained until after the Revolutionary War.

In this development of their early history, however, it was manifest that the churches considered fellowship fully as important as autonomy, and that the strict separatism, which in England developed into independency, found little favor. Separatist Plymouth was represented, unofficially indeed, at the formation of the first Puritan church at Salem; and, as the different communities grew, they formed associations or consociations for mutual conference, and in 1648 the "Cambridge Platform" was drawn up, a general summary of doctrine and of the relation of the churches, which, while having no absolute authority, was recognized as substantially expressing the views of the churches.

The Congregationalists took the initiative in the remarkable revival known as "The Great Awakening," which was started in 1734 by the preaching of Jonathan Edwards, and was developed under the eloquence of Whitefield. They had a prominent share in the political discussions preceding the Revolution, in its inception and conduct, and in the subsequent national development, sending such men as John Hancock and the Adamses to take part in the councils of the new nation, although they were not considered to represent the Congregational churches as a religious body.

The history of Congregationalism during the century succeeding the Revolutionary War centers about certain movements: A plan of union with the Presbyterians, the rise of missionary enterprise, the Unitarian separation, and what may be termed the development of denominational consciousness, manifesting itself in the extension of Congregational churches toward the West, the organization of a National Council, and efforts to secure some harmonious, if not uniform, statement of Congregational belief.

As the Congregationalists of New England gradually extended westward, they came into intimate relations with the Presbyterians of the Middle states, and these relations were all the closer because of the doctrinal affinity between the teaching of the Edwardses, father and son, and the type of theology represented by Princeton College, of which Jonathan Edwards, sr., was president. Furthermore, the Congregational churches in Connecticut were in many



respects in harmony with the Presbyterian idea, with the result that, before the close of the eighteenth century, delegates were interchanged between the Presbyterian General Assembly and several Congregational associations. These relations were still further strengthened by the call of Jonathan Edwards, jr., to the presidency of Union College, and his taking a seat in the Presbyterian General Assembly. It was natural that this intermingling of the two denominations should result in more or less confusion, and, in some cases, in friction between churches in the same region, especially in the newer communities where churches were being formed. In order to avoid this, a "Plan of Union" was adopted by the Presbyterian General Assembly and by the Connecticut Association, in 1801, and accepted later by other associations, providing that "missionaries should be directed to 'promote mutual forbearance' between the adherents of the respective polities where they should labor; that churches of Congregational or Presbyterian preferences should continue to conduct their discipline in accordance with their chosen polity, even where mutual councils were provided for; and in mixed churches a standing committee might be chosen, one member of which should have the privilege of sitting in a presbytery, while another should have a vote in a Congregational association."

While the plan was, in its inception, eminently fair to both parties, and worked out advantageously for each along certain lines, one result was the practical elimination of Presbyterianism from New England, and of Congregationalism from the new communities to the West, except as various Congregational settlements were established, as in the Western Reserve, in Ohio. On the other hand, the plan assisted materially in the development of the Congregational missionary movement. When the division into Old School and New School in the Presbyterian Church was accomplished in 1837 the Old School Assembly dropped the plan; while the New School continued it for fifteen years, until the Congregationalists withdrew.

From the very beginning of the Plymouth colony missionary work for the Indians was emphasized, and John Eliot, the Mayhews, the younger Edwards, and David Brainerd accomplished much, although there was no general missionary movement among the churches. With the increase of westward migration and the organization, during the first years of the nineteenth century, of churches in Ohio, especially in the Western Reserve, missionary interest in the home field developed. The General Association of Connecticut, as early as 1774, voted to send missionaries to the West and North, that is, to New York and Vermont. The Revolutionary War interrupted, but in 1798 the same association organized itself as a missionary society "to Christianize the heathen in North America and to support and promote Christian knowl-

edge within the new settlements of the United States." This was followed by similar organizations in other New England states; by the Vermont Religious Tract Society in 1808; and by the Connecticut and Massachusetts Bible Societies in 1809.

The missionary movement, however, with which the Congregational churches, as a whole, were first identified was that which culminated in the organization of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1810. The Presbyterians and other religious bodies at first joined the Congregationalists in this movement, and for many years carried on their entire foreign missionary work through that board. As denominational consciousness developed the others withdrew, one by one, to form their own organizations, leaving the older society entirely in the hands of the Congregationalists.

The foreign missionary enterprise once thoroughly organized, home missions again received attention. In 1826 the American Home Missionary Society was formed, on much the same interdenominational basis as the American Board. This arrangement continued until 1861, when it became a distinctively Congregational society, and later changed its name to the Congregational Home Missionary Society. The American Missionary Association was organized in 1846, and was at first almost as much a foreign as a home society, although more specifically interested in Negro fugitives and American Indians. In 1853, as it became apparent that in the outlying sections the newer churches would require aid, not merely for their services but for their houses of worship, there was formed the American Congregational Union, subsequently known as the Congregational Church Building Society. Even earlier than any of these was the American Education Society, organized in 1815 to assist in the preparation of students for the ministry, which passed through the same experiences as the Home Missionary Society.

The influences which resulted in the separation between the Trinitarian and the Unitarian wings of the Congregational body became manifest early in the eighteenth century, with the development of opposition to, or dissatisfaction with, the sterner tenets of Calvinism. The excesses connected with The Great Awakening, and the rigid theology of the Edwardses, and particularly of their successors, Hopkins and Emmons, contributed to this divergence. The selection in 1805 of Henry Ware, a liberal, as professor of divinity in Harvard College, drew the lines between the two parties more clearly, and the college was now classed as avowedly Unitarian. Mutual exchange of pulpits still continued to a greater or less extent, and, while there was much discussion, there was no separate organization.

In 1819 William Ellery Channing, in a famous sermon in Baltimore, set forth the Unitarian conception so forcibly that separation became inevitable. Then a



difficulty arose, occasioned by the distinction between the church as an ecclesiastical body, and the society, in which the ownership of the property was vested. In some cases the church and the society were in agreement in their theological views; but in others, the society differed from the church, and, according to the courts, was entitled to the property. A period of confusion and of legal strife existed until about 1840, when the line of demarcation became complete. The section most affected was eastern Massachusetts, all but two of the Boston churches going over to the Unitarians. Congregational authorities give the total number of churches lost to them as less than 100, while Unitarians claim an accession of 150. Both are probably correct, as in many cases the churches were split, so that, while one side gained, the other did not lose. For many years the bitterness of the conflict continued, but of late years it has been steadily diminishing.

With the increase in the number of Congregational churches and the new conditions in the recently settled sections of the West, it became evident that some form of mutual fellowship more comprehensive than the local or state associations was needed. Under the leadership of Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, J. P. Thompson, of New York, and others, a council or convention met at Albany in 1852, this being the first gathering representative of American Congregationalism since the Cambridge Synod of 1648 (see p. 234). At this council 463 pastors and messengers from 17 states considered the general situation, and their deliberations resulted in the abrogation of the "Plan of Union," hearty indorsement of the missionary work, a call for aid for the churches in the West, and the inauguration of a denominational literature. Under the fostering care of such men as H. M. Dexter and A. H. Quint, the development of a denominational life went on, and the next step was the calling of a National Council at Boston in 1865, whose principal work was the drawing up of a statement as to "the system of truths which is commonly known among us as Calvinism." So advantageous was this gathering considered that a sentiment arose in favor of a regular system of councils, and after conference between the different associations, there was called at Oberlin, Ohio, in 1871, the first of the National Councils, at first triennial, now biennial, which have done much to consolidate denominational life.

Of these councils, that held at Kansas City, Mo., in 1913 was particularly important as marking the definite recognition of the Congregational Churches as an organized religious body with specific purposes and definite methods. The purposes were set forth in what has been known as a Congregational platform, including a preamble, and statements of faith, polity, and wider fellowship. This platform did not in any respect

modify the essential autonomy of the individual church in its expression of faith or in its method of action. It did, however, associate more fully than had been done at any previous time these individual churches in what may be termed an organic unity based upon a fundamental union in faith, common purpose in action, and mutual fellowship.

The same spirit has been manifest in various lines of development, especially those looking toward coordinated action of different religious bodies. Congregationalists have been prominent in the organization and development of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, have cooperated most cordially and effectively in the preparations for a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order, have entered most heartily into the movement for the preservation of church life, and of Christian fellowship in connection with the war with Germany, in the appointment of chaplains, in service in the cantonments and on the field, and in Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work.

#### DOCTRINE.

The principle of autonomy in the Congregational Churches involves the right of each church to frame its own statement of doctrinal belief; the principle of fellowship of the churches assumes that a general consensus of such beliefs is both possible and essential to mutual cooperation in such work as may belong to the churches as a body. As a result, while there is no authoritative Congregational creed, acceptance of which is a condition of ecclesiastical fellowship, there have been several statements of this consensus, which, while receiving no formal ecclesiastical endorsement, have been widely accepted as fair presentations of the doctrinal position of the Congregational Churches. The first of these, called the "Cambridge Platform," drawn up by a synod summoned by the Massachusetts Legislature, simply registered general approval of the Westminster Confession. Certain phraseology in that confession, however, proved unacceptable to many churches, and the Massachusetts revision, in 1680, of the Savoy Confession, and the Saybrook Platform of 1708, embodied the most necessary modifications, but still approved the general doctrinal features of the Westminster Confession. The first National Council in 1865 adopted the "Burial Hill Declaration," but in the changing conditions this was not entirely satisfactory, and in 1880 the National Council appointed a commission to prepare "a formula that shall not be mainly a reaffirmation of former confessions, but that shall state in precise terms in our living tongue the doctrines that we hold to-day."

The commission, composed of 25 representative men, finished its work in 1883. The statement, or creed, was never formally adopted, but was issued to the world "to carry such weight of authority as the char-

acter of the commission and the intrinsic merit of its exposition of truth might command;" it has furnished the doctrinal basis for a great many of the churches, and in the main represented their general belief.

With the development of denominational life, there came a demand for a somewhat more definite platform, and the platform adopted by the National Council of 1913 has served this purpose, and has been accepted with practical unanimity by the denomination. It is as follows:

*Preamble.*—The Congregational Churches of the United States, by delegates in National Council assembled, reserving all the rights and cherished memories belonging to this organization under its former constitution, and declaring the steadfast allegiance of the churches composing the Council to the faith which our fathers confessed, which from age to age has found its expression in the historic creeds of the Church universal and of this communion, and affirming our loyalty to the basic principles of our representative democracy, hereby set forth the things most surely believed among us concerning faith, polity, and fellowship.

*Faith.*—We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men. We are united in striving to know the will of God, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

*Polity.*—We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul and the right of private judgment. We hold to the autonomy of the local church and its independence of all ecclesiastical control. We cherish the fellowship of the churches united in district, state, and national bodies, for counsel and cooperation in matters of common concern.

*The Wider Fellowship.*—While affirming the liberty of our churches, and the validity of our ministry, we hold to the unity and catholicity of the Church of Christ, and will unite with all its branches in hearty cooperation; and will earnestly seek, so far as in us lies, that the prayer of our Lord for his disciples may be answered, that they all may be one.

#### POLITY.

While the polity of the Congregational Churches is based upon certain definite principles, as set forth in the platform (cited above), in its historical development it represents adaptation to conditions rather than accord to a theory of church government. The local church is the unit and every church member, irrespective of sex, or position, has an equal voice in its conduct, and is equally subject to its control. For orderly worship and effective administration certain persons are set apart or ordained to particular services, but such ordination or appointment carries with it no ecclesiastical authority. The church officers are the pastor, a board of deacons, a clerk and a treasurer, usually a board of trustees, and heads

of various departments of church work. In most churches there is a church committee which considers various topics relating to the conduct of the church, meets persons desiring to unite with it, and presents these matters in definite form for action by the church as a whole. Early in Congregational history there was a distinction between elders and deacons corresponding very closely to that in the Presbyterian Church. That distinction has disappeared, and the offices of elders, or spiritual guides, and of deacons, or persons having charge of the temporalities of the church, have been united in the diaconate.

For fellowship and mutual assistance the churches gather in local associations or conferences, and in state conferences, in which each church is represented by pastor and lay delegates. Membership in the National Council includes ministerial and lay delegates elected by the state conferences and the district associations. Membership in an association is generally regarded as essential to good and regular standing in the denomination, although any church may claim its right of independence and still be a Congregational church. No association or conference, or National Council, however, has any ecclesiastical authority. That is vested solely in the council called by the local church for a specific case, and its existence terminates with the accomplishment of its immediate purpose. The result is that there is no appeal from one court to another, although an aggrieved party may call a new council, which, however, has no more authority than its predecessor.

Ordination to the ministry is generally by a council of churches called by the church of which the candidate is a member, or over which he is to be installed as a pastor. Doctrinal tests are less rigidly applied than in the past, practical Christian fellowship being emphasized rather than creed subscription. In the early history of Congregationalism the minister was a member of the church, selected by the church, and ordained to the service by a council of associate churches, while his ministerial standing ceased with the end of his pastorate. Gradually, however, this standing became recognized as having a permanent character, although the minister, whether pastor or not, still remained a member of his church, and subject to its order. For purposes of fellowship, ministerial associations have been formed, and in some cases have furnished the basis of ministerial standing; but of late there has been a tendency to vest such standing in a church association or conference.

Admission to church membership is usually conditioned on the declared and evident purpose to lead the Christian life, rather than on the acceptance of particular doctrine, and participation in the Lord's Supper is free to all followers of Christ. Infant baptism is customary, and the form is optional, although sprinkling is the form most commonly used.

## WORK.

The missionary and general educational activities of the Congregational Churches are conducted through a number of national organizations, each of which is recognized as an agency of the National Council of the churches, whose members are voting members of each of the missionary organizations. Provision for securing the participation of those especially interested in any given cause is secured through permitting each organization to elect a limited number of delegates at large, in addition to the council membership. The unity of control and administration thus secured is further developed by grouping agencies kindred in nature under a common board of directors and a common staff of executives.

As a result of this arrangement, there are in effect four classes of organization created by the denomination. The first has the total foreign missionary field in its care; the second, the entire field of church extension at home, including Sunday school planting and church building; the third, the task of conducting schools and colleges among backward or exceptional populations; and the fourth, the function of religious education, including in its scope the whole life of the church. The publishing agency of the denomination is an integral part of the last named organization.

The home missionary work is carried on chiefly by four societies—the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the American Missionary Association, the Congregational Church Building Society, and the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society is charged with the missionary work among the white races of continental United States, whether of native or foreign extraction, and carries on its work in close coordination with a number of state missionary societies, each of which is represented upon the board of the general society. There are also several women's home missionary unions, which contribute to the general society, and which have formed a national federation of women's state home missionary organizations. The report for the year 1916 shows a total of 1,729 missionaries employed by the general society and the constituent state societies, while the number of churches and preaching stations cared for was 2,401. Of these churches and missions, 421 held services in foreign tongues: German, Swedish, Dano-Norwegian, Bohemian, Italian, French, Spanish, Welsh, Finnish, Armenian, Albanian, Persian, Slovak, Swede-Finn, Greek, Portuguese, Syrian, Indian, Polish, Turkish, Chinese, and Japanese. The largest mission work for those of foreign extraction was carried on among the German, Swedish, Finnish, and Welsh people. The total contributions for the year, including the receipts of the constituent state societies and the city mission societies for work in their own fields, was

\$609,439. Adding to this, \$32,401, income from invested funds, there was a total of \$641,840.

The American Missionary Association carries on work among the Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus, the Eskimos in Alaska, and various races in Porto Rico and Hawaii. It established at Hampton, Va., during the Civil War, the first day school among the freedmen, and after the close of the war extended its work rapidly, laying the foundations for a number of educational institutions in the South, and at the same time commenced the planting of churches among the freedmen. It also undertook the care of the missions among the Indian tribes, formerly carried on by the American Board. On the accession of the Hawaiian Islands and Porto Rico, the association assumed the work in those islands, particularly among the native Hawaiians, Chinese, and Japanese. The report for 1916 shows 728 missionaries and teachers, 225 churches aided, and 61 schools, including 3 theological seminaries, 6 colleges, of which 5 are for Negro students, 33 secondary and elementary schools, and 19 mission schools, with a total of 11,600 students and pupils. The contributions reported were \$311,671, of which it is estimated that \$70,238 were for the distinctively missionary work of the association and \$241,433 for its educational work. In addition, the income from certain funds amounted to \$36,409, while \$72,154 was received from tuition, making a total of \$420,234 for missionary and educational work. The value of property under the care of the association, used for educational purposes, is estimated at \$1,833,000, and there are endowments amounting to \$2,747,479, including \$415,641 conditional endowment funds. Recently a large body of Christian work among the Latin Americans has been transferred to this association from the Congregational Education Society.

The Church Building Society assists congregations in the erection of church buildings and parsonages, and works in harmony with the Home Missionary Society and the American Missionary Association. In 64 years this society has helped to complete 4,753 churches and 1,280 parsonages. Its receipts during that time have amounted to more than \$8,200,000, and it has helped to secure church property worth over \$23,000,000. During 1916 the number of churches aided was 178, and the amount contributed for this work was \$130,071. Other miscellaneous receipts amounted to \$184,627, making a total of \$314,698.

The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has heretofore been both a missionary society and a business corporation. As a missionary society it has sent out missionary workers to organize Sunday schools, which in many cases develop into churches. Since 1882 it has organized 13,276 Sunday schools, from which 1,757 churches have grown. In 1916 the

number of missionaries employed was 71, and the amount contributed, \$87,405. Under a new arrangement, the missionary and Sunday school work of the society is being taken over by the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society.

The totals for the 4 home missionary societies for 1916 show 2,528 agents, 2,804 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of \$897,153. The amount of contributions is less than that reported for 1906, due to the fact that at that time the entire receipts of the American Missionary Association were credited to home missions while now the greater part of them is credited to educational work.

The foreign missionary work of the Congregational Churches is carried on through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with its auxiliary women's boards, of which there are 3, representing different sections of the country; and the oldest, the Women's Board of Missions, is also the pioneer of similar societies in other denominations. In 1916 the American Board carried on missions in Southern and West Central Africa, in the Turkish Empire, in India, Ceylon, China, Japan, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, Mexico, Spain, Austria, and the Balkans. Owing to the general war conditions it has been impossible to obtain accurate statistics from many of these fields, and consequently those gathered are said to be very incomplete. The report for the year, however, shows 106 stations, occupied by 661 American missionaries and 5,273 native workers. There were 701 churches reported, with 83,135 members; 14 theological seminaries, 18 colleges, 115 boarding and high schools, and 1,466 other schools, with a total of 86,581 students; 32 hospitals and 38 dispensaries, which gave a total of 475,640 treatments to 124,811 patients; and 3 asylums with 337 inmates. There are also a number of orphanages in Turkey under the control of the board. Owing to the deportation of the Armenians in Turkey, the number of orphans greatly increased during the war. It is estimated that there are 200,000 within the present limits of the Turkish Empire, and 100,000 others in the Caucasus region, all of whom might properly be included with the statistics of the American Board. The amount contributed during 1916 for the foreign work was \$1,089,098, and the income from various funds \$118,129, making a total of \$1,207,227. In addition to this, \$371,809 was contributed for the work by the native churches. In regard to the total value of property belonging to the Congregational denomination in foreign countries, or the total amount of endowment for all its institutions, there are at present no figures available. The value of the property is doubtless somewhat greater than that reported for 1906, which was \$1,500,000.

The interest of the Congregational Churches in educational matters is shown by the fact that Harvard,

founded in 1636, and Yale in 1701, were established as Congregational colleges; as were also Williams, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, and Amherst in the East; and Oberlin, Iowa, Beloit, Carleton, Drury, and others in the West. At present more than 40 colleges in the United States owe their origin to Congregationalists. Not including Harvard, in 1916 these employed 2,493 instructors, had an enrollment of 24,716 students, had 2,498,565 volumes in their libraries, and held productive funds amounting to \$51,105,685. There were also 9 theological seminaries, Andover Seminary being the oldest, with a total of 72 professors, 57 instructors and lecturers, and 425 students.

The Congregational Education Society, the successor of the American Education Society, with which two kindred societies, organized for the establishment of Christian schools in Utah and New Mexico, were afterwards incorporated, includes in its present work assistance to colleges and academies, the support of mission schools, student aid, and promotion of Christian work in colleges and universities. In 1916 the society aided 10 colleges and 7 academies, with a total of about 3,125 students. It also aids Atlanta Theological Seminary, where ministers for Congregational Churches in the South are trained; a training school for women in Chicago, which furnishes well-equipped pastors' assistants, directors of religious education, and parish secretaries; the Schaufler Missionary Training School in Cleveland, Ohio, which prepares young women to aid the churches in work among the immigrants; and institutes in Chicago, Ill., and Redfield, S. Dak., for training ministers for work among the Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, and German peoples in the United States. During the year the society aided 154 students studying for the Congregational ministry. It aids in supporting 8 university pastors or student workers in universities. The social service work of the denomination is also a department of this society. The society is charged with the work of leading the denomination in its religious and missionary education work, and supports 11 religious education secretaries. The contributions for this work in 1916 were \$67,553, which, supplemented from other sources, gave a total of \$94,366. This does not, however, cover the entire amount contributed by the Congregationalists toward educational work, including the erection of new schools and the providing of endowments, of which there is no distinct record. The value of property belonging to the 17 colleges and academies aided by the society is estimated at \$3,775,000.

In philanthropy, the Congregational Churches have given largely to institutions under the care of almost every denominational or undenominational enterprise in the country, but there are very few Congregational hospitals, orphanages, asylums, or homes, and of these there is no record.

The Board of Ministerial Relief was organized in 1887, and has since developed as the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, with members appointed by the National Council, "to secure, hold, manage, and distribute funds for the relief of needy Congregational ministers and the needy families of deceased Congregational ministers." The receipts of the board during the year 1916 were \$79,835, not including conditional gifts. If we add these, with a special gift of \$25,000 and a special legacy of \$450,000, the total receipts for the year were \$565,335.

The annuity fund for Congregational ministers, which in 1916 completed its third year, is organized under the contributory pension system to secure an annuity for those ministers who become members at the age of 65. Its total assets at the close of 1916 were \$136,491.

In 1853 the American Congregational Association was organized in Boston for the purpose of collating such literature as might serve to illustrate Congregational history and of promoting the general interests of Congregational Churches. It owns a building in Boston, which is regarded as the denominational headquarters, and has a library of great value.

The modern movement for the organization of young people for Christian work was started by a Congregational minister, the Rev. Francis E. Clark, who formed the first Christian Endeavor Society, in Portland, Me., in 1881. Similar societies were soon established in other churches, and in 1885 a general interdenominational organization was effected, under the name United Society of Christian Endeavor. This has spread not only throughout the United States, but throughout the world, and has also given the impulse for a number of kindred denominational societies, such as the Epworth League, the Baptist Young People's Union, etc. In 1916 there were in the Congregational Churches of the United States 3,201 Christian Endeavor societies with 134,258 members.

Congregational publishing interests have chiefly been heretofore in the care of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Since, as previously stated, the Sunday school work is to be taken over by another organization, this society will change its name, probably taking the name Congregational Publishing Society, and as such and through its trade name, "The Pilgrim Press," will continue the publication of Sunday school literature and of other periodicals and books, mainly of a religious nature. It also issues the leading denominational paper, the Congregationalist and Advance, formed by merging the Congregationalist and Christian World and the Advance. The different missionary societies publish their own monthlies, including especially the Missionary Herald, representing the foreign work, and the American Missionary, representing the combined home work.

For the better coordination of the various lines of denominational activity there have been established a number of commissions of the National Council whose duty it is to advise the various societies described above as to organization, methods, and policies, and to recommend to the council such action as commends itself to their judgment. These commissions are 9 in number, on Missions, home and foreign; on Social Service; on Evangelism; on Religious and Moral Education; on Federation, Comity and Unity, and Delegates to the Federal Council; National Service Commissions, having special reference to war work; Commission on Organization, having special reference to state and district organization and the local church; Pilgrim Fund Commission for raising a fund of \$5,000,000 for pensions of Congregational ministers; on Temperance and Public Worship.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Congregational Churches for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 242 and 243, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	5,867	5,713	154	2.7
Members.....	791,274	700,480	90,794	13.0
Church edifices.....	5,744	5,792	-48	-0.8
Value of church property.....	\$80,842,813	\$63,240,305	\$17,602,508	27.8
Debt on church property.....	\$3,928,253	\$2,708,025	\$1,220,228	45.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3,049	2,693	356	13.2
Value.....	\$9,295,284	\$6,761,148	\$2,534,136	37.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	5,804	5,741	63	1.1
Officers and teachers.....	77,607	75,801	1,806	2.4
Scholars.....	654,922	638,089	16,833	2.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$2,295,237	\$1,926,133	\$369,104	19.2
Domestic.....	\$1,206,139	\$1,034,154	\$171,985	16.6
Foreign.....	\$1,089,098	\$891,979	\$197,119	22.1

\* A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

As shown by the table the denomination has gained during the decade in every respect, except in number of edifices reported. The total number of organizations in 1916 was 5,867 as against 5,713 in 1906, a gain of 2.7 per cent, and the membership was 791,274 as against 700,480, showing a gain of 13 per cent. The number of church edifices was 5,744, a loss of 48, but, as shown by the table on p. 242, the number of halls and other places of worship reported for holding services was 205 as against 164 in 1906. The value of church property rose from \$63,240,305 to \$80,842,813, an increase of 27.8 per cent. The debt on church property amounted to

\$3,928,253, as reported by 1,447 organizations in 1916, against \$2,708,025, as reported by 1,206 organizations in 1906. The number of organizations reporting parsonages increased from 2,693 in 1906 to 3,049 in 1916, or 13.2 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$6,761,148 to \$9,295,284, a gain of 37.5 per cent. The increase in Sunday schools and scholars was less than in the other items, though the number of scholars advanced from 638,089 to 654,922, or 2.6 per cent.

Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$1,926,133 to \$2,295,237, or 19.2 per cent, the gifts for foreign work increasing in greater proportion than those for domestic work, the latter not including gifts for philanthropic purposes.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by 5,619 organizations, amounted to \$14,220,133 and covered running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 4,484 organizations in 1916, was 11,455, constituting 1.9 per cent of the 617,325 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 173,949 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 14,683.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 5,867 organizations, 5,420, with 745,417 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 447, with 45,857 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English, of which, 309, with 22,227 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages used was 20. Of these the leading languages used alone or with English were German, by 186 organizations, with 15,384 members; followed next in order by Swedish, used by 92 organizations, with 7,122 members; and Welsh, used by 60 organizations, with 7,303 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows an increase of 1 in the number of languages used, and a decrease of 19 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages, but an increase of 7,673 in the membership of such organizations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 6,040 and schedules were received from 4,665, distributed among the states as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States .....	4,665	3,160	267	1,238	\$1,343
Alabama.....	40	16	8	16	692
Arizona.....	7	6	.....	1	1,393
Arkansas.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
California.....	308	166	15	127	1,220
Colorado.....	68	47	6	15	1,223
Connecticut.....	338	237	20	81	1,498
District of Columbia.....	17	6	2	9	2,527
Florida.....	54	25	7	22	895
Georgia.....	46	16	11	19	896
Idaho.....	22	17	1	4	958
Illinois.....	295	197	13	85	1,578
Indiana.....	26	20	1	5	1,363
Iowa.....	207	159	6	42	1,237
Kansas.....	103	69	3	31	1,270
Kentucky.....	10	3	.....	7	875
Louisiana.....	18	7	6	5	746
Maine.....	144	112	3	29	1,125
Maryland.....	8	2	1	5	1,900
Massachusetts.....	698	484	29	185	1,584
Michigan.....	187	140	12	35	1,219
Minnesota.....	153	111	10	32	1,328
Mississippi.....	3	3	.....	.....	640
Missouri.....	56	33	4	19	1,795
Montana.....	43	36	1	11	1,220
Nebraska.....	134	103	6	25	1,054
Nevada.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	157	109	10	38	1,120
New Jersey.....	48	36	.....	12	1,945
New Mexico.....	10	5	.....	5	1,100
New York.....	316	211	12	93	1,600
North Carolina.....	32	13	6	13	602
North Dakota.....	85	66	6	13	1,632
Ohio.....	218	132	17	69	1,474
Oklahoma.....	29	20	2	7	1,020
Oregon.....	46	32	5	9	1,225
Pennsylvania.....	75	59	.....	16	1,073
Rhode Island.....	43	33	4	6	1,630
South Carolina.....	5	3	.....	1	1,073
South Dakota.....	95	72	4	19	1,048
Tennessee.....	13	7	.....	6	1,052
Texas.....	25	18	.....	7	1,258
Utah.....	5	3	1	1	1,367
Vermont.....	144	115	6	23	1,027
Virginia.....	6	4	.....	2	1,200
Washington.....	131	79	11	41	1,143
West Virginia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	176	116	16	44	1,342
Wyoming.....	13	10	1	2	1,305

Of the 4,665 ministers reported, 3,427 were in pastoral work, and 1,238 were not in pastoral work. The number of pastors reporting other occupations was 83, the number of supplies, assistants, etc., 184. Of those not in pastoral work, 612 were reported as retired, while 121 were in denominational work, 197 in educational and editorial work, 135 in evangelistic and philanthropic work, and 173 in other or non-ministerial occupations. The number of pastors reporting salaries was 3,156, and the average annual salary reported was \$1,343.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Congregational Churches.....	5,867	5,863	791,274	5,831	281,740	507,672	5,521	205	5,744	5,526	\$80,842,813
New England division:											
Maine.....	264	264	21,641	255	6,246	15,169	252	10	274	250	2,163,200
New Hampshire.....	191	190	20,084	190	6,218	13,866	185	5	193	185	1,955,540
Vermont.....	214	214	22,912	214	7,726	15,186	212	2	218	212	1,830,780
Massachusetts.....	609	609	133,509	604	43,342	89,434	596	8	653	596	19,189,313
Rhode Island.....	43	43	10,531	43	3,561	6,970	43	.....	44	43	1,263,572
Connecticut.....	327	327	71,188	327	25,506	45,682	325	2	352	324	7,908,268
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	306	306	65,021	306	23,735	41,286	299	3	310	299	7,765,532
New Jersey.....	50	50	10,839	50	4,187	6,652	49	.....	53	49	1,599,750
Pennsylvania.....	104	104	16,444	104	6,429	10,015	101	.....	101	101	1,551,970
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	242	242	45,606	241	16,798	28,716	238	3	242	239	4,272,094
Indiana.....	39	39	5,768	39	2,148	3,620	39	.....	39	39	586,200
Illinois.....	325	325	57,926	325	21,103	36,823	319	5	333	318	5,599,396
Michigan.....	286	286	35,597	284	12,155	23,398	285	1	295	285	2,972,202
Wisconsin.....	270	269	30,534	266	10,518	19,966	252	12	254	252	2,413,212
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	226	226	22,987	226	8,358	14,629	213	6	224	213	2,168,995
Iowa.....	277	277	39,524	276	14,518	24,964	270	3	280	272	2,942,450
Missouri.....	65	65	10,479	65	3,899	6,580	64	.....	64	64	1,327,250
North Dakota.....	236	236	8,913	235	3,588	5,300	187	29	191	188	626,197
South Dakota.....	218	218	11,762	214	4,429	7,174	181	19	188	180	749,909
Nebraska.....	198	198	19,423	197	7,380	11,682	189	5	192	188	1,105,815
Kansas.....	132	132	16,893	131	6,271	10,562	127	3	129	128	996,025
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5	5	875	5	298	577	5	.....	5	5	143,200
District of Columbia.....	6	6	3,255	6	1,237	2,018	6	.....	6	6	606,000
Virginia.....	4	4	360	4	155	205	4	.....	4	4	32,000
West Virginia.....	2	2	316	2	130	186	2	.....	2	2	52,500
North Carolina.....	61	61	3,125	61	1,306	1,819	58	1	59	58	133,229
South Carolina.....	8	8	501	8	181	320	6	.....	6	6	66,600
Georgia.....	83	83	6,119	83	2,510	3,609	77	1	77	77	453,200
Florida.....	50	50	2,878	50	1,131	1,747	45	3	46	46	378,780
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	12	12	712	12	272	440	10	1	11	10	35,400
Tennessee.....	23	23	2,185	23	909	1,276	17	5	17	17	214,550
Alabama.....	82	82	4,822	82	2,053	2,769	73	2	73	74	104,282
Mississippi.....	5	5	371	5	160	211	4	.....	4	4	14,161
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3	3	740	3	336	404	3	.....	3	3	56,500
Louisiana.....	31	31	1,765	31	613	1,152	25	5	25	26	71,762
Oklahoma.....	51	51	3,419	51	1,303	2,116	48	1	50	48	194,475
Texas.....	29	29	2,377	29	974	1,403	27	1	28	27	201,950
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	90	89	3,841	87	1,576	2,265	59	19	63	59	288,465
Idaho.....	45	45	2,827	45	1,074	1,753	36	8	37	36	161,605
Wyoming.....	25	25	1,951	25	712	1,239	18	5	18	18	172,200
Colorado.....	99	99	11,782	99	4,543	7,239	89	8	89	91	805,675
New Mexico.....	7	7	366	7	140	226	7	.....	7	7	38,150
Arizona.....	9	9	539	9	179	360	6	1	6	6	45,500
Utah.....	11	11	1,616	11	538	1,078	10	1	11	10	143,000
Nevada.....	1	1	261	1	83	178	1	.....	1	1	27,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	199	198	16,137	198	6,057	10,080	175	16	177	175	1,365,983
Oregon.....	60	60	6,373	60	2,356	4,017	58	2	58	59	629,300
California.....	244	244	34,180	242	12,869	21,311	226	9	232	226	3,419,676

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Congregational Churches.....	5,867	1,447	\$3,928,253	3,049	\$9,295,284	5,619	\$14,220,133	5,537	5,804	77,607	654,922
New England division:											
Maine.....	264	125	63,686	125	301,359	246	355,383	240	255	2,675	20,168
New Hampshire.....	191	9	4,532	151	380,900	189	318,494	184	191	2,101	16,276
Vermont.....	214	11	11,220	147	387,225	209	307,507	198	205	2,233	15,406
Massachusetts.....	609	115	561,393	357	1,636,485	605	2,803,400	596	637	12,747	108,854
Rhode Island.....	43	8	24,054	13	49,489	43	192,282	43	50	851	7,337
Connecticut.....	327	50	162,362	272	1,367,435	326	1,266,142	322	340	5,692	44,450
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	306	78	490,705	168	538,039	304	1,181,886	289	304	5,119	42,962
New Jersey.....	50	24	166,576	20	153,000	49	368,579	49	53	993	7,941
Pennsylvania.....	104	37	123,546	36	122,600	100	196,688	102	106	1,615	15,521
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	242	49	339,761	110	344,640	229	666,211	225	228	3,940	37,717
Indiana.....	39	11	47,368	9	28,348	36	90,985	37	38	506	4,956
Illinois.....	325	74	345,933	169	593,936	318	1,067,343	318	330	5,671	50,111
Michigan.....	286	77	119,758	159	323,242	279	723,491	278	283	3,968	33,221
Wisconsin.....	270	79	127,221	141	434,785	264	458,477	249	204	3,010	24,034
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	226	74	98,687	118	272,200	219	455,914	215	226	2,625	22,716
Iowa.....	277	65	133,168	178	517,350	262	802,531	256	260	3,495	30,227
Missouri.....	65	28	65,124	25	74,500	63	195,046	59	63	1,023	8,359
North Dakota.....	236	63	60,062	76	145,760	227	182,703	220	234	1,491	13,072
South Dakota.....	218	44	52,141	105	223,025	195	212,429	191	198	1,474	12,248
Nebraska.....	198	46	69,888	132	292,720	189	326,310	186	189	2,290	18,407
Kansas.....	132	45	65,050	74	162,950	131	245,942	127	132	1,836	15,071
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5	3	6,200	1	1,500	5	12,620	5	5	69	749
District of Columbia.....	6	4	44,600	1	4,000	6	44,510	6	6	176	1,682
Virginia.....	4	2	3,000	2	4,500	4	6,233	4	4	41	359
West Virginia.....	2	.....	.....	2	6,000	2	4,630	2	2	26	204
North Carolina.....	61	9	8,090	14	21,130	52	28,350	59	59	378	3,269
South Carolina.....	8	.....	.....	7	5,000	5	4,184	7	7	54	635
Georgia.....	83	16	22,844	7	14,850	67	40,130	68	70	455	4,401
Florida.....	50	11	12,040	18	58,786	43	46,797	38	38	338	2,731
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	12	1	300	5	10,000	8	4,801	11	11	76	801
Tennessee.....	23	4	33,815	5	11,500	19	20,982	22	23	210	1,824
Alabama.....	82	7	7,218	12	20,950	72	18,112	65	74	415	3,763
Mississippi.....	5	.....	.....	2	2,200	5	1,526	5	5	39	465
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3	2	4,640	1	2,500	3	10,119	3	3	29	396
Louisiana.....	31	6	1,226	10	12,290	27	12,449	29	30	195	1,850
Oklahoma.....	51	11	10,685	27	34,490	46	55,950	47	48	475	3,830
Texas.....	29	9	22,160	10	26,900	29	65,772	28	31	309	2,707
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	90	21	22,705	23	55,550	83	63,249	81	87	558	4,628
Idaho.....	45	15	12,916	24	27,150	41	32,934	43	47	424	3,607
Wyoming.....	25	6	17,784	11	30,900	24	38,149	25	36	275	2,021
Colorado.....	99	33	44,968	45	107,000	97	192,522	98	100	1,268	11,161
New Mexico.....	7	3	2,200	2	2,600	4	10,700	6	6	39	473
Arizona.....	9	1	1,600	5	11,000	9	15,204	8	8	83	573
Utah.....	11	1	750	4	11,000	10	25,741	11	12	153	1,202
Nevada.....	1	1	175	1	3,000	1	3,140	1	1	26	246
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	199	62	131,934	93	167,500	186	284,795	193	203	2,203	18,164
Oregon.....	60	20	30,977	20	41,400	58	84,760	58	58	713	6,070
California.....	244	87	353,191	112	251,600	230	673,905	230	244	3,225	28,057



## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

## HISTORY.

The Disciples of Christ trace their origin to the revival movement in the early part of the nineteenth century, when a number of leaders arose who pleaded for the Bible alone, without human addition in the form of creeds and formulas.<sup>1</sup> At first they emphasized particularly the independence of the local church, with reference to any ecclesiastical system. Somewhat later an element was added which sought to restore the union of the churches through a "return, in doctrine, ordinance, and life, to the religion definitely outlined" in the New Testament.

In 1807 the Rev. Thomas Campbell, a member of the Secession branch of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, came to the United States, was received cordially, and found employment in western Pennsylvania. Finding that, in the generally destitute condition of that region, a number of families belonging to other presbyteries had not for a long time enjoyed the communion service, he invited them to attend his service. For this he was censured by his presbytery, but on appeal to the Associate Synod of North America, on account of informalities in the proceedings of the presbytery, he was released from censure. In the presentation of his case, however, he emphasized very strongly the evils of sectarianism, and as it became increasingly evident that his views differed from those of the presbytery, he formally withdrew from the synod. In 1809 his son, Alexander Campbell, with the rest of the family, joined him, and an organization called the "Christian Association of Washington, Pa.," was formed. From this association was issued a "declaration and address," which became historic.

Its main purpose was to set forth the essential unity of the Church of Christ, which, while necessarily existing in particular and distinct societies, ought to have "no schisms, or uncharitable divisions among them." To this end, it claimed that nothing should be inculcated "as articles of faith or terms of communion but what is expressly taught and enjoined \* \* \* in the Word of God," which is "the perfect constitution for the worship, discipline, and government of the New Testament Church," nor has "any human authority power to impose new commands and ordinances upon the church." While "inferences and deductions from Scripture promises \* \* \* may be truly called the doctrine of God's Holy Word, yet they are not formally binding upon the consciences of Christians," and while "doctrinal expositions of divine truths are advantageous, yet they ought not to be made terms of Christian com-

munion," all the "precious saints of God" being under obligation "to love each other as brethren."

Division among Christians is characterized as "a horrid evil, fraught with many evils," anti-Christian, antisciptural, antinatural, and "productive of confusion and every evil work." Membership in the church should be confined to such as "profess their faith in Christ and obedience to Him in all things according to the Scriptures," and "continue to manifest the reality of their profession by their temper and conduct." Ministers are "to inculcate none other things than those articles of faith and holiness expressly revealed and enjoined in the Word of God," and in administration are to observe the "example of the Primitive Church without any additions whatsoever of human opinions or inventions of men." Should there be any "circumstantials indispensably necessary to the observance of divine ordinances not found upon the page of express revelation," these may be adopted only under the title of "human expedients without any pretense to a more sacred origin."

The publication of this address did not meet with much response, and the two Campbells appear to have been somewhat uncertain as to just what to do. The development of their Christian Association into a distinct denomination was the very thing they did not wish, and accordingly overtures were made to the Presbyterian Synod of Pittsburgh. The address, however, stood in the way of acceptance, and in 1810 they and their associates organized "The First Church of the Christian Association of Washington, meeting at Cross Roads and Brush Run, Washington County, Pennsylvania."

Subsequently an invitation was given to the members of this association to join the Redstone Baptist Association, but difficulties arose on both sides. The Campbells had accepted the general principle of believers' baptism, but some elements in their position were not pleasing to the Baptists. On the other hand, the Baptist Association, in accepting the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, had done the very thing to which the Campbells objected. Still it seemed advantageous for them to enter into fellowship with the churches nearest to their own in belief and practice, and accordingly the invitation was accepted. This membership, however, did not continue for any length of time, as difference of views became more evident, and later the association withdrew and joined the Mahoning Baptist Association, in which the teachings of the Campbells had gained general acceptance. In 1829, however, since a majority of the members believed that there was no warrant in Scripture for an organization such as theirs, the association was disbanded as an ecclesiastical body. Alexander Camp-

<sup>1</sup> See Christian Church (American Christian Convention), p. 195.

bell was opposed to this action, as he thought that such an organization was needed and that there was no reason why a specific "Thus saith the Lord" should be required in a case of this character.

Meanwhile, Barton W. Stone, and a number of his associates had accepted the principle of baptism by immersion, although comparatively few made it a test of fellowship, and as they came into relations with Alexander Campbell, a partial union was effected in Lexington, Ky., in the early part of 1832. In this there seems to have been no effort at entire agreement, but only a readiness to cooperate heartily in evangelistic work. When the question arose as to the name to be adopted, Mr. Stone favored "Christians," as the name given in the beginning by divine authority. Mr. Campbell and his friends preferred the name "Disciples" as less offensive to good people, and quite as scriptural. The result was that no definite action was taken, and both names were used, the local organization being known, generally, as a "Christian Church," or a "Church of Christ," though occasionally as a "Church of Disciples," or a "Disciples' Church." Of recent years the Year Book published by the Missionary Society has used the name "Churches of Christ (Disciples)." The adoption, however, by the International Convention, of the name "Disciples of Christ" has helped to establish that as the title of the denomination.

During the first few years of the movement, Alexander Campbell and other leaders were often engaged in more or less heated controversies with representatives of other denominations. Gradually, however, these discussions became less frequent and at the same time more conciliatory in tone.

The growth of the new organization was very rapid, especially in the Middle West. Throughout Ohio, Tennessee, and Missouri it gathered numerous congregations, though there was evident a strong objection to any such association, even for fellowship, as would appear to involve ecclesiastical organization. This manifested itself in various ways, especially in opposition to the use of societies for carrying on missionary work. The use of instrumental music in the churches also occasioned dissatisfaction.

During the Civil War the movement suffered from the general disorganization of the sections in which it had gained in strength, and the death of Alexander Campbell in 1866 was no doubt a severe blow. From the effect of these discouragements, however, it soon recovered, and the period since the war has been one of rapid expansion. With this expansion there developed out of the objections referred to above, especially to any semblance of ecclesiastical organization, and to the use of instrumental music in the churches, two parties, generally termed "Progressives" and "Conservatives." The former were anxious to include all under one general head as was done in the census

report for 1890, leaving each church free to conduct its affairs in its own way, but the Conservatives objected, and insisted on separate classification. Accordingly, in the report for 1906 and in this report the "Conservative" churches have been listed as Churches of Christ.<sup>1</sup> The line of demarcation between the two bodies, however, is not always clear.

#### DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal position of the Disciples has been summarized as follows:

They accept the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; the all-sufficiency of the Bible as a revelation of God's will and a rule of faith and life; the revelation of God in threefold personality of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as set forth by the Apostles; the divine glory of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, His incarnation, doctrine, miracles, death as a sin offering, resurrection, ascension, and coronation; the personality of the Holy Spirit and His divine mission to convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come, and to comfort and sanctify the people of God; the alienation of man from his Maker, and the necessity of faith, repentance, and obedience in order to salvation; the obligation of the divine ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper; the duty of observing the Lord's day in memory of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; the necessity of holiness on the part of believers; the divine appointment of the Church of Christ, composed of all who by faith and obedience confess His name, with its ministries and services for the edification of the body of Christ and the conversion of the world; the fullness and freeness of the salvation that is in Christ to all who will accept it on the New Testament conditions; the final judgment, with the reward of the righteous and punishment of the wicked.

In addition to these beliefs, in which they are in general accord with other Protestant churches, the Disciples hold certain positions which they regard as distinctive:

1. Feeling that "to believe and to do none other things than those enjoined by our Lord and His Apostles must be infallibly safe," they aim "to restore in faith and spirit and practice the Christianity of Christ and His Apostles as found on the pages of the New Testament."
2. Affirming that "the sacred Scriptures as given of God answer all purposes of a rule of faith and practice, and a law for the government of the church, and that human creeds and confessions of faith spring out of controversy and, instead of being bonds of union, tend to division and strife," they reject all such creeds and confessions.
3. They place especial emphasis upon "the Divine Sonship of Jesus, as the fundamental fact of Holy Scripture, the essential creed of Christianity, and the one article of faith in order to baptism and church membership."
4. Believing that in the Scriptures "a clear distinction is made between the law and the gospel," they "do not regard the Old and New Testaments as of equally binding authority upon Christians," but that "the New Testament is as perfect a constitution for the worship, government, and discipline of the New Testament church as the Old was for the Old Testament church."
5. While claiming for themselves the New Testament names of "Christians," or "Disciples," "they do not deny that others are Christians or that other churches are Churches of Christ."
6. Accepting the divine personality of the Holy Spirit, through whose agency regeneration is begun, they hold that men "must hear, believe, repent, and obey the gospel to be saved."

<sup>1</sup> See Churches of Christ, p. 207.

7. Repudiating any doctrine of "baptismal regeneration," and insisting that there is no other prerequisite to regeneration than confession of faith with the whole heart in the personal living Christ, they regard baptism by immersion "as one of the items of the original divine system," and as "commanded in order to the remission of sins."

8. Following the apostolic model, the Disciples celebrate the Lord's Supper on each Lord's day, "not as a sacrament, but as a memorial feast," from which no sincere follower of Christ of what ever creed or church connection is excluded.

9. The Lord's day with the Disciples is not the Sabbath, but a New Testament institution, consecrated by apostolic example.

10. The Church of Christ is a divine institution; sects are unscriptural and unapostolic, and the sect name, spirit, and life should give place to the union and cooperation that distinguished the church of the New Testament.

#### POLITY.

In polity the Disciples churches are congregational. Each local church elects its own officers, calls its own ministers, and conducts its own affairs with no supervision by any outside ecclesiastical authority. Persons are received as members of the church, after conference with the pastor, on profession before the congregation of their faith in Christ. Baptism follows either at the same or at some subsequent service. The officers of the church are the pastor, elders, and deacons. The elders have special care of the spiritual interests of the congregation, and the deacons of its financial affairs and benevolences, although the distinction between elders and deacons is not always observed. Applicants for the ministry are ordained by authority of the local church, the ceremony of ordination being conducted by the pastor and elders of the church, sometimes by a visiting evangelist, or occasionally by an association of neighboring churches. The minister is a member of the church where he is located, whether as pastor or as evangelist, and is amenable to its discipline. For conference in regard to ministerial matters, and a general supervision over ministerial standing, ministerial associations are formed, but they are simply advisory, the authority resting with the local church of which the minister is a member.

There is no national ecclesiastical organization of the churches. There is an "International Convention of Disciples of Christ," which is composed of individual members of the churches. These may or may not be selected by the churches, but their standing in the convention is personal rather than representative, and the convention as such has no authority over the action of the churches, which are at liberty to accept or reject its recommendations.

For mutual conference in regard to their general affairs, the churches unite in district and state conventions. These conventions, however, have no ecclesiastical authority, the ultimate responsibility in every case resting in the local church.

In accordance with the principles that have been emphasized in their history, the Disciples of Christ,

individually, in their local church organization, in their organized societies, and in their denominational relations, have constantly sought to secure the overcoming of denominational distinction and the unity of the church in its broadest sense. They are thus represented in the various interdenominational movements, especially the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Advisory Committee on a World Conference on Faith and Order, the Y. M. C. A., and similar organizations.

#### WORK.

The general activities of the Disciples of Christ are carried on through a number of societies which, in their organization, are independent of any ecclesiastical control, although the various individuals are represented in their membership. A general convention, called "The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ," consisting of members of the churches, meets annually in October. Its object is to promote unity, economy, and efficiency among the philanthropic organizations of the churches, promote equitable representation, and secure closer cooperation. Its powers are advisory.

While the earlier sentiment was somewhat averse to the organization of societies, and Alexander Campbell criticised the societies of his time somewhat severely, there is no reason to suppose that he objected to them in principle. His first association at Washington, Pa., was practically a missionary or church extension society, and the organization with which Barton W. Stone was identified was distinctly evangelistic in its nature. It was with Mr. Campbell's full approval that in 1849, the American Christian Missionary Society was formed at Cincinnati, its object being, as stated in its constitution, "to promote the preaching of the Gospel in this and other lands." He was the first president and held the office until his death in 1866. During the Civil War, on account of the general disorganization in the sections where these churches were strongest, comparatively little missionary work was done, but since the war there has been a marked development of such work. In 1874, the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was organized, and about the same time a large number of state, district, and city societies were formed. The next year the Foreign Christian Missionary Society came into being, followed in 1887 by the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, in 1888 by the Board of Church Extension, in 1895 by the Board of Ministerial Relief, in 1900 by the Christian Educational Society, and later by the American Temperance Board.

The home missionary work is under the care of the American Christian Missionary Society; the Christian Woman's Board of Missions; the Board of Church

Extension; and 45 state societies doing home missionary work in as many states, besides various district and city societies.

The American Christian Missionary Society operates in all parts of the United States, and in Canada. It has departmental work for church maintenance, Sunday schools, social service, rural churches, immigrants, etc. It has invested funds amounting to \$258,350. The Board of Church Extension assists in the erection of church buildings, and has a permanent fund amounting to \$1,414,348. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions operates in the United States and in 9 foreign countries. It has evangelistic work in 30 states, Bible chairs in 4 state universities, mountain schools, evangelistic, educational, and industrial work among Negroes and immigrants, work among Japanese and Chinese on the Pacific coast and among Mexicans in Texas. It has invested funds amounting to \$310,979, and real estate valued at \$805,000.

The combined report of these different boards for 1916 shows 802 missionaries employed in the United States, 424 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of \$592,166. In addition to this, \$50,000 was received by the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The foreign missionary work is carried on chiefly through 2 societies, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Together they conduct work in 13 countries, including India, China, Japan, Africa, Porto Rico, Cuba, South America, New Zealand, Tibet, Philippine Islands, Mexico, Canada, and Jamaica. A summary of the work of the 2 societies for 1916 shows 72 mission stations; 278 American missionaries; 1,019 native helpers; 239 organized churches, with 21,825 members; 159 schools, with 7,509 pupils; 35 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 101,184 patients; 9 asylums, orphanages, etc., with 669 inmates; property valued at \$916,713; and a total income of \$569,416.

The educational work of the denomination in the United States is represented by 44 colleges and schools of higher grade, which provide classical, scientific, and professional training for both sexes, and cover every phase of ministerial training, including that for foreign missionary work. In 1916 these institutions reported 8,545 students. The contributions for educational work amounted to \$314,384. The value of the property of the colleges, academies, etc., was given as \$5,336,705, while the endowments of these institutions amounted to \$4,050,341.

The National Benevolent Association has under its care 2 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 500 patients, and 11 orphanages, with 550 inmates. The amount contributed for these institutions in 1916 was \$170,000. The value of the property is estimated at \$809,000, and there is an endowment of \$183,000.

In young people's work, under the National Board of Christian Endeavor, the Disciples churches had in 1916 about 7,500 senior societies, with a membership of 225,000.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Disciples of Christ for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 249 and 250, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	8,408	8,293	115	1.4
Members.....	1,226,028	982,701	243,327	24.8
Church edifices.....	6,815	7,066	-251	-3.6
Value of church property.....	\$40,327,201	\$27,439,944	\$12,887,257	47.0
Debt on church property.....	\$4,160,239	\$1,792,613	\$2,367,626	132.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	947	596	351	58.9
Value.....	\$2,318,852	\$1,106,325	\$1,212,527	109.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	7,706	6,818	888	13.0
Officers and teachers.....	84,596	65,364	19,232	29.4
Scholars.....	942,879	578,418	364,461	63.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,645,966	\$2,181,809	-\$535,843	-24.6
Domestic.....	\$1,076,550	\$1,735,456	-\$658,906	-38.0
Foreign.....	\$569,416	\$446,353	\$123,063	27.6

\* A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The above table shows that the denomination has gained in strength in almost all particulars. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 8,408 against 8,293 in 1906. The membership rose from 982,701 to 1,226,028, or 24.8 per cent. The number of church edifices dropped from 7,066 in 1906 to 6,815 in 1916, a loss of 3.6 per cent, but the value of church property rose from \$27,439,944 to \$40,327,201, an increase of 47 per cent. The amount of debt reported in 1916 by 1,327 organizations was \$4,160,239 against \$1,792,613 reported by 1,041 organizations in 1906. Organizations reporting parsonages increased by 351, or 58.9 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$1,106,325 to \$2,318,852, or 109.6 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased by 888, or 13 per cent, and the number of scholars increased from 578,418 to 942,879, or 63 per cent.

Contributions for missions and benevolences fell from \$2,181,809 to \$1,645,966, or 24.6 per cent, the loss being entirely in contributions for domestic work, specifically in contributions for educational purposes, the figures for 1906 including large sums for the establishment of colleges. The donations to foreign work increased from \$446,353 to \$569,416, or 27.6 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by 5,568 organizations, amounted to \$8,797,820, and covered running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 8,396 organizations in 1916, was 45,856, constituting 3.7 per cent of the 1,226,028 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 8,408 organizations, 8,396, with 1,224,273 members, conducted services in English only, while 12 organizations, with 1,755 members, used foreign languages alone or with English, of which 10, with 900 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages used was 4—Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish. Of these, the leading language was French, used alone or with English by 6 organizations, with 1,487 members, followed by Spanish used alone by 4 organizations, with 194 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows the same number of languages reported, and an increase of 7 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages, and of 1,586 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was reported as 5,938. Schedules were received from 1,891, distributed, by states, as shown in the next table.

Of the 1,891 ministers reporting, 1,668 were in pastoral work and 223 not in pastoral work. There were 1,290 in pastoral work only, of whom 1,266 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,251. Of those not in pastoral work, 78 were on the retired list, 63 were engaged in

evangelistic and philanthropic work, and 29 in educational and editorial work. The number of pastors with other occupations was 236.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,891	1,290	376	223	\$1,251
Alabama.....	19	11	7	1	1,030
Arizona.....	5	3	.....	2	1,200
Arkansas.....	29	16	10	3	1,031
California.....	110	83	7	20	1,268
Colorado.....	28	22	3	3	1,312
Delaware.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,150
District of Columbia.....	6	5	1	.....	1,540
Florida.....	13	8	3	2	1,177
Georgia.....	21	13	4	4	1,679
Idaho.....	10	8	2	.....	997
Illinois.....	191	138	27	26	1,248
Indiana.....	165	117	29	19	1,292
Iowa.....	130	99	24	7	1,221
Kansas.....	78	61	8	9	1,164
Kentucky.....	142	94	36	12	1,150
Louisiana.....	4	4	.....	.....	1,163
Maryland.....	14	10	4	.....	1,154
Massachusetts.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,275
Michigan.....	40	29	9	2	1,081
Minnesota.....	18	12	2	4	1,265
Mississippi.....	13	7	5	1	1,188
Missouri.....	176	120	33	23	1,302
Montana.....	7	5	1	1	1,300
Nebraska.....	18	10	4	4	1,118
New Mexico.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	11	9	2	.....	1,464
North Carolina.....	9	5	2	2	1,170
Ohio.....	161	117	20	24	1,300
Oklahoma.....	70	40	23	7	1,069
Oregon.....	43	22	14	7	1,108
Pennsylvania.....	62	45	13	4	1,435
South Carolina.....	18	4	11	3	500
South Dakota.....	4	3	1	.....	1,021
Tennessee.....	34	16	12	6	1,380
Texas.....	101	71	20	10	1,418
Utah.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	43	27	14	2	1,150
Washington.....	39	21	7	11	1,292
West Virginia.....	43	22	18	3	1,294
Wisconsin.....	8	5	2	1	1,320
Wyoming.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,350

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Disciples of Christ .....	8,408	8,396	1,226,028	5,660	378,777	554,731	6,719	214	6,815	5,597	\$40,327,201
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine .....	7	7	687	6	223	434	6	.....	6	6	22,800
Vermont .....	2	2	351	1	21	30	1	.....	1	1	3,000
Massachusetts .....	8	8	1,264	7	385	680	8	.....	8	7	133,000
Rhode Island .....	2	2	115	1	20	50	1	.....	1	1	1,500
Connecticut .....	2	2	628	2	305	323	2	.....	2	2	45,000
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York .....	56	55	11,139	48	4,084	6,141	51	2	51	51	842,900
New Jersey .....	2	2	534	1	230	274	2	.....	2	1	50,000
Pennsylvania .....	168	168	37,717	134	12,314	18,254	139	2	149	139	1,654,700
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio .....	525	525	109,732	387	35,651	52,283	517	3	518	407	4,110,450
Indiana .....	766	765	137,727	517	43,187	61,957	575	6	577	534	4,472,331
Illinois .....	690	690	116,639	462	35,693	54,120	559	2	566	470	4,384,203
Michigan .....	121	120	12,740	89	4,266	6,695	87	3	87	85	582,550
Wisconsin .....	28	28	2,291	14	606	954	22	1	22	14	74,500
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota .....	55	55	5,042	43	1,760	2,718	43	3	44	42	270,425
Iowa .....	384	384	73,237	291	24,320	36,828	350	.....	353	294	2,689,475
Missouri .....	1,025	1,023	145,403	680	44,106	64,330	844	19	846	693	4,663,480
North Dakota .....	9	9	341	4	68	118	7	2	7	2	15,000
South Dakota .....	26	26	1,764	19	589	894	17	.....	17	16	82,500
Nebraska .....	171	171	24,140	125	7,334	11,072	127	.....	128	126	867,442
Kansas .....	411	411	67,554	300	22,471	32,646	334	17	338	293	2,010,665
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware .....	2	2	335	2	169	166	2	.....	2	2	3,700
Maryland .....	42	41	5,719	31	1,937	3,046	33	1	33	31	278,175
District of Columbia .....	8	8	3,038	8	1,165	1,873	7	1	7	7	187,500
Virginia .....	324	321	34,220	188	9,959	12,956	321	2	334	193	940,690
West Virginia .....	174	174	19,227	112	5,794	8,257	153	5	155	106	671,155
North Carolina .....	173	173	20,095	100	5,674	6,981	162	4	163	103	339,900
South Carolina .....	54	54	4,414	40	1,778	2,210	39	.....	39	40	65,230
Georgia .....	144	144	16,885	84	5,016	6,591	108	1	108	98	704,650
Florida .....	41	41	3,790	29	1,103	1,847	28	3	28	25	304,800
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky .....	952	952	129,912	576	34,377	46,383	554	50	559	558	880,541
Tennessee .....	212	211	21,672	113	6,644	9,424	166	6	166	113	834,750
Alabama .....	73	73	6,978	53	2,193	3,253	55	1	55	55	232,734
Mississippi .....	77	77	5,364	56	1,831	2,555	55	4	55	50	130,350
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas .....	155	155	13,275	101	3,589	5,368	100	10	103	91	366,265
Louisiana .....	31	31	3,615	26	1,498	1,912	21	1	24	21	122,300
Oklahoma .....	339	339	41,811	228	12,250	18,456	306	20	311	198	942,390
Texas .....	544	544	54,836	334	16,572	25,456	460	22	481	291	2,386,912
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana .....	29	29	3,719	18	1,058	1,692	15	1	16	16	105,750
Idaho .....	45	45	5,065	28	1,557	2,293	36	2	36	29	141,700
Wyoming .....	10	10	763	4	233	343	3	2	3	3	14,200
Colorado .....	61	61	12,805	47	4,185	6,908	52	1	53	47	462,100
New Mexico .....	33	32	2,284	19	549	1,082	12	7	12	12	75,600
Arizona .....	14	14	1,712	12	678	991	11	1	12	12	82,800
Utah .....	2	2	318	1	104	172	2	.....	2	1	25,000
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington .....	124	124	17,521	85	5,751	8,894	91	1	93	83	667,207
Oregon .....	122	121	15,399	97	4,823	7,785	89	6	91	90	516,050
California .....	165	165	32,211	137	10,657	17,036	146	2	151	138	1,868,831

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Disciples of Christ.....	8,408	1,327	\$4,160,239	947	\$2,318,852	5,568	\$8,797,820	7,549	7,706	84,596	942,879
New England division:											
Maine.....	7			1	3,000	6	5,283	7	7	53	545
Vermont.....	2			1	2,000	1	729	2	2	22	211
Massachusetts.....	8	6	18,290	1	1,200	7	14,986	8	8	141	1,259
Rhode Island.....	2					1	600	2	2	2	80
Connecticut.....	2	1	2,888			2	7,322	2	2	29	318
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	56	25	136,730	12	40,200	52	143,255	54	54	866	8,590
New Jersey.....	2		13,300				12,009	2	2	42	521
Pennsylvania.....	168	53	193,519	33	108,650	142	323,920	160	169	2,761	35,107
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	525	111	469,816	75	222,537	405	846,675	511	515	8,067	105,982
Indiana.....	766	127	474,393	65	208,800	524	868,088	702	704	8,464	99,716
Illinois.....	690	102	402,286	112	287,500	453	890,348	658	670	8,196	90,411
Michigan.....	121	29	56,327	18	23,400	84	119,561	112	114	1,288	12,882
Wisconsin.....	28	5	10,440	3	5,000	13	12,708	25	26	225	2,222
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	55	14	3,400	51	4,400	42	55,459	51	52	533	4,413
Iowa.....	384	57	277,137	85	243,925	294	663,522	371	379	4,590	54,705
Missouri.....	1,025	85	343,710	59	168,250	678	897,147	910	914	9,279	98,825
North Dakota.....	9	1	3,500			1	6,500	9	9	51	395
South Dakota.....	26	2	3,200	4	12,500	15	15,322	21	21	174	1,406
Nebraska.....	171	30	68,048	35	55,500	128	195,810	167	168	2,199	20,064
Kansas.....	411	71	149,886	69	141,800	297	513,170	389	400	4,955	54,884
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	2	1	800	1	1,700	1	850	2	2	21	279
Maryland.....	42	10	24,265	4	16,400	33	49,174	39	39	453	4,507
District of Columbia.....	8	5	46,250			7	29,696	8	8	235	2,714
Virginia.....	324	37	111,178	28	53,800	190	159,872	256	259	2,371	23,486
West Virginia.....	174	28	113,819	13	36,500	103	126,451	142	143	1,541	16,248
North Carolina.....	173	20	51,335	5	14,200	104	89,773	144	149	1,040	11,162
South Carolina.....	54	7	9,875			35	10,401	39	40	207	1,802
Georgia.....	144	19	60,604	11	37,050	88	85,345	116	119	878	8,946
Florida.....	41	13	30,685	7	15,250	30	52,863	39	39	350	3,371
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	352	59	115,571	42	118,000	544	505,474	748	752	6,483	73,897
Tennessee.....	212	21	63,323	15	59,740	109	139,286	177	181	1,466	17,613
Alabama.....	73	17	18,755	4	10,750	49	36,686	63	63	477	4,478
Mississippi.....	77	11	10,206	4	6,000	55	31,695	65	65	365	3,432
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	155	23	40,902	10	15,700	93	82,920	134	134	1,018	9,453
Louisiana.....	31	7	22,750	4	10,500	18	26,556	27	29	281	3,264
Oklahoma.....	339	53	69,455	22	29,200	218	309,799	325	332	3,282	37,909
Texas.....	544	89	239,145	71	179,350	301	594,604	497	554	4,365	49,504
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	29	7	14,280	6	23,900	17	32,502	23	24	273	3,009
Idaho.....	45	11	30,030	7	8,700	30	39,069	41	42	464	4,613
Wyoming.....	10	2	1,800			3	4,714	8	9	69	617
Colorado.....	61	19	44,035	11	24,400	45	103,598	57	58	891	10,109
New Mexico.....	33	4	9,604	4	5,800	20	22,512	25	25	207	2,206
Arizona.....	14	5	22,811	3	5,000	12	24,685	12	13	163	1,716
Utah.....	2					1	2,489	2	2	31	250
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	124	41	78,644	12	23,900	83	149,039	121	123	1,781	16,314
Oregon.....	122	39	76,603	15	24,500	98	109,517	113	119	1,324	12,522
California.....	165	59	225,514	28	65,050	135	385,566	163	165	2,583	26,992

## EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The Eastern Orthodox Churches, known historically as the "Eastern Church," and in modern times as the "Greek Orthodox Church," the "Eastern Catholic Church," the "Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church," and popularly as the "Greek Church," are the modern representatives of the Church of the Byzantine Empire. As a distinction between the Eastern and Western Roman Empires developed, there also grew up a distinction between the Eastern and Western Churches, appearing both in their ritual and in their doctrinal position. Toward the ninth century this became still more evident, and culminated in 1054 in complete separation between the patriarch or bishop of Rome and the 4 Eastern patriarchs. The

Eastern Church at that time included 4 ecclesiastical divisions, the Patriarchates of Constantinople, Jerusalem, Antioch, and Alexandria, coordinate in authority, though honorary precedence was accorded to the patriarch of Constantinople.

With the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453, and the assumption by the Turkish Government of the right of approval in the election of the patriarchs, there developed a diversity of ecclesiastical organization. The Patriarchs of Jerusalem, Antioch, and Alexandria, while still according a certain precedence to the Patriarch of Constantinople, preserved their ecclesiastical independence. With the development of the Russian Empire, the Russian Church, hitherto nominally subordinate to the Constantinople Patriarchate, organized its own ecclesiastical government;



first, about the year 1589, in the form of a Russian Patriarchate, and later, in 1721, under the supreme authority of a Holy Governing Synod, with headquarters at Petrograd. Similarly, after Greece had become independent, the Church of Greece established, in 1833, the Holy Synod of Greece at Athens. Various metropolitan sees have also claimed and acquired independence, including those of Serbia, Carlowitz (Serbian Church in Austria-Hungary), Montenegro, Rumania, Hermanstadt (Rumanian Church in Austria-Hungary), Bukowina, Dalmatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Crete, and Cyprus. With the political independence of Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Church, which had hitherto been under the Patriarchate of Constantinople, through an exarch, declared its independence and established the Bulgarian Exarchate.

These different organizations, although independent of each other ecclesiastically, agree in doctrine and, essentially, in form of worship, and together constitute what are called the "Eastern Orthodox Churches."<sup>1</sup>

Of these churches, seven are represented in the United States by regular church organizations. These are the Russian Orthodox, the Greek Orthodox (Hellenic), the Serbian Orthodox, the Syrian Orthodox, the Albanian Orthodox, the Bulgarian Orthodox, and the Rumanian Orthodox. Only one of these, the Russian Orthodox Church, has a general ecclesiastical organization. The Greek Orthodox (Hellenic) churches are looking forward to such an organization, but it is not as yet completed, and the situation in regard to the Bulgarian Orthodox churches is essentially the same. The Serbian, Syrian, Albanian, and Rumanian Orthodox churches are under the general supervision of the Russian Orthodox Church, although reported separately.

*Doctrine.*—The Eastern Orthodox Churches found their doctrine on the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Traditions, and the Niceo-Constantinopolitan Creed in its original wording, without the "Filioque," and hold that the Holy Scriptures should be interpreted strictly in accordance with the teachings of the seven Ecumenical Councils and the Holy Fathers. Recognizing Christ as the only head of the earthly as well as of the heavenly church, they do not accept the dogma of the Pope as the representative of Christ on earth, and the infallible visible head of His earthly church. According to their teaching, infallibility belongs alone to the whole assembly of true believers, to the "Ecclesia" or the Church, represented by their council legally called together.

They believe in the procession of the Holy Ghost from the Father alone; honor Mary as the Mother of God, and honor the Nine Orders of Angels and the

Saints; do not accept the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and reject the doctrine of the surplus merits of saints and the doctrine of indulgences. They respect relics of the saints, pictures of holy subjects, and the cross, but forbid the use of carved images. They accept seven sacraments—baptism, anointing (confirmation or chrismation), communion, penance, holy orders, marriage, and holy unction. Baptism, of infants or adults, is by threefold immersion. The sacrament of anointing is administered at the same time as that of baptism, with "chrism" or holy oil.

The doctrine of transubstantiation is accepted. In the Eucharist, leavened bread is used, being soaked in wine and offered, after confession and absolution, to all members of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Children under 7 years of age, however, receive the sacrament without confession. Holy unction is administered to the sick, and not alone to those in danger of death. The church rejects the doctrine of purgatory, but believes in the beneficial effect of prayer for the dead by the living, and for the living by the dead. It rejects the doctrine of predestination, and considers that for justification both faith and works are necessary.

*Polity.*—There are three orders of the ministry—deacons, priests, and bishops. The deacons assist in the work of the parish and in the service of the sacraments. Priests and deacons are of two orders—secular and monastic. Marriage is allowed to candidates for the diaconate and the priesthood, but is forbidden after ordination. The episcopate is, as a rule, confined to members of the monastic order. A married priest, should his wife die or enter a convent, may enter a monastery and take the monastic vows, and then be eligible to the episcopate. The parishes are, as a rule, in the care of the secular priests.

Monks are gathered in monasteries; in some of these they live in communities, while in others they lead a secluded, hermitical life, each in his own cell. There is but one order, and the vows for all are the same—obedience, chastity, prayer, fasting, and poverty.

The organization for the general government of the different Eastern Orthodox Churches varies in different countries. In general, there is a council at the head of which, as president, is a bishop elected usually by the people. Historically, and at present in some cases, this presiding bishop is called patriarch, and has special collegiates and officers for the purpose of governing his flock. The largest, or most important, of the bishoprics connected with the patriarchate or synod are called "metropolitan sees," though the title carries with it no special ecclesiastical authority. In early times, both the clergy and the laity of the local churches had a voice in the election of bishops, priests, and deacons, but of late that right has been much restricted, and at present the priests and deacons are usually appointed by the bishops, and

<sup>1</sup> This represents the situation at the opening of the great war. Since then notable changes have taken place, and just what ecclesiastical readjustments will result it is impossible to state.



the bishops are subject to the approval of the civil authorities.

The service of the Eastern Orthodox Churches is solemn and elaborate. It is essentially that of the earlier centuries of Christianity, and is most fully and completely observed in the monasteries. There are no sculptured images and no instrumental music, although there are pictorial representations of Christ, the apostles and saints, and scenes in Bible history. The most important service is the liturgy, the chief part of which is the celebration of the Eucharist. There are three liturgies, those of St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory, the last called the liturgy of the "presanctified gifts," for which the holy gifts or emblems are prepared at a preceding service, generally that of St. Basil. There are no so-called "silent liturgies," and two liturgies are not allowed to be performed in the same church simultaneously, nor

can a liturgy be performed by the same priest, or on the same table, twice a day. A "corporal," otherwise known as "antimins," a table cover with a particle of the holy remains of some saint sewn into it, and especially blessed by a bishop for every church, is necessary to the performance of the liturgy. Moreover, a priest may perform it only when he is fasting. Besides the liturgy, the church has vespers, vigils, matins, hours, and special prayers for various occasions and needs. The several services named consist of readings from the Old and New Testaments, supplicatory prayers, thanksgiving, glorifying, hymns, etc.

*Statistics.*—The churches grouped under "Eastern Orthodox Churches" in 1916 and 1906 are listed below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. It will be noted that three churches presented in 1916—Albanian, Bulgarian, and Rumanian—were not reported in 1906.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES.										
1916.										
Albanian Orthodox Church.....	2	410								
Bulgarian Orthodox Church.....	4	1,992	4	\$18,500	\$4,000					
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic).....	87	119,871	59	1,115,464	322,423	6	\$13,200	17	27	1,088
Rumanian Orthodox Church.....	2	1,994	1	18,000	15,000	1	6,500	2	2	123
Russian Orthodox Church.....	169	99,681	164	2,137,713	982,048	96	503,614	126	150	6,739
Serbian Orthodox Church.....	12	14,301	10	106,700	21,112	5	15,300	9	11	653
Syrian Orthodox Church.....	25	11,591	26	180,507	70,779	6	14,500	8	31	515
1906.										
Russian Orthodox Church.....	59	19,111	46	484,371	131,774	25	112,243	1	2	75
Serbian Orthodox Church.....	10	15,742	8	62,460	19,000	2	2,100	1	1	13
Syrian Orthodox Church.....	8	4,002	2	32,100				1	1	50
Greek Orthodox Church.....	334	90,751	29	385,800	139,900	2	2,800	4	6	371

## ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The churches of this communion represent in America what is held to be the oldest existing race in Europe, the descendants of the Macedonians, Illyrians, and Epirotes, who were the offspring of the Pelasgians. The varied invasions by Romans, Goths, Huns, Serbs, Bulgars, Normans, and Turks have made little change in social customs, language, or traditions, and the present day Albanians represent their early ancestors more exactly, probably, than does any nation in Europe. They are noted for their independence, persistence, strong sense of honor, caution, hospitality, respect for womanhood, bravery, loyalty, and keen appreciation of poetry; and have produced some of the most noted leaders of history: Alexander the Great, Pyrrhus, Scanderbeg, Ali Pasha of Janina, Mehmet Ali Pasha of Egypt, the Italian statesman, Crispi, and others. The Albanian language belongs to the Indo-European

group, is older than the classical Greek, has many literary qualities, and is of great interest to scholars.

The early religion of the Albanians had many features older even than the earliest traces of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Christianity reached them in the first century, but made little progress until the fourth. They were under the jurisdiction of the Greek Patriarchate of Constantinople, which refused the use of Albanian vernacular in the services, with the result that the church had little hold on them; and when the Turks came, their conception of power and their military character appealed to the mountaineers, and the great majority became Moslem. In the north and south along the Adriatic, portions became Christian, those in the north, termed Ghég, being connected with the Roman Catholic Church, and those in the south, termed Tosk, with the Greek Church. At present about two-thirds of the Albanians are Moslem, and the remaining one-third are about equally divided between

Tosk (Greek) and Gheg (Roman Catholic). Both spiritually and ceremonially there is much in common between the three classes.

Albanian emigration to America is of recent origin, the result of the political unrest and strife of the whole region; but it is estimated that there are about 100,000 in the United States who have come from Albania, aside from those of Albanian origin who have come from the settlements in Greece and Italy. Ecclesiastical distinctions are not emphasized, and they have organized national, educational, and musical societies and clubs, of which the most important are the Albanian National Party, with headquarters in Worcester, Mass., and the Albanian Federation, Vatra, the "Hearth," with headquarters in Boston.

Their religious organizations are: (1) The Albanian Church, under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Russian Church, with headquarters in Worcester, Mass., and branches in Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Southbridge, Mass., etc. It follows the doctrine and the ritual of the Orthodox Church, the only difference being that it officiates the service in the Albanian language. (2) The religious society of the Moslem Albanians, with headquarters in Waterbury, Conn., whose aim according to its constitution is, "To explain clearly and unmistakably the religious teachings, which preach love, brotherhood, peace, love for fatherland, progress and righteousness in full agreement, to print religious and educational books in Albanian, to open schools, to found mosques, to send out lecturers among

the different Albanian colonies, to publish an Albanian national paper, and to help as much as possible its members."

American interest in Albania has found expression in efforts by the American Board of Foreign Missions (Congregational) to establish schools in different places, especially in Gortcha (Gorizia). The churches included in this report are under the supervision of the Russian Orthodox Church.

#### STATISTICS.

The Albanian Orthodox Church, reported for the first time in 1916, had 2 organizations, 1 in Massachusetts and 1 in Pennsylvania; a total membership of 410, including 335 males and 75 females; 2 halls for worship; and church expenditures, for both churches, amounting to \$2,482. No value of church property was reported. There were no parsonages, Sunday schools, or general contributions for missions or benevolences.

The number of members under 13 years of age, reported by the 2 organizations in 1916, was 90, constituting 22 per cent of the 410 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Both organizations of this denomination reported services conducted in the Albanian language only.

There were 3 priests, 2 of whom reported annual salaries averaging \$780.

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

#### BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

##### HISTORY.

With the introduction of Christianity into Bulgaria as a state religion, in the second half of the ninth century, a Bulgarian church organization under an archbishop, sent from Byzantium, was instituted. As the Bulgarian state grew in political importance and territorial expansion, and the rulers of Bulgaria laid claim to the title of "tsar" or king, the head of the Bulgarian Church also assumed the title of patriarch, as the chief of an autonomous organization. This title was formally recognized by the Patriarch of Constantinople, with the consent of the Patriarchs of Antioch, Alexandria, and Jerusalem, at a local church council held in the town of Lampsacus, on the Hellespont, in 1235, and was borne by the subsequent heads of the Bulgarian Church up to 1394, when Bulgaria lost her political independence to the Turks and her ecclesiastical autonomy to the Greeks. But in Macedonia, at the town of Ohrida, an archbishopric, founded in the latter part of the tenth century under the name of "Bulgarian Archbishopric of Ohrida," subsisted until 1767, when it also was abolished by a decree of the Turkish Sultan and its dioceses were incorporated with those of the Greek Patriarchate of

Constantinople. Thus all the Bulgarians living in the Turkish Empire were placed under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Greek Patriarch, and, owing to the identity of religion, were classed as Greeks.

The first movement of the Bulgarians to secure recognition of their ecclesiastical rights as a national unit, distinct from the Greeks, started in 1859, when the demand was made that all dioceses or districts where the Bulgarians were in the majority should have Bulgarian bishops, that church services should be conducted in Slavic and not in Greek, and that in the schools the Bulgarian language should be the medium of instruction. On the refusal of the Greek Patriarch to meet these demands, on the ground that they were contrary to the canons of the church, the Bulgarian people, through duly appointed delegates, pleaded their cause for more than 10 years with the Turkish Government. Finally, in 1870, the Sultan issued a decree or charter instituting a Bulgarian church organization under the name of "Exarchate," and in 1872 the first Bulgarian Exarch was chosen by a National Council. In the same year the Greek Patriarch called together a local church council in Constantinople, composed exclusively of Greek clericals, which declared the newly instituted Bulgarian

church schismatic, on the ground that it introduced racial distinction as an innovation into the church. The Patriarch of Jerusalem alone, of those present at the council, refused to sign the decision, considering it unjust. As the Bulgarian Church organization was merely a question of administration, implying no change in dogmas, doctrines, rites, or ceremonies, the Russian, Serbian, and Rumanian Churches likewise declined to accept the charge of schism as legal or valid. The Bulgarian Exarchate, therefore, is not a separatist body that has seceded from the Eastern Orthodox Church, to which the Russian, Rumanian, and Serbian Churches also belong, for it has not changed in its beliefs, tenets, creed, and form of polity, which remain exactly what they always have been and what they were when the Bulgarians were under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Greek Patriarch.

Prior to the Macedonian insurrection of 1903 there was very little Bulgarian immigration to the United States. Those who did come, however, sent back such attractive stories of the situation and the opportunities in this country that, when the conditions in Macedonia became intolerable, large numbers from that section found homes in the United States. These in turn were followed by considerable immigration from Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. No figures are available, as the immigration report gives all these as coming from European Turkey, but it has been claimed that as many as 20,000 a year came over, until the total exceeded 100,000. For some time there was very little done for their spiritual or ecclesiastical care, but a few churches have been organized, with priests from Bulgaria belonging to the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Those included in this report do not represent all the Bulgarian communities, but only those which have organized churches. Since the outbreak of the war there has been some return migration to Bulgaria, but not so great as to other European countries.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The state religion of Bulgaria is that of the Eastern Orthodox Churches, but all other denominations are allowed free exercise. According to statistics for 1910, furnished by the Bulgarian Legation at Washington, the whole population was 4,306,329; and of these, 3,643,136 belonged to the Eastern Orthodox Church; 32,149 were Roman Catholics, and 6,254 Protestants. The rest were distributed among other bodies, Mohammedans numbering 602,084.

The Bulgarian Church is governed by a Synod of which the Exarch, as *primus inter pares*, is the president. The religious affairs of non-Orthodox Christians (that is, not belonging to the Eastern Orthodox

Church), and of adherents of other faiths are managed by their own spiritual heads, under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Worship.

As national education is provided by the state, the Bulgarian Church has nothing to do with it, except that it maintains two seminaries or theological schools for the preparation of priests. It has no missionary enterprises either inside or outside of the country, and its attitude toward other creeds is that of complete toleration. Under the initiative of Dr. John R. Mott, a movement for Christian work among students was started. The church, in the person of its highest dignitaries, met the movement with favor and sympathy, and Dr. Mott, and those of his coworkers who have visited Bulgaria at different times, have been invariably asked to address the young men who were preparing for the ministry in the seminary of Sofia. The same tolerant attitude is maintained toward missionary enterprise in the country. The temperance movement, initiated some years ago by the late Dr. J. F. Clarke, one of the oldest American missionaries in Bulgaria, had the hearty support of the church as well as of the Government of Bulgaria. The translation of the Bible into modern Bulgarian, made under the auspices and at the expense of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is not only freely circulated among the people, but not infrequently is used by the clergy in the church services, whenever they wish to read portions of the Scriptures in the people's vernacular.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the next table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. There were 4 churches, with a membership of 1,992; 4 church edifices; and church property valued at \$18,500, on which there was a debt of \$4,000. Church expenditures amounting to \$5,051, reported by 4 churches, cover the general items passing through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, reported by the 4 organizations in 1916, was 212, constituting 10.6 per cent of the 1,992 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 4 organizations, 2, with 1,258 members, reported the use of Bulgarian only in the conduct of church services; 1, with 300 members, Bulgarian and Slavic; and 1, with 434 members, Slavic only.

Of the 4 priests in charge of the churches, 2 reported annual salaries averaging \$850.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.								
Bulgarian Orthodox Church..	4	4	1,992	4	1,751	241	4	.....	4	4	\$18,500	2	\$4,000	4	\$5,051
East North Central division:															
Illinois.....	2	2	734	2	615	119	2	.....	2	2	5,000	1	1,000	2	901
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> ..	2	2	1,258	2	1,136	122	2	.....	2	2	13,500	1	3,000	2	4,150

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Indiana and Pennsylvania.

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH (HELLENIC).<sup>1</sup>

HISTORY.

Since the census of 1890 the number of Greeks immigrating to the United States has increased greatly. Some have come from Greece, some from the Greek islands of the Aegean, and others from Constantinople, Smyrna, and other parts of Asia Minor. They have been largely unmarried men, or, if married, they have left their families behind them and have scattered over the country, those from the same section usually keeping together. As they have become to a certain extent permanent residents, and especially as they have been joined by their families, they have felt the need of religious services, particularly in case of marriage, or sickness and death. Accordingly, application has been made by the communities to the ecclesiastical authorities of their own sections, and priests have been sent to this country, sometimes by the Holy Synod of Greece and sometimes by the Patriarchate of Constantinople.<sup>2</sup> These priests have formed churches in the larger centers and also congregations in places within easy reach, which they visit more or less regularly as convenient.

As in the case of the early Russian churches, there has been no central organization, each priest holding his ecclesiastical relation with the synod or patriarchate which sent him to this country. The Patriarchate of Constantinople has resigned its ecclesiastical relations to the Greeks in America in favor of the Holy Synod of Greece, so that now all Greek (Hellenic) priests are under the ecclesiastical supervision of that synod, which has decided to send to America a Greek (Hellenic) bishop.

<sup>1</sup> In view of the very general use of the term "Greek" to describe the entire Eastern Orthodox Church, in all its branches, the term "Hellenic" is used to designate specifically the Greek Church of Greece, governed by the Holy Synod of Greece.

<sup>2</sup> See Eastern Orthodox Churches, p. 250.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Greek churches are in entire accord with other Eastern Orthodox Churches. Their polity and worship, however, while in principle the same, vary somewhat in form to meet the peculiar needs. With a more complete organization these divergencies will either disappear or be definitely established.

WORK.

The entire organization of the Greek churches is practically on a home missionary basis. The priest in charge of a central church or congregation looks after the social as well as the spiritual interests of his fellow-countrymen, wherever they may be.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Greek Orthodox Church are given, by states, in the table on page 257; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	87	334	-247	-74.0
Members.....	119,871	90,751	29,120	32.1
Church edifices.....	59	29	30	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$1,115,464	\$385,800	\$729,664	189.1
Debt on church property.....	\$322,423	\$139,900	\$182,523	130.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	6	2	4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$13,200	\$2,800	\$10,400	371.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	17	4	13	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	27	6	21	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	1,088	371	717	193.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

This church shows a considerable increase in the more essential features. The number of organizations dropped from 334 in 1906 to 87 in 1916, a decrease of 74 per cent, but this is explained by the adoption of a somewhat different basis of presentation—in 1906 the different communities were reported, but in 1916 only those churches which were well organized were reported. The number of church edifices increased from 29 in 1906 to 59 in 1916, and the value of church property advanced from \$385,800 in 1906 to \$1,115,464 in 1916, showing a gain of 189.1 per cent. There was a corresponding increase in debt on church property, the total reported in 1916 by 36 organizations being \$322,423 as against \$139,900 reported by 15 organizations in 1906. There were 6 parsonages, with a value of \$13,200, reported in 1916, as against 2, with a value of \$2,800, in 1906, an increase in value of 371.4 per cent. Sunday schools increased from 4 to 17, and the number of scholars from 371 to 1,088, or 193.3 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$230,288, reported by 74 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 80 organizations in 1916, was 8,140, constituting 9.4 per cent of the 86,271 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 33,600 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of

members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 11,310.<sup>1</sup>

All the organizations reported services conducted in Greek only both in 1916 and 1906.

The total number of priests on the rolls of the church was 125. Of these, 103 who sent in schedules are distributed, by states, in the table below. Annual salaries averaging \$913 were reported by 93 of the priests, and 4 were supplies and assistants.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	103	99	4	.....	\$913
Alabama.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
California.....	3	2	1	.....	1,040
Colorado.....	2	2	.....	.....	900
Connecticut.....	7	7	.....	.....	751
District of Columbia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	2	2	.....	.....	960
Georgia.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,500
Idaho.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	6	6	.....	.....	1,004
Indiana.....	3	3	.....	.....	385
Iowa.....	2	2	.....	.....	930
Louisiana.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	2	2	.....	.....	620
Maryland.....	2	2	.....	.....	960
Massachusetts.....	14	14	.....	.....	844
Michigan.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,050
Nebraska.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Nevada.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	4	4	.....	.....	780
New Jersey.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	10	9	1	.....	909
Ohio.....	6	6	.....	.....	683
Oregon.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	11	10	1	.....	1,082
Rhode Island.....	3	3	.....	.....	1,129
Tennessee.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,500
Utah.....	2	2	.....	.....	573
Virginia.....	3	3	.....	.....	950
Washington.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	2	1	1	.....	960

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH (HELLENIC).

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic).....	87	87	119,871	80	66,641	13,255	56	29	59	64	\$1,115,464
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	525	2	360	165	1	1	1	1	2,500
New Hampshire.....	3	3	4,250	3	2,650	1,600	2	1	2	2	43,000
Massachusetts.....	13	13	19,882	11	5,349	1,733	5	7	5	8	92,900
Rhode Island.....	2	2	1,800	2	1,351	449	2	.....	2	2	15,000
Connecticut.....	6	6	1,969	6	1,442	527	3	3	3	3	25,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	23,030	3	1,765	265	5	1	5	5	216,000
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	11,590	10	10,215	1,375	5	5	5	5	95,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	8,590	6	7,465	1,125	2	3	2	4	51,000
Indiana.....	3	3	2,530	3	2,340	190	1	2	1	2	8,100
Illinois.....	5	5	15,050	4	7,724	1,326	4	1	4	4	187,514
Wisconsin.....	2	2	2,700	2	2,165	535	2	.....	2	2	42,000
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	2	2	1,840	2	1,810	30	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	2	2	1,330	2	1,050	250	2	.....	2	2	22,000
Florida.....	2	2	1,700	2	1,480	220	2	.....	2	2	18,000
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	2	2	420	2	340	80	1	1	1	2	12,500
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2	2	515	2	471	44	2	.....	2	2	30,000
Pacific division:											
California.....	2	2	6,000	2	4,950	1,050	2	.....	3	2	40,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	17	17	16,150	16	13,684	2,291	15	2	17	16	214,650

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic).....	87	36	\$322,423	6	\$13,200	74	\$230,288	17	17	27	1,088
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	1	500	.....	.....	2	3,515	1	1	2	25
New Hampshire.....	3	2	13,000	.....	.....	2	10,477	1	1	2	120
Massachusetts.....	13	3	32,273	.....	.....	10	25,707	2	2	7	270
Rhode Island.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	6	2	7,000	.....	.....	6	10,292	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	4	136,900	.....	.....	6	38,794	1	1	1	30
Pennsylvania.....	10	4	33,200	.....	.....	9	16,499	2	2	2	83
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	1	2,000	.....	.....	5	12,551	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana.....	3	2	3,300	.....	.....	2	1,900	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	5	3	38,000	.....	.....	4	17,919	2	2	5	294
Wisconsin.....	2	1	11,500	1	1,200	2	9,498	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	2	.....	.....	1	4,000	2	11,253	2	2	2	87
Florida.....	2	.....	.....	1	1,000	2	3,760	.....	.....	.....	.....
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	2	1	2,800	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2	.....	.....	1	2,000	2	5,576	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific division:											
California.....	2	1	5,000	.....	.....	2	7,236	1	1	1	45
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	17	11	36,950	2	5,000	16	52,806	5	5	5	224

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## RUMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The great majority of the people of Rumania belong to the Rumanian Orthodox Church, in communion with the Greek, Russian, Serbian, and other Eastern Orthodox Churches. Until the comparatively recent political disturbances there was very little immigration to this country from that section of the Balkan Peninsula, but of late a number of communities have been gathered into churches under the general supervision of the Russian Orthodox Church, through its headquarters in New York City.

## STATISTICS.

The Rumanian Orthodox Church was reported for the first time in 1916. There were but 2 organizations, 1 in Michigan and 1 in Pennsylvania. Of the total membership of 1,994—1,460 males and 534 females—over two-thirds was in Michigan. Only 1 church edifice was reported. The church property was valued at \$18,000, on which was a debt of \$15,000.

One organization reported a parsonage, valued at \$6,500. There were 2 Sunday schools, with 2 officers and teachers, and 123 scholars. Church expenditures reported by the 2 organizations, amounting to \$11,520, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury. Contributions for missions and benevolences were not reported. The relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is given in the general tables in Part I.

The number of members under 13 years of age was 191, constituting 9.6 per cent of the 1,994 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 2 organizations, 1, with 644 members, reported services conducted in Rumanian only, and 1, with 1,350 members, reported the use of both Rumanian and Slavic.

Schedules received from the 2 priests of the church showed an average annual salary of \$570.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

Russia first came into definite relations with Christianity on the visit of Princess Olga to Constantinople, where she was baptized about A. D. 957. Subsequently Vladimir the Great sent emissaries to the different churches, Eastern and Western, to learn of their doctrines and rituals, with a view to adopting those which they liked best. The emissaries returned and reported in favor of the Greek Church, whose ceremonial in the Cathedral of St. Sophia at Constantinople seemed to them to excel all others. Thereupon Vladimir was baptized, and the Greek Church became the church of the state.

During the succeeding centuries the church was governed, first, by metropolitans looking to the Patriarch of Constantinople as their titular head; since about 1589, by patriarchs; and since the time of Peter the Great, by the Holy Synod. This synod is a collegiate institution consisting of several metropolitans, bishops, and priests from all parts of Russia, who are invited to take a temporary or permanent part in its sessions. To see that the civil laws and interests of the country are complied with, a representative of the monarch sits in the synod as a civil officer, with the title of chief procurator of the Holy Synod. To his presence in the synod is due the incorrect opinion, widely extended outside of Russia, that the Emperor was really the head of the Russian Church.

The Russian Church is the only branch of the Eastern Orthodox Churches that has undertaken any foreign missionary enterprise. It has developed quite a mission in Japan, but its great work has been the care of the churches in America. In 1759 a Russian merchant,

named Glotoff, baptized several Aleuts of Umnak Island. Fifteen years later Schelehoff, the organizer of a company for fur trading in Alaska, baptized forty Aleuts of Kodiak Island. In 1792, at his request, the Holy Synod sent to Alaska a special mission consisting of eight monks, who established their headquarters at Kodiak and built the first Eastern Orthodox church in America. In the course of two years 12,000 natives were baptized, and almost every hamlet had its church or chapel. During succeeding years a number of additional missionaries were sent from Russia, both to care for the Russians and to do missionary work among the natives. Of these John Veniaminoff, afterwards Bishop Innocent, accomplished the most. Coming to Unalaska Island in 1824, he spent 10 years among the Aleuts, and then went to Sitka to teach the Kolosh. Until he left for Siberia in 1855 he was an indefatigable worker for the Alaskans. He prepared an alphabet and grammar of the Aleutian language; translated the catechism, the more important divine services of the church, and some books of the Bible, and did much for general education and the improvement of civil and social life. In Sitka he built the cathedral which is still an ornament to the city, and founded an ecclesiastical consistory for the government of the churches.

After the change of political rule, accompanying the sale of Alaska to the United States, many Russians returned to their own country, and with them a large number of priests, or missionaries. As a result, there was a loss of interest in the country on the part of the people of Russia and an attendant loss of the means for carrying on the missionary work. Furthermore, as traders of different nationalities multiplied and missionaries of different creeds came to the country, many



natives were drawn away from the church. Nevertheless, the Russian Church did not give up its work in the country, but continued to do whatever was within its means.

In 1872 the see was removed from Sitka to San Francisco, where there were already quite a number of Russians, Serbians, and Greeks. In 1888 Bishop Vladimir came from Russia, remaining until 1891, when he was succeeded by Bishop Nicholas, whose stay was noted for two important features: (1) An exceptional development of religious activity in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, which found expression in the building of new churches, chapels, and schools; in the increase in the number of missionaries; in the founding of various societies and fraternities for charitable purposes and for the improvement of the moral condition of the natives; in the opening of asylums for children, etc.; (2) the enlarging of the eparchy to include the Eastern states of the United States, and Canada, thus opening a new period in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States.

With the more recent development of immigration, large numbers have come from Austria-Hungary, especially from Galicia and Poland, who belong to what are known as the Uniat churches. When those sections, once a part of Russian territory, came under the control of Poland, and later of Austria-Hungary, and thus under the general influence of the Roman Catholic Church, an arrangement was effected, called the Unia, by which members of the Eastern Orthodox Churches, while recognizing the supremacy of the Pope, were permitted to retain most of their liturgy and have their own special bishops. These provisions, however, did not hold outside of Austria-Hungary, and on coming to America the members of these churches found themselves compelled to use the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church and be under the jurisdiction of local bishops, who in general either knew nothing about the Unia or did not take it into account.

In seeking relief from this position, one of the Uniat parishes in Minneapolis became aware of the existence in the United States of a see of the Russian Orthodox Church, and in 1891, under the leadership of the Rev. Alexis G. Toth, petitioned the Russian Bishop Vladimir to take them all under his jurisdiction within the pale of the Russian Church. Bishop Vladimir willingly complied with the request and, during the time of Bishop Nicholas, who succeeded him, the example of the parish in Minneapolis was followed by a number of Uniat parishes.

About the same time the immigration from Russia proper increased, and soon purely Russian parishes were formed in New York and Chicago, although in the former city there was an Orthodox Russian church in existence as far back as 1876. In 1905 the episcopal

see was transferred from San Francisco to New York City.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The general doctrine and polity of the Russian Orthodox Church have already been fully stated.<sup>1</sup>

In Russia the Holy Synod governs the church through a staff of clerical and lay officers. There are three classes of bishops: metropolitans, of whom there are three—one each in Petrograd, Moscow, and Kief; archbishops, according to their age and merits; and bishops, who in especially large dioceses are assisted by adjunct bishops. The selection and distribution of bishops require imperial sanction. Each governing bishop has an ecclesiastical consistory under him, composed of clerical members and generally a lay secretary. Next come archpriests, priests, and deacons. In the monasteries there are also archimandrites, priors, hieromonks, hierodeacons, and monks.

In the United States the church is represented by 1 eparchy, at the head of which is an archbishop, appointed by the Holy Synod of Russia, and assisted since 1904 by 2 coadjutor bishops, 1 appointed for the immediate supervision of the churches of Alaska and the other for that of the Syrian churches. Besides the archbishop the eparchy is served by 3 bishops, 3 archimandrites, 5 archpriests, 243 priests, 43 hieromonks, 3 archdeacons, and 2 deacons, or a total of 303 men, 29 of whom are Serbian, 30 Syrian, 3 Albanian, 2 Rumanian, and the remainder Russian.

The archiepiscopal cathedra in New York City has under it, for the needs of eparchal government, the "North American Ecclesiastical Consistory," composed of 5 members. The Russian parishes in the vicinity of New York are in direct dependence on this consistory. All others, except those in Alaska and Canada and the Syrian parishes, which have especial administrators, are divided into 27 districts, supervised by superintendents. The priests are appointed by the archbishop to the various parishes, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the parishioners or of the priests themselves. The great majority of them are natives of Russia; the remainder have come from Austria-Hungary, Serbia, or Syria.

The Holy Synod of Russia allows \$77,850 annually for the maintenance of the eparchy, besides which the Missionary Society of Russia gives for its purely missionary work \$1,481. The bishops, the official institutions, and the officers of the eparchy are supported by these appropriations, other expenses being met partly from the same funds and partly from parish fees.

<sup>1</sup> See *Eastern Orthodox Churches*, p. 251. Since that statement was prepared there have been great changes in the organization of the Russian Church. As, however, these changes can as yet scarcely be regarded as complete, it seems best not to attempt any review of them beyond the general statement that they are in the line of more religious liberty and a greater democratization of the ecclesiastical systems.



## WORK.

While originally the eparchy was a mission, at present almost the only strictly missionary work is that carried on by the clergy of Alaska among the Indians and Eskimos, and each year sees about 200 converts brought into the Russian Church. In the United States the clergy are almost entirely occupied with caring for the religious needs of immigrants from Europe who are members of the Russian Church by birth or have returned to it from the Uniat churches.

The church has no foreign missions, properly speaking, except as its work in Canada may be considered as such. The first Russian Orthodox parish in Canada was founded in 1898 in Wostok, Alberta, the parishioners being formerly Uniats. In 1916 there were 110 Russian parishes, with 104 churches. Besides the bishop, there were 57 priests, 6 hieromonks, and 1 archdeacon. The number of parishioners was about 117,000—Russians, 110,000; Rumanians, 5,000; Bulgarians, 1,000; Serbians and Syrians, 1,000.

The educational work of the eparchy consists in the maintenance of schools of various types, taught mostly by priests or readers. The Sunday schools are few in number, more attention being paid to the parish schools, which are held in some places only on Saturday, while in others they are held three times a week, and in still others every evening, after the sessions of the public schools are over. In these schools instruction is given in the Russian language, Russian history, Bible history, the catechism, prayers, and church singing.

In 1905 the eparchy founded a theological seminary in Minneapolis, Minn., for training as priests men who were born in America or who have become American citizens. In 1912 the seminary was transferred to Tenafly, N. J., where a girls' college is also located. The property is valued at \$50,000, and the expenses, amounting to \$7,987 in 1916, were paid by the eparchal treasury. In addition, there were 126 parochial schools, with an enrollment of 6,903 pupils, and supported by the churches to which they are attached. Of these, 11 are held in separate buildings, and their property valuation, together with that of the seminary and girls' college at Tenafly, is \$161,500. These 11 are located in Minneapolis, Minn.; Cleveland, Ohio; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Passaic, N. J.; Coaldale, Pa.; Mayfield, Pa.; Garfield, N. J.; Yonkers, N. Y.; and Lopez, Pa.

A number of publications are devoted to the religious education of the members of the church. The archiepiscopal cathedra of New York publishes a bi-weekly magazine entitled the "Russian Orthodox

American Messenger," besides a monthly supplement in English. A weekly paper, called the "Light," is published in New York City, and a daily paper, "Russian Land," also in New York City, in the Little Russian language. Archdeacon E. Abo-Hatab, of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, N. Y., publishes the "Word," a biweekly magazine in Arabic. The eparchy also publishes books and pamphlets in various languages, and has recently published an English translation of the liturgy.

Among other activities should be mentioned the founding, in 1905, of a monastery and an orphanage in the name of St. Tikhon, at South Canaan, Pa. They are valued at \$25,000, and the expenses, amounting to \$2,000 annually, are met by special appropriations and by private contributions. In 1916 there were 12 men in the monastery. The orphanage pertaining to the diocese is located at Springfield, Vt., where there are about 55 children. These children are orphans of former parishioners from different states. The orphanage values its home at \$6,500, and its farm at \$5,000. It is supported by collections made at all the Russian churches and by voluntary donations. In 1916 the amount collected was about \$7,000, and, in addition, \$9,000 was contributed for hospitals, etc.

Brotherhoods or fraternities have been founded, the objects of which are the guarding of the interests of the Russian Church in America, the support of churches and schools, the upholding of moral ideals, and the relief of needy members. In 1896 the brotherhoods in the different parishes of the Eastern states united under one board of directors, adopting the name of "The Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society of the United States of America." According to the last report the society had 217 brotherhoods and 17 sisterhoods, with 8,719 members, and funds amounting to \$164,918 up to the first of July, 1916. During 15 months (from May, 1915, to July, 1916) the society paid \$57,450 to the families of deceased members, \$4,005 to sick members, \$3,750 to churches, \$2,271 to schools, and \$5,401 for the publication of its weekly paper *Sviet*, or the *Light*, and of a calendar, both in Little Russian. Besides the brotherhoods, almost every parish has a temperance society, a reading room, and a singing and musical union.

The Russian Immigrant Home, established December, 1908, for the purpose of helping newly arrived immigrants, is located at 347 East Fourteenth Street, New York City. It is subsidized by the Russian Government to the amount of \$7,500. The home is managed by the Russian Christian Immigrant Society.

There are 135 young people's societies connected with the church, with a membership of 8,284.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Russian Orthodox Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	169	59	110	(1)
Members.....	99,681	19,111	80,570	421.6
Church edifices.....	164	46	118	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$2,137,713	\$484,371	\$1,653,342	341.3
Debt on church property.....	\$982,048	\$131,774	\$850,274	645.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	96	25	71	(1)
Value.....	\$503,614	\$112,243	\$391,371	348.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	126	1	125	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	150	2	148	(1)
Scholars.....	6,739	75	6,664	(1)
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$16,987	\$2,000	\$14,987	749.4
Domestic.....	\$16,987	\$2,000	\$14,987	749.4
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The increase in this church, as indicated by the table, is notable. It is the result of the immigration from Russia during the decade, and also of a more complete consolidation of the Russian Orthodox communities. The number of organizations reported was 169 in 1916 as against 59 in 1906, and the membership rose from 19,111 to 99,681. The increase from 46 to 164 in the number of church edifices indicates the substantial character of the development of the church, as does also the increase in the value of church property from \$484,371 to \$2,137,713. There were correspondingly large increases in the number of churches reporting parsonages and in the value of the parsonages. The debt on church property reported by 132 organizations amounted to \$982,048, as against \$131,774 reported by 36 organizations in 1906. The Sunday schools increased from 1 to 126, and the number of scholars from 75 to 6,739. Contributions, for domestic work alone, have increased from \$2,000 in 1906 to \$16,987 in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$549,776, reported by 165 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, reported by the 169 organizations in 1916, was 20,214, constituting 20.3 per cent of the 99,681 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 169 organizations, 1 reported services conducted in English only, and 168, with 99,406 members, reported services conducted in Slavic alone or with English, and of these, 166 organizations, with 98,394 members, used the Slavic only. The report for 1906 showed 59 organizations, of which 58, with 19,050 members, used the Slavic alone or in connection with another foreign language and English.

The total number of priests on the rolls of the denomination was given as 164. As shown by the following table, schedules were received from 160, of whom 152 were in pastoral work; 149 reported annual salaries averaging \$762. The 8 priests not in pastoral work were employed in general denominational work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	160	150	2	8	\$762
Alabama.....	1	1			
California.....	1	1			
Colorado.....	3	3			530
Connecticut.....	11	11			838
Delaware.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	6	6			875
Indiana.....	1	1			
Kansas.....	1	1			
Maryland.....	1	1			
Massachusetts.....	7	7			708
Michigan.....	6	6			783
Minnesota.....	3	3			800
Missouri.....	1	1			
New Hampshire.....	3	3			775
New Jersey.....	12	12			844
New York.....	25	17	1	7	782
Ohio.....	10	10			623
Oklahoma.....	1	1			
Pennsylvania.....	63	61	1	1	749
Rhode Island.....	1	1			
Washington.....	1	1			
West Virginia.....	1	1			

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Russian Orthodox Church.....	169	169	99,681	169	62,285	37,396	163	6	164	169	\$2,137,713
New England division:											
New Hampshire.....	3	3	598	3	394	204	3	.....	3	3	34,400
Vermont.....	2	2	545	2	388	157	2	.....	2	2	10,700
Massachusetts.....	8	8	3,983	8	2,630	1,353	7	1	7	8	72,635
Connecticut.....	11	11	8,507	11	5,413	3,094	11	.....	11	11	135,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	18	18	14,876	18	9,240	5,636	17	1	18	18	307,675
New Jersey.....	12	12	11,308	12	6,309	4,999	12	.....	12	12	311,500
Pennsylvania.....	70	70	34,877	70	21,937	12,940	67	3	67	70	824,923
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	10	10	6,168	10	3,567	2,601	9	1	9	10	112,655
Illinois.....	6	6	4,090	6	2,725	1,365	6	.....	6	6	58,475
Michigan.....	6	6	5,509	6	3,876	1,633	6	.....	6	6	41,250
Wisconsin.....	3	3	190	3	99	91	3	.....	3	3	11,200
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3	3	3,279	3	1,757	1,522	3	.....	3	3	109,800
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	3	3	981	3	584	397	3	.....	3	3	17,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	565	3	372	193	3	.....	3	3	5,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	11	11	4,205	11	2,994	1,211	11	.....	11	11	85,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, California, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, and West Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Russian Orthodox Church.....	169	132	\$982,048	96	\$503,614	165	\$549,776	116	126	150	6,739
New England division:											
New Hampshire.....	3	3	26,000	1	2,600	3	6,102	2	2	2	37
Vermont.....	2	1	900	.....	.....	2	2,692	2	2	3	77
Massachusetts.....	8	6	26,986	3	12,500	8	19,393	3	4	4	107
Connecticut.....	11	9	55,158	5	42,000	11	42,863	8	9	11	455
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	18	15	152,713	9	113,800	17	57,073	11	13	17	529
New Jersey.....	12	11	170,180	5	34,500	12	63,043	10	11	16	888
Pennsylvania.....	70	53	406,124	4	216,969	69	221,996	52	55	66	3,406
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	10	9	56,943	4	14,100	10	40,309	6	6	7	410
Illinois.....	6	5	23,018	4	11,600	8	25,056	6	7	7	222
Michigan.....	6	5	17,358	3	16,850	6	22,570	4	4	4	67
Wisconsin.....	3	.....	.....	1	1,500	1	634	1	1	1	28
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3	3	15,506	1	5,000	3	14,829	1	1	2	173
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	3	3	2,340	3	6,000	3	5,461	2	2	2	52
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	1	1,000	3	3,500	3	1,095	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	11	8	25,822	6	22,695	11	26,660	8	9	8	288

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, California, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, and West Virginia.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The churches of this body represent the immigration into the United States, not merely from Serbia proper, but from Macedonia and the Slavic communities of the Balkan Peninsula antecedent to the coming of the Bulgarians; and from the southern part of Austria-Hungary. They use the Slavic liturgy in their services, and are under the general supervision of the archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States. In doctrine and polity they are in harmony with the Russian Orthodox Church, and their history is included in that of the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Serbian Orthodox Church are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	12	10	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	14,301	15,742	-1,441	-9.2
Church edifices.....	10	8	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$106,700	\$62,460	\$44,240	70.8
Debt on church property.....	\$21,112	\$19,000	\$2,112	11.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	5	2	3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$15,300	\$2,100	\$13,200	628.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	9	1	8	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	11	1	10	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	653	13	640	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that two additional organizations and two additional edifices were reported in

1916; that there was a large increase—70.8 per cent—in the value of church property, and a moderate increase—11.1 per cent—in the debt on church property; but that the membership dropped from 15,742 in 1906 to 14,301 in 1916, a decrease of 9.2 per cent, explained probably by the return of many Serbians to their native country on the outbreak of the war. Changes of a substantial character are the increase in the number of churches reporting parsonages from 2 to 5, the increase in the value of parsonages from \$2,100 to \$15,300, and the increase in Sunday schools from 1 with 13 scholars to 9 with 653 scholars.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$29,353, reported by 12 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age reported in 1916, was 1,752, constituting 12.3 per cent of the 14,301 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 12 organizations 1 used English only, and 11 with 11,191 members used Slavic only in the conduct of their church services. The report for 1906 showed 10 organizations, with 15,742 members, all reporting services in Slavic only or Serbian and Slavic.

The number of priests connected with the church was given as 29. Of these, 12 returned schedules and 11 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,050. It seems probable that a portion at least of the amount reported as church expenditures covers the pastoral work of certain priests who do not receive church salaries.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Serbian Orthodox Church.....	12	12	14,301	12	11,000	3,301	10	1	10	10	\$106,700
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	3,688	4	2,527	1,161	4	.....	4	4	34,000
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	2	2,232	2	1,566	666	2	.....	2	2	15,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	8,381	6	6,907	1,474	4	1	4	4	57,700

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Serbian Orthodox Church .....	12	5	\$21,112	5	\$15,300	12	\$29,353	8	9	11	653
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	4	3	13,000	3	11,000	4	10,200	3	3	3	99
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	1	3,112	.....	.....	2	4,150	1	1	1	89
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	1	5,000	2	4,300	6	15,003	4	5	7	465

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

## SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The churches of this body represent the immigration into the United States of communities from Syria connected with the Orthodox Patriarchates of Antioch or Jerusalem. They all have priests of their own, but as a body they are under the general supervision of a coadjutor bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church. In doctrine and polity they are in harmony with the Russian Orthodox Church, and their history is included in that of the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Syrian Orthodox Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	25	8	17	(1)
Members.....	11,591	4,002	7,589	189.6
Church edifices.....	26	2	24	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$180,507	\$32,160	\$148,347	461.3
Debt on church property.....	\$70,779	.....	\$70,779	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	6	.....	6	.....
Value.....	\$14,500	.....	\$14,500	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	8	1	7	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	31	1	30	(1)
Scholars.....	515	50	465	(1)

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The figures show a notable increase in every respect since 1906. The number of organizations has grown from 8 to 25, the membership from 4,002 to 11,591, the number of church edifices from 2 to 26, and the value of church property from \$32,160 to \$180,507. Against this value, however, there appears for the

first time a debt of \$70,779, reported by 16 of the 25 organizations. The substantial character of the development of the church is indicated by the fact that for the first time, 6 churches reported parsonages, with a value of \$14,500. The Sunday schools also have increased from 1, with a single teacher and 50 scholars, to 8, with 31 officers and teachers, and 515 scholars.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$28,498 during the year, cover the running expenses, including salaries of the priests, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 12 organizations in 1916, was 1,096, constituting 15.9 per cent of the 6,906 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 4,685 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,840.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 25 organizations, 13, with 4,361 members, reported services conducted in English only; and 12, with 7,230 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English. Of these, 4 organizations, with 1,230 members, reported the use of Arabic alone or with English; 5, with 2,900 members, Arabic, Greek, and English; and 3, with 3,100 members, Arabic, Greek, Russian, and English. In 1906 all the organizations then represented reported the Syro-Arabic language only.

The number of priests connected with the church was reported as 30, but no schedules were received.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Syrian Orthodox Church.....	25	25	11,591	23	5,702	4,569	25	.....	26	25	\$180,507
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	4	3,930	3	1,617	1,263	4	.....	4	4	28,574
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	2,720	3	1,430	1,290	3	.....	3	3	40,200
Pennsylvania.....	7	7	2,496	7	1,435	1,061	7	.....	7	7	63,733
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	2	2	700	2	390	310	2	.....	2	2	8,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	9	9	1,745	8	830	645	9	.....	10	9	39,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Syrian Orthodox Church.....	25	16	\$70,779	6	\$14,500	24	\$28,498	8	8	31	515
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	3	9,200	.....	.....	4	4,180	1	1	4	100
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	2	15,000	1	1,200	3	4,400	2	2	8	134
Pennsylvania.....	7	6	32,079	3	11,300	6	7,673	2	2	9	150
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,000	1	1	3	35
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	9	5	14,500	2	2,000	9	10,245	2	2	7	96

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

HISTORY.

The great religious awakening which took place in the United States at the close of the eighteenth century was at first largely confined to the English-speaking communities. It was inevitable, however, that others should feel the effect of the new spirit; and a number of leaders arose, through whose influence varying types of religious life developed, eventuating in different church organizations. In eastern Pennsylvania there were a large number of German-speaking people, descendants of those who in the preceding century had fled from the Rhenish provinces of the Palatinate. Among them was Jacob Albright, who was born in Pottstown, Pa., in 1759, and died in 1808. Baptized in infancy, and confirmed in the Lutheran communion, he was later converted under the influence of a Reformed minister; but coming into connection with the Methodists, he declared his adherence to them, and was licensed to exhort. More and more his interests were directed toward his own people. The

leaders of the Methodist Church did not wish to engage in distinctively German work, as they believed that the German language in the United States would soon become extinct; and therefore Albright, who had begun to preach in 1796, felt called upon to devote himself particularly to work among these people in their own language. Under his direction 20 converts from among them united, in 1800, to pray with and for each other. It had not been his purpose to found a new church; but the language conditions and the opposition manifested by some Methodists to the modes of worship used by his converts made a separate ecclesiastical organization necessary. There was no schism; it was simply the development of a movement for the religious and spiritual awakening of the German community in Pennsylvania.

It was not, however, until 1803 that an ecclesiastical organization was effected at a general assembly held in eastern Pennsylvania, when Mr. Albright was set apart as a minister of the gospel and ordained as an elder. The act of consecration was performed by

the laying on of hands and solemn prayer by two of his associates. The claim that this act was an ordination was opposed by the ecclesiastics of other denominations, but the Association held to its position and asserted that Albright's credentials were from a higher authority than that of the ecclesiastical succession.

His training in the Methodist Episcopal Church influenced him in organizing the new movement, and many characteristic Methodist features, as the circuit system and the itinerancy, were adopted. The first field of operations included the counties of Bucks, Berks, and Northampton, and extended into portions of Northumberland and Center Counties. The first annual conference was held in Lebanon County, Pa., in November, 1807. Albright was elected bishop, and articles of faith and the book of discipline were adopted, but a full form of church government was not devised for some years. The first general conference convened in Buffalo Valley, Center County, Pa., in October, 1816, at which time the denomination took its present name.

Although, in the beginning, the activities of the church were carried on in the German language only, the scope was soon widened by taking up work in the English language also; and of late years English has become the dominant language, practically displacing the German. The denomination spread into the Central states, and throughout the Northern and Western states from New England to the Pacific coast, and north into Canada.

For some years the missionary idea, which has always been a dominant purpose of the denomination, found its expression in local work; but in 1839 a general missionary society was organized, and a woman's society followed in 1883. In 1854 the church first reached out to Europe, and commenced an important work both in Germany and Switzerland. In 1876 Japan was occupied, and since then missions have been established in China and Russia. As early as 1815, a church publishing house was founded, and what is said to be the oldest German religious paper in the United States, *Der Christliche Botschafter*, was founded in 1836.

A division, in 1891, resulting in the organization of the United Evangelical Church, took from the denomination a large number of ministers and members. This loss in membership has since been more than regained, and at present efforts are being made for a reunion.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Evangelical Association is Arminian, and its articles of faith correspond very closely to those of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They emphasize the divinity as well as perfect humanity of the Son of God, and the true divinity of the Holy

Ghost; and hold that the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments reveal the will of God so far as is necessary for salvation. Christian perfection is defined as "a state of grace in which we are so firmly rooted in God that we have instant victory over every temptation the moment it presents itself, without yielding in any degree; in which our rest, peace, and joy in God are not interrupted by the vicissitudes of life; in which, in short, sin has lost its power over us, and we rule over the flesh, the world, and Satan, yet in watchfulness." Entire sanctification is the basis of this perfection, which, however, constantly admits of a fuller participation in divine power and a constant expansion in spiritual capacity.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the Evangelical Association is connec-tional in form. Bishops are elected by the General Conference for a term of four years, but are not ordained or consecrated as such. They are eligible for reelection, and are general overseers of the work of the church. They preside at annual conferences and, as a board, decide all questions of law in the interval between General Conference sessions. The General Conference, which meets quadrennially, has been, since 1839, a delegated body. Previous to that time all elders of the church were members. The annual and quarterly conferences correspond to the similar bodies in the Methodist Episcopal Church; the annual conferences consisting of the ministers within certain territorial bounds and a limited number of laymen; and the quarterly conferences consisting of the officers of the local congregations. Presiding elders are elected for four years by the annual conference. Pastors are appointed annually, on the itinerant system, the time limit being seven consecutive years in any field, except a missionary conference. The property of local congregations is controlled and managed by trustees for the use of the ministry and membership, and subject to the doctrine and polity of the denomination.

#### WORK.

The general missionary work, both home and foreign is under the care of a missionary society, whose members become such by the payment of dues. It carries on its work through a board, whose membership consists of the officers of the society (who are also the officers of the board), one ministerial delegate from the Woman's Missionary Society, the missionary secretary of the Young People's Alliance, and six laymen who are elected by the General Conference. The annual conferences are practically organized as branch societies for missionary work. All transactions of the society are reviewed at the General Conference. The Woman's Missionary Society has 557 local societies, with a total membership of 14,852, and works under



the general direction of the Board of Missions. This general board makes the annual appropriations for mission conferences in the United States and foreign lands, and these conferences in turn divide their respective appropriations among the various mission stations.

Appropriations for home mission work are directed to the support of the missionaries and the provision of homes for them. A considerable amount of work is done in the West and Northwest, including the western provinces of Canada—Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta—and in the large cities of the United States. Of late, work has developed among the foreign nationalities in the United States, there being now 4 missions among Italians. The total number of missionaries reported in the home department in 1916 was 603, the number of churches aided was 619, and the contributions for the work were reported as \$193,922.

In close sympathy with the Board of Home Missions is the work of the Board of Church Extension in assisting needy mission congregations to erect church buildings by means of temporary loans at a minimum rate of interest. For this work, in 1916, there was contributed \$7,000, which is included in the total amount given above. There is a general fund amounting to \$80,602, a special fund for New England churches of \$8,000, and another for churches in Germany of \$74,000, making a total of \$162,602.

Foreign missions are carried on through both the Board of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society. The fields occupied are Japan, China, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, and Canada. The most distinctively foreign mission work is that in China and Japan, in each of which countries there is a principal station, with various substations and churches connected with it. In 1916, in connection with the missions in these 2 countries, there were reported 19 organized congregations, with 1,426 members; 4 training schools, with 164 students; and 13 primary and day schools, with 481 pupils. In addition, there were in Europe, connected with the Association, generally under the care of native preachers, 350 churches, with 23,000 members; and in Canada, 124 churches, with 9,932 members. The total number of American missionaries employed was 24, chiefly in Asia, and there were 640 native workers, including deaconesses, most of them in Europe. In the foreign field there were also 15 hospitals and dispensaries, with 10,200 patients, and 1 orphanage, with 25 inmates. The total amount contributed for foreign missions by the churches in 1916 was \$60,000, of which \$22,000 went to assist the work in Europe, \$28,000 that in Japan, and \$10,000 that in China. The contributions for the work in

Canada are special and are not included in the regular contributions. The property in Europe is valued at \$1,300,000, that in Japan at \$25,000, and that in China at \$16,000, making a total of \$1,341,000, and there are endowments amounting to \$106,103. The general receipts of the missionary society for both the home and foreign fields have shown a steady increase since 1910, and in 1916 amounted to \$400,352. The average contribution in the whole denomination in 1916 for home and foreign missionary purposes was \$2.58 per member.

The educational work of the denomination in the United States, in 1916, included 3 institutions of higher grade, with 655 students. The current contributions for educational work at home were \$3,943; great emphasis was placed upon raising a fund for endowments, which were materially increased. The value of property is estimated at \$282,179, and there is an endowment of \$385,612.

The institutional or philanthropic enterprises of the church include an orphanage, 2 homes for the aged, and 4 hospitals, with a deaconess home. The total number of inmates during 1916 is given as 4,238, and the contributions by the churches for this department of work were \$36,348. The property is valued at \$562,803, and the endowment is \$106,103. The deaconess home, although recently established, is the center of a great work in the church. There are 40 deaconesses, all educated as trained nurses and missionary workers among the poor.

Aside from these institutions there is a charitable society, whose funds, amounting to \$31,000, are in the form of a permanent endowment, the proceeds from which are applied to the support of aged ministers, or such as are in broken health, and to the support of families of deceased ministers.

The young people of the church are enrolled in what is known as the Young People's Alliance, which in 1916 had in the United States 1,179 societies, with 38,670 members. These societies contributed \$62,500, of which \$18,000 was appropriated for missionary work, \$12,000 for church building purposes, \$4,000 for education, and the remainder for various other purposes. There were also 365 similar societies with 12,522 members, in foreign lands, making the total enrollment of the alliance 1,544 societies, with 51,192 members.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Evangelical Association for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 269 and 270, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables



in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,636	1,760	-124	-7.0
Members.....	120,756	104,898	15,858	15.1
Church edifices.....	1,582	1,617	-35	-2.2
Value of church property.....	\$8,317,978	\$5,819,620	\$2,498,358	42.9
Debt on church property.....	\$771,943	\$374,969	\$396,974	105.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	762	680	82	12.1
Value.....	\$1,932,269	\$1,297,666	\$634,603	48.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,574	1,631	-57	-3.5
Officers and teachers.....	19,897	19,977	-80	-0.4
Scholars.....	172,129	121,822	50,307	41.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$294,213	\$320,108	-\$25,895	-8.1
Domestic.....	\$234,213	\$275,508	-\$41,295	-15.0
Foreign.....	\$60,000	\$44,600	\$15,400	34.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has suffered a loss in number of organizations, of church edifices, of Sunday schools, and in total contributions for missions and benevolences. It has, however, gained in membership, in value of church property, in number of churches reporting parsonages, in value of parsonages, in number of Sunday school scholars, and in one item of benevolences. The debt on church property also shows an increase. The total membership for 1916 was given as 120,756, as against 104,898 in 1906, a gain of 15.1 per cent. The value of church property has risen from \$5,819,620 to \$8,317,978, representing an increase of 42.9 per cent. There were 82 more churches reporting parsonages, and the value of parsonages rose from \$1,297,666 to \$1,932,269, or 48.9 per cent. The debt reported on church property by 271 organizations amounted to \$771,943, while that reported in 1906 by 204 organizations was \$374,969. While the number of Sunday schools decreased, the number of scholars increased from 121,822 to 172,129, or 41.3 per cent.

The total contributions for missions and benevolences decreased \$25,895, or 8.1 per cent. Domestic work suffered a loss of \$41,295, or 15 per cent, but foreign work gained by \$15,400, or 34.5 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,939,368, reported by 1,615 organizations, cover running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,260 organizations in 1916, was 4,109, constituting 4.3 per cent of the 96,054 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 24,702 members

reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 5,166.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 1,636 organizations, 1,051, with 73,387 members, reported services conducted in English only; and 585, with 47,369 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English, of which 183, with 9,275 members, used foreign languages only. The foreign languages used alone or with English were German, used by 581 organizations, with 47,184 members; and Italian, by 4 organizations, with 185 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 332 organizations reporting the use of a foreign language, and of 12,158 in the membership of such organizations. The only foreign language used in 1906 was German.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,051. Schedules were received from 1,040, distributed through the states as in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,040	789	59	192	\$853
California.....	24	16	.....	8	853
Colorado.....	13	10	.....	3	626
Illinois.....	100	67	12	21	921
Indiana.....	62	51	2	9	910
Iowa.....	63	51	3	9	922
Kansas.....	58	46	2	10	789
Kentucky.....	3	2	.....	1	1,165
Maryland.....	3	3	.....	.....	905
Massachusetts.....	17	10	4	3	956
Michigan.....	88	61	4	23	756
Minnesota.....	62	51	2	9	783
Missouri.....	13	10	.....	3	858
Montana.....	3	1	1	1	830
Nebraska.....	36	30	.....	6	754
New Hampshire.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	6	6	.....	.....	1,017
New Mexico.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
New York.....	61	44	4	13	1,001
North Dakota.....	24	19	2	3	791
Ohio.....	98	71	5	22	925
Oklahoma.....	4	4	.....	.....	690
Oregon.....	26	14	2	10	815
Pennsylvania.....	111	87	7	17	865
Rhode Island.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,200
South Dakota.....	18	16	.....	2	834
Texas.....	11	10	.....	1	706
Vermont.....	3	1	2	.....	599
Washington.....	27	17	2	8	731
West Virginia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	101	88	4	9	817

Of the 1,040 ministers reporting, 848 were in pastoral work and 192 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 779 reported annual salaries averaging \$853. Of those not in pastoral work, 107 were on the retired list, while 36 were engaged in denominational work, and 39 in editorial, evangelistic, and other similar work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Evangelical Association .....	1,636	1,635	120,756	1,632	49,938	70,631	1,567	32	1,582	1,565	\$8,317,978
New England division:											
Maine .....	2	2	80	2	32	48	2		2	2	2,000
Massachusetts .....	11	11	602	11	192	410	10		10	10	78,430
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	65	65	6,420	64	2,520	3,835	63		63	63	689,101
New Jersey .....	7	7	751	7	284	467	7		7	7	80,000
Pennsylvania .....	208	208	14,674	207	5,725	8,895	205		207	205	1,106,400
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	164	164	18,029	164	7,066	10,963	164		166	163	1,193,166
Indiana .....	111	111	10,876	111	4,254	6,622	110	1	111	110	666,300
Illinois .....	106	106	9,408	106	3,857	5,551	104	2	106	103	804,000
Michigan .....	137	137	9,599	137	3,943	5,656	132	1	133	132	571,574
Wisconsin .....	214	214	14,076	213	6,208	7,800	205	4	208	205	941,425
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	121	121	7,864	121	3,470	4,394	113	2	114	113	419,607
Iowa .....	85	85	5,847	85	2,571	3,276	82	3	83	82	409,075
Missouri .....	19	19	1,416	19	586	830	19		19	19	100,300
North Dakota .....	63	63	2,290	63	1,048	1,242	57	4	57	57	148,078
South Dakota .....	42	42	1,752	42	795	957	40		40	40	123,520
Nebraska .....	60	59	2,944	59	1,302	1,642	56	3	57	56	142,577
Kansas .....	81	81	6,210	81	2,703	3,507	75	3	75	75	266,500
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	6	6	520	6	224	296	6		6	6	65,000
West Virginia .....	7	7	232	7	94	138	7		7	7	6,800
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	2	2	363	2	158	205	2		2	2	24,000
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma .....	12	12	491	12	209	282	8	2	8	8	11,300
Texas .....	12	12	683	12	285	398	12		12	12	39,050
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	8	8	95	8	48	47	4	2	4	4	7,575
Colorado .....	15	15	868	15	380	488	11	4	11	11	36,500
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	32	32	1,586	32	713	873	29	1	29	29	110,775
Oregon .....	24	24	1,480	24	600	880	22		23	22	75,350
California .....	18	18	1,389	18	589	800	18		18	18	183,100
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	211	4	82	129	4		4	4	16,475

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Idaho, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Evangelical Association .....	1,636	271	\$771,943	762	\$1,932,269	1,615	\$1,939,368	1,535	1,574	19,897	172,129
New England division:											
Maine .....	2			2	2,800	2	2,058	2	3	27	224
Massachusetts .....	11	10	41,089	1	4,000	11	16,795	11	11	118	826
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	65	19	117,725	42	143,200	65	119,993	62	64	1,032	8,801
New Jersey .....	7	2	15,500	5	18,800	7	17,520	7	7	128	1,108
Pennsylvania .....	208	50	116,538	78	204,335	201	216,551	188	189	2,391	22,151
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	164	23	95,918	74	172,700	163	237,927	164	166	2,537	26,682
Indiana .....	111	21	79,709	51	113,050	108	153,630	108	109	1,601	15,693
Illinois .....	106	14	48,885	62	146,850	105	201,127	105	107	1,630	14,864
Michigan .....	137	40	76,411	65	148,050	134	136,285	135	135	1,665	16,245
Wisconsin .....	214	11	9,765	81	241,700	214	199,130	184	187	2,026	14,237
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	121	8	3,450	49	112,675	121	105,021	108	111	1,265	9,225
Iowa .....	85	9	27,934	57	144,450	83	123,924	78	78	888	7,773
Missouri .....	19			9	21,144	18	20,158	18	18	229	2,151
North Dakota .....	63	11	13,988	24	56,700	63	40,891	59	68	571	3,644
South Dakota .....	42	1	200	19	48,750	42	41,215	40	41	407	2,601
Nebraska .....	60			33	73,960	60	66,498	54	55	638	4,364
Kansas .....	81	8	37,037	40	76,800	80	98,712	80	83	1,170	9,260
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	6	5	30,177	2	5,000	6	10,293	6	6	94	846
West Virginia .....	7	1	400	1	1,000	7	1,211	6	6	68	530
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	2	1	10,000	2	11,000	2	17,745	2	2	56	626
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma .....	12			4	4,000	11	4,923	12	12	127	761
Texas .....	12	7	12,103	10	16,200	12	10,865	11	15	144	1,264
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	8	2	275			8	2,788	7	8	46	282
Colorado .....	15	2	1,200	4	8,800	14	14,488	15	15	195	1,377
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	32	15	19,790	19	40,550	32	26,616	29	32	293	2,363
Oregon .....	24	3	2,005	14	34,430	24	20,842	22	23	281	2,116
California .....	18	5	8,644	13	82,200	18	28,386	18	18	228	1,938
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	3	3,200	1	1,125	4	3,776	4	5	42	267

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Idaho, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Evangelical Association .....	1,636	1,635	120,756	1,632	49,938	70,631	1,567	32	1,582	1,565	\$8,317,978
Atlantic .....	26	26	3,353	25	1,238	2,050	26	.....	26	26	444,500
California .....	18	18	1,389	18	589	800	18	.....	18	18	183,100
Dakota .....	114	114	4,157	114	1,899	2,258	101	6	101	101	279,173
East Pennsylvania .....	137	137	9,912	136	3,798	6,060	134	.....	135	134	701,850
Erie .....	45	45	4,995	45	2,075	2,920	45	.....	46	45	538,150
Illinois .....	90	90	8,057	90	3,320	4,737	88	2	90	87	760,800
Indiana .....	147	147	14,521	147	5,723	8,798	146	1	147	146	855,600
Iowa .....	82	82	5,775	82	2,542	3,233	79	3	80	79	404,275
Kansas .....	120	120	8,589	120	3,695	4,894	108	7	108	108	398,850
Michigan .....	149	149	10,112	149	4,149	5,963	144	1	145	144	601,240
Minnesota .....	120	120	7,844	120	3,462	4,382	113	2	114	113	419,607
Nebraska .....	67	66	3,340	66	1,485	1,855	61	5	62	61	158,327
New England .....	16	16	875	16	300	575	15	.....	15	15	96,030
New York .....	52	52	4,796	52	1,948	2,848	50	.....	50	50	467,601
Ohio .....	116	116	13,026	116	5,028	7,998	116	.....	118	115	745,900
Oregon .....	33	33	2,075	33	828	1,247	31	.....	32	31	116,350
Pittsburgh .....	51	51	2,100	51	846	1,254	51	.....	51	51	90,700
Texas .....	12	12	683	12	398	285	12	.....	12	12	39,050
Washington .....	21	24	1,009	24	491	518	21	1	21	21	70,650
Wisconsin .....	217	217	14,148	216	6,237	7,843	208	4	211	208	946,225

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Evangelical Association .....	1,636	271	\$771,943	762	\$1,932,209	1,615	\$1,939,368	1,535	1,574	19,897	172,129
Atlantic .....	26	15	117,000	21	94,200	26	72,960	26	26	554	4,643
California .....	18	5	8,644	13	82,200	18	28,386	18	18	228	1,938
Dakota .....	114	14	14,463	44	108,450	114	85,104	107	118	1,028	6,549
East Pennsylvania .....	137	28	\$1,641	49	121,335	130	137,525	119	120	1,570	15,490
Erie .....	45	14	48,678	32	92,000	45	111,733	45	47	748	7,080
Illinois .....	90	12	46,725	54	134,500	89	187,767	89	91	1,380	13,057
Indiana .....	147	29	100,977	68	147,800	144	206,744	144	146	2,267	20,721
Iowa .....	82	9	27,934	56	141,950	80	122,543	76	76	877	7,667
Kansas .....	120	10	38,237	54	106,844	117	134,902	118	120	1,615	12,861
Michigan .....	149	41	76,805	70	154,250	146	141,342	147	147	1,785	17,121
Minnesota .....	120	8	3,450	48	109,675	120	104,811	107	110	1,261	9,203
Nebraska .....	67	.....	.....	36	77,860	66	69,877	61	63	744	5,052
New England .....	16	13	44,289	3	6,800	16	22,138	16	17	175	1,279
New York .....	52	12	61,475	31	87,200	52	81,993	49	49	719	6,251
Ohio .....	116	12	80,016	46	112,800	115	156,369	116	117	1,714	19,414
Oregon .....	33	7	9,405	21	50,505	33	30,592	31	34	390	3,147
Pittsburgh .....	51	13	7,946	11	17,900	51	15,849	48	48	470	3,679
Texas .....	12	7	12,103	10	16,200	12	10,865	11	15	144	1,264
Washington .....	24	11	12,390	13	25,600	24	17,357	21	23	196	1,370
Wisconsin .....	217	11	9,765	82	244,200	217	200,511	186	189	2,037	14,343

## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

This denomination was formed in Cincinnati in the year 1911 by consolidating the German Evangelical Protestant Ministers' Association and the German Evangelical Ministers' Conference, which were composed of ministers of independent German-American congregations of liberal faith, located mainly in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri. A year later the majority of the congregations joined their ministers and identified themselves with this organization, which seeks to promote sympathetic and united action on the part of its members without interfering with their independence or local activities. As indicative of the distinctively American character of the churches, the term "German" was dropped from the title.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The church accepts as the foundation and rule of faith and life the Gospel of Jesus Christ, protesting against any compulsion in matters of faith and conscience, and grants to every one the privilege of individual examination and research. The principal aim of the church is to spread practical Christianity and to awaken and promote religious sentiment and moral endeavor according to the example and teaching of Jesus.

For the purpose of promoting a fervent Christianity, encouraging and stimulating the religious culture of its members and a sincere fraternal spirit, and of maintaining the independence of its congregations free from the influence of any ecclesiastical synod, the church arranges union services and periodical conferences, which the congregations are invited to attend. In these meetings the aims and objects of the church are promulgated and promoted, and its members are urged to work zealously in their congregations for the advancement and recognition of genuine Protestant freedom in matters pertaining to faith and conscience.

Sunday schools, Sunday school teachers' societies, and young people's societies are maintained, in which the ministers take an active part. There is also general benevolence, though the churches as such conduct no specific missionary enterprise. For a number of years German has not been, as formerly, the only language of the meetings, the English language being mainly employed in the education of the young people.

## WORK.

Home missionary work is carried on under the direction of a central board. In 1916 there were 4

missionaries engaged, the number of churches aided was 10, and the amount contributed for the support of the work was \$9,600. The denomination controlled 1 school and had also 8 orphanages, with 260 inmates. The amount contributed for the maintenance of the orphanages was \$72,000. There were 42 young people's societies, with 5,600 members. No foreign missionary work was carried on.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Evangelical Protestant Church of North America for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal statistics of this body for 1916 and the combined statistics for 1906 of the two constituent bodies follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	37	66	-29	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	17,962	34,704	-16,742	-48.2
Church edifices.....	42	71	-29	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$1,193,950	\$2,556,550	-\$1,362,600	-53.3
Debt on church property.....	\$83,150	\$161,650	-\$78,500	-48.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	28	47	-19	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$170,300	\$186,150	-\$15,850	-8.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	38	61	-23	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	79*	1,225	-430	-55.1
Scholars.....	7,997	11,362	-3,365	-29.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$81,600	.....	\$81,600	.....
Domestic.....	\$81,600	.....	\$81,600	.....
Foreign.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

It is evident from this table, as is intimated above, that the consolidated body does not include all the elements of the 2 constituent bodies. In 1906 the 2 bodies reported 66 organizations; in 1916 the consolidated body reported 37. Similarly, the membership in 1916 was 17,962 as against 34,704 in 1906, a loss of 48.2 per cent. The situation was the same in other items—church edifices, value of church property, debt on church property, parsonages, and Sunday schools. Contributions for domestic work in 1916 were reported as \$81,600.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$197,194, reported by all the organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

All the organizations reported services conducted in German alone or in connection with English, 5, with 1,359 members, using German only. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 29 in the number of organizations using German only

and of 13,714 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 34, of whom 33 sent in schedules; 30 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,164.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Evangelical Protestant Church of North America.....	37	37	17,962	32	7,237	8,571	37	.....	42	37	\$1,193,950
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	12	12	5,953	10	2,514	2,708	12	.....	16	12	335,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	13	13	8,732	12	3,309	4,223	13	.....	14	13	579,000
Indiana.....	2	2	421	2	210	211	2	.....	2	2	40,350
Illinois.....	2	2	925	2	440	485	2	.....	2	2	30,800
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	2	2	373	2	169	204	2	.....	2	2	69,500
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4	4	1,099	2	385	491	4	.....	4	4	50,800
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	459	2	210	249	2	.....	2	2	88,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Minnesota and West Virginia.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Evangelical Protestant Church of North America.....	37	20	\$83,150	23	\$170,300	37	\$197,194	36	38	795	7,997
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	12	4	10,800	9	40,000	12	56,802	12	14	300	2,590
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	13	10	33,200	12	101,000	13	47,389	12	12	309	3,218
Indiana.....	2	1	600	1	2,500	2	4,101	2	2	13	139
Illinois.....	2	.....	.....	2	6,800	2	5,350	2	2	43	450
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	2	2	25,400	1	9,000	2	65,950	2	2	37	323
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4	2	5,150	3	11,000	4	10,042	4	4	71	922
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	8,000	.....	.....	2	7,560	2	2	22	355

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Minnesota and West Virginia.

## EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

Under this head are included various associations of churches which are more or less completely organized and have one general characteristic, namely, the conduct of evangelistic or missionary work. In a few cases they are practically denominations, but for the most part, while distinct from other religious

bodies, they are dominated by the evangelistic conception rather than by doctrinal or ecclesiastical distinctions. None of them is large, and some are very small and local in their character.

Since 1906 there have been some changes. The Heavenly Recruit Church has disbanded, and the Gospel Mission has consolidated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Other bodies, however,

have been added—the Apostolic Church, Church of God as Organized by Christ, and Church Transcendent—and one body, the Pentecostal Union Church, is listed under the name Pillar of Fire.

The bodies grouped under the head “Evangelistic Associations” in 1916 and 1906 are listed below with the principal statistics as reported at those censuses.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS.										
1916.										
Apostolic Church.....	2	112	2	\$6,400	\$500			1	8	60
Apostolic Christian Church.....	54	4,766	51	265,325	1,000	1	\$2,000	48	197	3,068
Apostolic Faith Movement.....	24	2,196	8	40,950	4,000	2	5,400	16	58	711
Christian Congregation.....	7	645	5	11,500				5	53	376
Church of Daniel's Band.....	6	393	5	7,800				1	7	22
Church of God as Organized by Christ.....	17	227	3	1,500						
Church Transcendent.....	3	91	1	4,500	2,200			3	20	84
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	12	352	11	21,100	350	1	4,000	12	81	502
Lumber River Mission.....	6	434	6	6,425				6	29	358
Metropolitan Church Association.....	7	704	1	100,000	40,000			3	35	423
Missionary Church Association.....	25	1,554	21	84,700	1,500	3	6,000	29	321	3,022
Peniel Missions.....	10	257	2	111,600		1	1,000	4	15	66
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	10	218	10	18,500	7,900	7	9,500	10	77	430
Pillar of Fire.....	21	1,129	8	171,555	14,800	2	4,295	14	80	559
Voluntary Missionary Society in America.....	4	855	4	2,580	63			4	29	386
1906.										
Apostolic Faith Movement.....	6	538	1	450				6	30	245
Peniel Missions.....	11	703	1	40,250				7	40	308
Metropolitan Church Association.....	6	466	4	118,300	74,000	1	13,000	4	29	360
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	10	293	9	11,300	175			9	75	402
Missionary Church Association.....	32	1,256	19	33,135	1,500	1	1,000	34	271	1,916
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	16	487	16	69,550	6,625	6	19,500	14	83	477
Heavenly Recruit Church.....	27	938	8	8,950	700	1	500	14	116	627
Apostolic Christian Church.....	42	4,553	44	141,550	6,500			32	130	1,932
Christian Congregation.....	9	395	5	7,200	600			7	73	352
Gospel Mission.....	8	196	4	3,100	500			9	34	245
Church of Daniel's Band.....	4	92	2	2,400	100			1	3	50
Lumber River Mission.....	5	265	5	3,000				5	28	256
Pentecostal Union Church.....	3	230	3	90,600	11,000			2	14	175
Voluntary Missionary Society in America.....	3	425	3	2,400	1,000			3	21	390

APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The Apostolic Church was organized in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1888 by Albert F. Atwood, and has branches in Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Believing that the church as organized upon the earth has departed in form and doctrine from the church as it originated with Christ and the Apostles, it held that a church should be established upon an apostolic foundation in accord with the New Testament outline of government rules; that the New Testament is complete in its detail to regulate all doctrine, discipline, and polity, and requires no addition in any line from the wisdom of men to make it complete; and that any statement of principles outside of New Testament rule tends to division. Thus the doctrine of the church is simply a full gospel as recorded, without giving special prominence to any part of it, and as far as possible eliminating all traditions of men. The polity consists only of officers designated by the New Cove-

nant, such as apostles, bishops, elders, deacons, and deaconesses.

STATISTICS.

As shown in the general tables in Part I, this denomination, reported for the first time in 1916, had 2 organizations, 1 in Delaware and 1 in Pennsylvania, with 112 members. Only 1 organization, having 12 members, reported sex distribution—5 males and 7 females. Each organization had a church edifice, the 2 being valued at \$6,400; 1 reported a debt of \$500; church expenditures reported by the 2 organizations amounted to \$650; and 1 had a Sunday school with 8 officers and teachers and 60 scholars. No parsonages were reported and there were no general contributions for missions or benevolences.

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported on the rolls of the denomination was 5, of whom 3 reported pastoral work. No salaries were paid.

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APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The Apostolic Christian Church traces its origin to a Swiss, the Rev. S. H. Froehlich, who came to this country about the middle of the nineteenth century and established a number of German-Swiss churches. The principal characteristic is the development of the doctrine of entire sanctification. The different organizations are distinct from each other, although combining in a loose association, and they are considering the advisability of a more definite organization.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Apostolic Christian Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	54	42	12	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	4,766	4,558	208	4.6
Church edifices.....	51	44	7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$235,325	\$141,550	\$123,775	87.4
Debt on church property.....	\$1,000	\$3,500	-\$2,500	-54.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1	1	
Value.....	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	48	32	16	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	197	130	67	51.5
Scholars.....	3,068	1,932	1,136	58.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows that the denomination has increased since 1906 in number of organizations, member-

ship, church edifices, value of church property, and in Sunday schools. There were reported 54 organizations in 1916, as against 42 in 1906; the increase in membership was not large, from 4,558 to 4,766, or 4.6 per cent; the number of church edifices advanced from 44 to 51; and the value of church property, as reported by 49 organizations, advanced from \$141,550 to \$265,325, or 87.4 per cent. Debt on church property as reported in 1906 was \$6,500, while in 1916, 2 churches reported a total debt of \$1,000. One church reported a parsonage in 1916, valued at \$2,000. There was an increase of 16, or 50 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools, and an increase of 1,136, or 58.8 per cent, in the number of scholars.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$29,893, reported by 51 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 54 organizations, with 4,766 members, 34, with 3,248 members, used German only, and 20 organizations, with 1,518 members, used German in connection with English. The report for 1916 shows an increase of 16 in the total number of organizations using foreign languages and a corresponding increase in the number of members, as compared with that for 1906.

The number of ministers reported in connection with the denomination was 50. They were chiefly evangelists, engaged also in other occupations, and no schedules were received from them.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Apostolic Christian Church.....	54	54	4,766	54	1,767	2,999	49	4	51	49	\$265,325
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	163	2	63	100	2		2	2	7,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	428	6	147	281	6		6	6	22,100
Indiana.....	8	8	628	8	260	368	7		7	7	35,000
Illinois.....	15	15	2,165	15	747	1,418	15		16	15	124,300
Michigan.....	2	2	87	2	35	52	1	1	1	1	3,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	113	2	49	64	1	1	1	1	4,200
Iowa.....	5	5	290	5	117	173	5		5	5	13,700
Kansas.....	6	6	437	6	175	262	5	1	5	5	24,725
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2	2	76	2	29	47	2		3	2	5,800
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	379	6	145	234	5	1	5	5	25,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Utah, and West Virginia.



ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Apostolic Christian Church.....	54	2	\$1,000	1	\$2,000	51	\$29,893	47	48	197	3,068
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2					2	860	2	3	5	82
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6					6	2,470	5	5	27	315
Indiana.....	8					8	3,322	7	7	35	621
Illinois.....	15	1	700	1	2,000	15	16,946	12	12	61	954
Michigan.....	2					1	30	1	1	3	34
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2					1	1,000	1	1	5	65
Iowa.....	5					5	1,522	5	5	17	256
Kansas.....	6					5	1,556	6	6	19	406
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2					2	765	2	2	2	22
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	1	300			6	1,422	6	6	23	303

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Utah, and West Virginia.

APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT.

HISTORY.

This movement originated in 1900, in the revival work of some evangelists. It stands for the "restoration of the faith once delivered to the saints, the old-time religion, camp meetings, revivals, missions, street and prison work, and Christian unity everywhere." It is not a denomination, in the sense in which that word is ordinarily used, but "an evangelistic movement on a scriptural plan," carried on by preachers, evangelists, and special workers, who feel that they are called by God, and who devote their whole time to the work, without salaries or collections of any kind, the entire expense depending "upon God's blessing through freewill offerings." Special attention is paid to "salvation and healing." Whenever possible, the leaders upon request visit and pray for the sick without charge. The distant sick are treated through correspondence, the sending of handkerchiefs that have been blessed, etc. There are headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif., in Portland, Oreg., and in Minneapolis, Minn. The membership reported indicates merely those persons who are permanently and actively identified with the movement, not including those who attend the meetings, or who may be classed as associated with it.

WORK.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, India, Africa, South America, and some of the European countries, under the general supervision of committees which have charge of the receipt of funds and the forwarding of supplies to those in the field, no definite salaries being paid. It has extended rapidly in Finland and Germany, where before the war there were conventions attended by as many as 2,000 persons. There are also many adherents in South Africa.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Apostolic Faith Movement for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	24	6	18	(1)
Members.....	2,196	538	1,658	308.2
Church edifices.....	8	1	7	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$40,950	\$450	\$40,500	9,000.0
Debt on church property.....	\$4,000		\$4,000	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	2		2	
Value.....	\$5,400		\$5,400	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	16	6	10	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	58	30	28	(1)
Scholars.....	711	245	466	190.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The statistics show that this body experienced a marked growth during the decade 1906 to 1916. There was a very general and proportionately large increase in the number of organizations, church edifices, membership, and other items. There were 24 organizations in 1916 as against 6 in 1906, and a membership of 2,196 as against 538. The value of church property increased from \$450 to \$40,950, and in 1916, for the first time, a debt amounting to \$4,000 was reported by 1 organization. Two organizations reported parsonages, valued at \$5,400; and the number of Sunday schools rose from 6 to 16, with 711 scholars as against 245. Contributions for missions and benevolences were not reported by the church as a whole, its great work being local evangelism. Single organizations conducted their own work, and a considerable



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part of their contributions probably is included in the church expenditures noted below.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$38,380, as reported by 22 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 17 organizations in 1916, was 557, constituting 28.4 per cent of the 1,960 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 236 members reported by

the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 624.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 24 associations, 21, with 2,008 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 3, with 188 members, used a foreign language with English. The languages reported were Finnish, German, and Swedish.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 26. Schedules were received from all of them, and 5 reported annual salaries averaging \$430. The great majority had other occupations but received some assistance from freewill offerings.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Apostolic Faith Movement .....	24	24	2,196	24	1,022	1,174	8	15	8	8	\$40,950
East North Central division:											
Wisconsin .....	2	2	50	2	18	32	1	1	1	1	2,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	2	2	130	2	80	50	2		2	2	12,500
Missouri .....	2	2	142	2	54	88		2			
North Dakota .....	2	2	37	2	22	15		1			
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	6	6	481	6	225	256	2	4	2	2	3,400
Oregon .....	5	5	1,142	5	526	616	1	4	1	1	500
California .....	3	3	103	3	47	56	1	2	1	1	20,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	111	2	50	61	1	1	1	1	2,050

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Ohio and Virginia.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Apostolic Faith Movement .....	24	1	\$4,000	2	\$5,400	22	\$38,380	16	16	58	711
East North Central division:											
Wisconsin .....	2					2	775	2	2	9	75
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	2	1	4,000	1	3,000	2	4,295	2	2	9	107
Missouri .....	2					2	1,700	1	1	2	25
North Dakota .....	2							1	1	4	35
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	6			1	2,400	6	5,620	3	3	10	80
Oregon .....	5					5	15,164	4	4	15	249
California .....	3					3	9,375	1	1	2	9
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2					2	1,451	2	2	7	131

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Ohio and Virginia.

CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION.

HISTORY.

This body was organized in the year 1899, at Kokomo, Ind., with the special purpose of securing a broader Christian fellowship and of emphasizing and systematizing works of charity. Both in doctrine and polity it is in general accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has district assemblies and also a general assembly, corresponding to a certain extent to the General Conference of that body.

STATISTICS.

The seven organizations reported in 1916 by the Christian Congregation were in the state of Indiana. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	7	9	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	645	395	250	63.3
Church edifices.....	5	5		
Value of church property.....	\$11,500	\$7,200	\$4,300	59.7
Debt on church property.....		\$600	-\$600	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	5	7	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	53	73	-20	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	376	332	44	13.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with 1906, the figures show a decrease of 2 in the number of organizations, but an increase from 395 to 645, or 63.3 per cent, in the membership.

Of the 645 members, 225 were males, 327 were females and for 93 sex was not reported. The number of church edifices remained the same as in 1906, but the value of church property advanced from \$7,200 to \$11,500, or 59.7 per cent. A debt on church property of \$600 was reported in 1906, but no debt was reported in 1916. The number of Sunday schools and officers and teachers decreased, but there was an increase in scholars from 332 to 376, a gain of 13.3 per cent. Since contributions for missions and benevolences are by individual churches, and not by the denomination as a whole, they are included in the figures for church expenditures.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,650, reported by 5 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, computed upon the report of 4 organizations in 1916, was 31.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers connected with the denomination was 32, most of them identified with general evangelistic work, which is characteristic of the denomination. Of these, only 3 sent in schedules and 1 reported a salary. One was engaged in medical practice, and another was in general business while conducting his church work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

CHURCH OF DANIEL'S BAND.

HISTORY.

The Church of Daniel's Band was organized and incorporated in February, 1893, at Marine City, St. Clair County, Mich. The general purpose is evangelistic, with special emphasis upon fellowship, abstinence from all excess, and liberty in the exercise of faith. The organization is somewhat after the Methodist form. In addition to the churches in the United States there is a mission connected with the body in Canada. In their Sunday school work most of the churches unite with other bodies in union schools.

STATISTICS.

All the organizations reported at both censuses by the Church of Daniel's Band were in the state of Michigan. A comparative summary of the principal items of in-

quiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	6	4	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	393	92	301	( <sup>2</sup> )
Church edifices.....	5	2	3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$7,800	\$2,400	\$5,400	225.0
Debt on church property.....		\$100	-\$100	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1	1		
Officers and teachers.....	7	3	4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	22	50	-28	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The statistics for 1916, as compared with those for 1906, show that, while the organizations increased from 4 to 6 and the church edifices from 2 to 5, there was a marked increase in number of members, from 92 to 393. Of the 393 members, 167 were males and 226 were females. The value of church property increased from \$2,400 to \$7,800. There were no parsonages. There was a decrease of 28 in Sunday school scholars. Contributions for domestic and foreign work, being by local organizations, are included in the figures for church expenditures.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in the church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$895, reported by 4 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, computed upon the report of 3 organizations in 1916, was 9.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Schedules were received from 19 persons reporting themselves as ministers connected with the denomination. They received no salaries, but supported themselves by other occupations, receiving occasional free-will offerings and engaging in general evangelistic work.

#### CHURCH OF GOD AS ORGANIZED BY CHRIST.

##### HISTORY.

In 1886 a circuit preacher belonging to the Menonite Brethren in Christ, with some other members, became impressed with the ecclesiasticism of different denominations and the lack of Bible authority for their organization. They accordingly withdrew and associated themselves together in what became afterwards the "Church of God as Organized by Christ," the principal basis of which is the belief that membership in the church is not dependent upon human choice, but that all Christians, of any and all sects, who lead honest, true, and Christian lives, and are true to all the gospel light they have, have equal rights with all in the services and are members of His church. They hold to the oneness of God's people, and that it is this Spirit birth that constitutes membership in the true church. Hence, there is no joining of the church among them, nor is there definite ordination to the service of the church, inasmuch as Christ ordains all officials. Things that can not be explained or proved with the words of Christ are set aside with the belief that every man "should be fully persuaded in his own mind." They teach repentance and restitution so far as restitution is possible; nonresistance, and full obedience to Christ's commands; observe the sacraments of baptism and the communion, and foot-washing, but have no binding form for their observance.

They believe strictly in the American school, are opposed to all church schools and church colleges, holding that the state should control all secular education. Missionary labor they believe in confining to those near at hand, inasmuch as the "heathen will be judged according to their own conscience," and ac-

cordingly the labors of others are not necessary to their salvation.

The headquarters of the church are in Wakarusa, Ind., where the "Gospel Teacher" is published as the organ of the church.

##### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of God as Organized by Christ, for 1916, are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. The number of organizations was given as 17, with a membership of 227. There were 3 church edifices, church property valued at \$1,500, and church expenditures amounting to \$50 were reported by 1 organization. There were no Sunday schools reported, no parsonages, and no general contributions for missions or benevolences.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 5, constituting 2.2 per cent of the 227 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 17 organizations, 10, with 146 members, reported services conducted in English only, 2, with 17 members, used German alone, and 5, with 64 members, used German and English.

The number of ministers connected with the denomination was 16, and schedules were received from 14. No salaries are paid, the services of ministers being free.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.					
Church of God as Organized by Christ .....	17	17	227	17	97	130	2	1	3	3	\$1,500	1	\$50
Middle Atlantic division:													
Pennsylvania .....	3	3	25	3	11	14							
East North Central division:													
Ohio .....	2	2	16	2	7	9							
Indiana .....	6	6	98	6	39	59	2		2	2	1,100		
Michigan .....	4	4	66	4	30	36	1		1	1	400		
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup>	2	2	22	2	10	12		1				1	50

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California and Nebraska.

CHURCH TRANSCENDENT.

HISTORY.

The Church Transcendent was organized at Warren, Ohio, by a number of persons, some of them members of different denominations, and some of them not connected with any church. It is also known as "The Transcendental Way," and the supreme aim, as set forth in the constitution adopted in June, 1915, is stated to be the promotion of the welfare of humanity in every department of individual and social life, in short, to establish the kingdom of heaven in the soul and in society. The principles accepted include the unity of God as the directing soul of the world; humanity, God's family, and to be one through love and justice; liberty of reason, speech, and action; human rights exalted above mere property rights; equal privileges and the same standards of morality for both sexes; mind transcending matter and the conqueror over evil; democracy the people's worldwide method of managing public affairs; one true religion of the world, transcending all the partial, racial, and national religions, aiming at universal fraternity, the united states of the world, and the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Membership is divided into four degrees—hereditary, adolescent, plenary, and celestial. The first includes children up to 12 years of age; the second those from 12 to 21; the third the full membership of the society; and the fourth, "At death and burial every member enters the celestial degree, about which

the church has little to dogmatize, but hopes and believes."

The government of the church is democratic, authority being delegated for the general organization to the supreme council of peers, and for the parish to the parish council of peers.

STATISTICS.

The Church Transcendent was reported for the first time in 1916. All three of its organizations were in the state of Ohio. The general statistics for 1916 are given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

The 3 organizations of this denomination had a total membership of 91—55 males and 36 females. There was 1 church edifice; church property valued at \$4,500, with a debt of \$2,200; and 3 Sunday schools, with 20 officers and teachers, and 84 scholars. No parsonages and no contributions for missions and benevolences were reported.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$700, reported by 1 church, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Two ministers were reported as on the rolls of the denomination, but no schedules were received.

## HEPHZIBAH FAITH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

## HISTORY.

A number of independent churches were organized under this name at Glenwood, Iowa, in 1892, for the threefold purpose of preaching the doctrine of holiness, developing missionary work both at home and abroad, and promoting philanthropic work, especially the care of orphans and needy persons. They have no formal creed and no general church organization. Each local body, called an assembly, keeps its own records, but there is a central committee located at Tabor, Iowa, which superintends the general activities of the churches.

## WORK.

The number of persons engaged in the home missionary work is 150, and includes ordained and licensed ministers, evangelists, deaconesses, etc. No salaries are paid, and a complete summary of figures is not available, but the superintendent reports that "sufficient food and clothing and traveling expenses for something like 150 persons were supplied during the past year." The denomination supports 1 school, with 125 students, for which, during the year, \$2,494 was contributed. The value of the property is \$20,000. The church maintains an orphan asylum, the value of which is \$2,000.

Foreign missionary work has been carried on since 1894. The present fields occupied are Japan, India, Mexico, Africa, and China. In 1916 there were 10 stations occupied by 15 missionaries and 22 native helpers. The total number of organized churches and Sunday schools was 30, with 2,039 communicant members and Sunday school scholars. The amount contributed in the United States for the foreign field was \$9,888, and the value of property is estimated at \$20,000. The amount of endowment for institutions of all kinds is \$19,850.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

The general status of the association appears to remain about the same as in 1906, but with a slight increase in every particular. There were 12 organizations reported in 1916 as against 10 in 1906, and a membership of 352 instead of 293, showing a gain of 20.1 per cent. The number of church edifices in-

creased from 9 to 11; the value of church property rose from \$11,300 to \$21,100, a gain of 86.7 per cent; and 2 organizations reported debt on church property amounting to \$350 as against a debt of \$175 reported by 1 organization in 1906. For the first time, 1 church reported a parsonage in 1916, valued at \$4,000. Sunday schools advanced 3 in number, and 100, or 24.9 per cent, in number of scholars. Contributions increased from \$5,200 to \$12,382, or 138.1 per cent. Of this amount, the greater part, \$9,888, was for foreign work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	12	10	2	(1)
Members.....	352	293	59	20.1
Church edifices.....	11	9	2	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$21,100	\$11,300	\$9,800	86.7
Debt on church property.....	\$350	\$175	\$175	100.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	.....	1	.....
Value.....	\$4,000	.....	\$4,000	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	12	9	3	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	81	75	6	(1)
Scholars.....	502	402	100	24.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$12,382	\$5,200	\$7,182	138.1
Domestic.....	\$2,494	.....	\$2,494	.....
Foreign.....	\$9,888	\$5,200	\$4,688	90.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,887, reported by the 12 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 7 organizations in 1916, was 41, constituting 15.6 per cent of the 263 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 55.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 38, most of them engaged in general evangelistic work. Schedules were received from 14, and of these, 6 reported annual salaries averaging \$250. Most of the pastors receive no salaries and those who do receive some remuneration are generally engaged in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.	12	12	352	12	156	196	11	1	11	11	\$21,100
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6	6	179	6	80	99	5	1	5	5	14,600
Nebraska.....	2	2	31	2	13	18	2		2	2	1,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	142	4	63	79	4		4	4	5,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, and New York.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.	12	2	\$350	1	\$4,000	12	\$3,887	12	12	81	502
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6					6	1,095	6	6	46	264
Nebraska.....	2	1	150			2	260	2	2	10	55
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	1	200	1	4,000	4	2,532	4	4	25	183

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, and New York.

## LUMBER RIVER MISSION.

### HISTORY.

This organization includes a few churches in North Carolina, all established since 1900. They call themselves "Holiness Methodist churches," but decline all affiliation with other Methodist bodies and emphasize evangelistic work in their immediate vicinity.<sup>1</sup>

### STATISTICS.

All the organizations reported at both censuses by the Lumber River Mission were in the state of North Carolina. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

The statistics for 1916, as compared with those for 1906, show an increase in every respect. There were 6 organizations as against 5, and 434 members as against 265, a gain in membership of 63.8 per cent. Of the 434 members, 177 were males and 257 females. Church edifices increased from 5 to 6, and the value of church property rose from \$3,000 to \$6,425, a gain of 114.2 per cent. No parsonages were reported. In keeping with organizations and church edifices, the number of Sunday schools increased from 5 to 6, and the number of Sunday school scholars increased from

256 to 358, or 39.8 per cent. The contributions for domestic and foreign work, being by local organizations and not by the denomination as a whole, are included in the figures for church expenditures.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	6	5	1	(1)
Members.....	434	265	169	63.8
Church edifices.....	6	5	1	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$6,425	\$3,000	\$3,425	114.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	5	1	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	29	28	1	(1)
Scholars.....	358	256	102	39.8

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Church expenditures amounting to \$323, reported by 4 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported for the denomination was 4; 3 sent in schedules, of whom 2 were engaged in other occupations as well as in their church work.

<sup>1</sup> Recently the name has been changed to "Lumber Conference."

## METROPOLITAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

## HISTORY.

This organization, sometimes called the "Burning Bush," is an outgrowth of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Chicago, and was organized in one of the most densely settled districts of that city. It found its impulse in a revival movement in 1894, and has increased until it has churches in various parts of the country, and conducts fairly extensive foreign missionary work. The headquarters are at Waukesha, Wis., where there are various departments, including an orphanage, a day school, and rooms for families.

## DOCTRINE, POLITY, AND WORK.

In doctrine and practice the Metropolitan Church Association resembles the early Methodists. Its one aim has always been to give the gospel free to the poor, indeed to all; and especially to give to the helpless and the outcast another chance for a life of usefulness. It has no specific creed, but emphasizes the doctrines of free grace and sanctification. It has no definite form of church organization, each society or branch being independent, and yet in close touch with the headquarters, not so much for the purpose of control, as that it may receive any needed assistance in the conduct of its work, which is so identified with every phase of the life of the denomination that separate statement under the different heads is scarcely possible.

The association is conducted as a faith organization, no one connected with it receiving any salary or regular payment of any kind for work done. It has a large number of ordained ministers, but they do not receive regular salaries, nor do they solicit gifts or resort to begging in any form. Individual members make it a rule of their life not to hold property that can be sold for the advancement of the cause and of the Kingdom of Christ. The text often used in preaching is, "Sell all that thou hast and distribute to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven." When a house, a lot or farm, an automobile or other machine is given to the association, it is cared for as well as possible, but is held for sale, and when sold the proceeds are turned into the treasury of the association. In the conduct of the schools and institutions no charge is made for board or tuition, but every one is expected to contribute whatever work is possible for the general welfare.

The special feature of the association is its evangelistic work, which it carries on in various parts of the country. A party of 5 or 10, or even 25, go to some country place or into a city, with a tent, and hold meetings for a week or longer. Sometimes they rent a hall and stay for a year or two. If interest warrants it a local church or missionary station is established, and 1 or more workers are left in charge.

Among the institutions conducted by the Association are a publishing plant, a Bible school, a children's

home, and a library, besides the main office; all these are in one large building in Waukesha, Wis. A somewhat similar though smaller work is carried on in Texas, but that is chiefly of an industrial type; boys work out on a farm, or are given a chance to learn agriculture or some trade.

The report for 1916 shows 53 evangelists employed, 16 churches or missions established or aided, and about \$5,000 contributed for the support of this work. The 2 schools had an attendance of about 300, and contributions made to them amounted to \$2,000; the orphanage had 36 inmates. For its foreign work the association reported 3 stations, occupied by 14 missionaries, 8 in India, 4 in England, and 2 in the Virgin Islands; 2 organized churches, with 300 members; contributions for the work, amounting to about \$1,000; and property valued at \$12,000.

## STATISTICS.

In 1916 the Metropolitan Church Association had 7 organizations—1 each in Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The total membership of 704—266 males and 438 females—was found principally in Texas and Wisconsin. The general statistics of the Association are shown, with their relation to the statistics of other bodies, in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	7	6	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	704	466	238	51.1
Church edifices.....	1	4	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$100,000	\$118,300	-\$18,300	-15.5
Debt on church property.....	\$40,000	\$74,000	-\$34,000	-45.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	.....
Value.....		\$13,000	-\$13,000	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	3	4	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	35	29	6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	423	360	63	17.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$8,000	\$2,340	\$5,660	241.9
Domestic.....	\$7,000	.....	\$7,000	.....
Foreign.....	\$1,000	\$2,340	-\$1,340	-57.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the Association gained 1 in number of organizations and 238, or 51.1 per cent, in its membership, but suffered a loss in number of edifices and in the value of church property. The decrease in debt on church property was large, both absolutely and as related to the value of church property. A single church reported a parsonage in 1906, but there was none in 1916. There was a loss of 1 Sunday school, but a gain of 6 in the number of officers and teachers, and of 63, or 17.5 per cent,

in the number of scholars. Contributions advanced from \$2,340 to \$8,000, or 241.9 per cent, the increase being chiefly for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$80,635, reported by 4 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury. In this item is undoubtedly included the amount expended by the Association at its headquarters in Waukesha.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 5 organizations in 1916, was 222, constituting 33.2 per cent of the 669 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 35 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 234.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 122, but schedules were received from only 8. No salaries were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

### MISSIONARY CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

#### HISTORY.

The Missionary Church Association was organized in 1898, at Berne, Ind., by a number of persons of different denominations who were deeply impressed with the need of better opportunities for cultivating the deeper spiritual life, for promoting the fuller teaching of the Word of God, and for engaging in more aggressive missionary work.

It stands for all the evangelical truths of Christendom, with special emphasis upon the total depravity of man by nature and his need of regeneration as a personal experience, the Deity and substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit and the believer's need and privilege of enduement with His power for life and service, the healing of the body in answer to the prayer of faith, the duty of the church to give the gospel to the whole world, the personal and premillennial coming of Jesus Christ and His reign on earth, and the future resurrection of the body unto the immortality of the just and unto the endless punishment of the unjust. It urges upon its members the importance of being law-abiding citizens; but it is nonresistant in its belief, and has always been opposed to the taking up of arms in war. Each local church is known as the Missionary Church of the locality, and is congregational in its form of government. All the churches combine for an annual general conference, and this elects a general committee which exercises a certain supervision over the churches.

#### WORK.

The home mission work, which is largely among the Jews of New York and Chicago, and evangelistic work in different parts of the country, is represented by 12 missionaries, 12 churches aided, and contributions amounting to \$5,500.

The 1 denominational institution, for the preparation of its ministers, missionaries, and other Christian workers, is the Bible Training School, of Fort Wayne,

Ind., at which place also is located the headquarters of the association. This school, for which \$2,000 was given, has 60 students, and property valued at \$75,000. Its leading publication is the *Missionary Worker*, a semimonthly periodical. In its foreign missionary work, the Association is represented by its 15 missionaries with 10 stations, in China, India, and Africa, for which \$4,400 was contributed.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Missionary Church Association for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 284; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	25	32	-7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	1,554	1,256	298	23.7
Church edifices.....	21	19	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$84,700	\$33,135	\$51,565	155.6
Debt on church property.....	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3	1	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	500.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	29	34	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	321	271	50	18.5
Scholars.....	3,022	1,916	1,106	57.7
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$11,900		\$11,900	
Domestic.....	\$7,500		\$7,500	
Foreign.....	\$4,400		\$4,400	

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

According to this table, there has been a decrease of 7 in the number of organizations and of 5 in the number of Sunday schools, but an increase in every other respect. The membership rose from 1,256 in 1906 to 1,554 in 1916, or 23.7 per cent. The number of church edifices increased slightly—from 19 to 21—and the value of church property rose from \$33,135



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to \$84,700, a gain of 155.6 per cent. Debt on church property, reported by 2 organizations in 1916, amounted to \$1,500, the same as in 1906. Parsonages were reported by 3 churches in 1916, an increase of 2 over 1906, and the value of parsonages increased from \$1,000 to \$6,000. While there was a decrease of 5 in the number of Sunday schools, there was an increase of 50, or 18.5 per cent, in the number of officers and teachers, and an increase of 1,106, or 57.7 per cent, in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences, amounting to \$11,900, were reported for the first time in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures for 21 organizations, amounting to \$37,930, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 19 organizations in 1916, was 31, constituting 2.5 per cent of the 1,260 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 38.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 25 organizations, 17, with 854 members, conducted services in English only; 7, with 650 members, used German with English; and 1 organization with 50 members, used German alone. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 12 in the number of organizations using a foreign language.

The total number of ministers from whom reports were received was 59, of whom 30 reported annual salaries averaging \$477, and the remainder were mostly ordained or unordained persons engaged in other than pastoral work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Missionary Church Association.....	25	25	1,554	25	635	919	20	5	21	20	\$84,700
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	387	6	143	244	5	1	5	5	18,200
Indiana.....	5	5	517	5	213	304	4	1	4	4	34,000
Illinois.....	2	2	120	2	48	72	2	.....	3	2	10,000
Michigan.....	2	2	86	2	39	47	2	.....	2	2	5,000
West North Central division:											
Kansas.....	4	4	153	4	72	81	3	1	3	3	6,300
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	291	6	120	171	4	2	4	4	11,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, California, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Missionary Church Association.....	25	2	\$1,500	3	\$6,000	21	\$37,930	21	29	321	3,022
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	7,152	5	6	80	711
Indiana.....	5	1	700	1	1,500	5	17,902	5	10	119	1,175
Illinois.....	2	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	1,614	1	1	18	222
Michigan.....	2	.....	.....	1	1,500	2	4,591	2	3	24	224
West North Central division:											
Kansas.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,555	3	3	29	240
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	1	800	.....	.....	4	5,116	5	6	51	450

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, California, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

## PENIEL MISSIONS.

## HISTORY.

In 1886 Rev. T. P. Ferguson, a Presbyterian minister, with his wife, residing in Los Angeles, Calif., became greatly impressed with the lack of spiritual care for those who crowded the city streets at night. They organized a mission in that city, and as the outcome of this a number of enterprises were undertaken in Oregon, Washington, and California under their general supervision. There is no definite organization, though these various meetings are conducted under the general supervision of persons commissioned for that work from the headquarters at Los Angeles. While the missions have no definite creed, they in general accept the Arminian doctrine of justification and sanctification by faith. They observe the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. They give special attention to the salvation of the lost in the large cities. Some of the missions have a regular enrollment; others do not, but are supported by persons who are already members of other churches and identify themselves with this organization primarily for its distinctively missionary work.

The superintendents meet at different times for mutual conference, but there is great liberty given to workers in the choice of their location and their form of work.

## WORK.

While the principal work is carried on in the United States, foreign work has been begun in Bolivia, Porto Rico, Egypt, and India, with 4 stations occupied, 6 missionaries, and 9 native helpers; and for this work \$5,000 were contributed in 1916. Three buildings for foreign work are owned by the Missions—one in Port Said, Egypt, another in India, and one in Porto Rico. With this latter a farm is connected.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Peniel Missions for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 286; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that the missions have lost slightly in number of organizations and quite

heavily in membership and in Sunday schools, but have gained in number of church edifices, and also in the value of church property. The great losses in membership—63.4 per cent—and in Sunday school scholars—78.6 per cent—indicate a marked decline in the strength of the missions. One church reported a parsonage valued at \$1,000, for the first time in 1916, and contributions, amounting to \$5,000, all for foreign work, were also reported for the first time.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	10	11	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	257	703	-446	-63.4
Church edifices.....	2	1	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$111,600	\$40,250	\$71,350	177.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1	1	
Value.....	\$1,000		\$1,000	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	7	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	15	40	-25	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	66	308	-242	-78.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$5,000		\$5,000	
Domestic.....				
Foreign.....	\$5,000		\$5,000	

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,765, reported by 8 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, computed upon the report of 5 organizations in 1916, was 9.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 33. Of these, 10 sent in schedules, and 3 reported annual salaries averaging \$383. Most of them are general evangelists who support themselves by other occupations or receive occasional freewill offerings.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Peniel Missions .....	10	9	257	8	135	92	2	7	2	3	\$11,600
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	1	1	34	1	23	11					
California .....	9	8	223	7	112	81	2	6	2	3	11,600

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Peniel Missions .....	10			1	\$1,000	8	\$5,765	4	4	15	66
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	1					1	1,020				
California .....	9			1	1,000	7	4,745	4	4	15	66

## PENTECOST BANDS OF THE WORLD.

## HISTORY.

In 1885 a missionary society of young people was formed in the Free Methodist Church by the Rev. Vivian A. Dake. Gradually, as the members of the branches, or bands, came into closer fellowship, they united in distinct organizations, and in 1898 became a separate body, adopting the name "Pentecost Bands of the World," with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind. While primarily a home and foreign missionary movement, it is practically a denomination. The doctrine corresponds in general to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, although no definite creed has been adopted. The ecclesiastical organization is by no means complete. Some of the bands have a regular membership, church edifices, and ordained pastors, but many are supplied by evangelists.

## WORK.

The care of outlying stations and communities constitutes the distinctive home missionary work, in which, apart from the regular pastorates, about 35 persons were engaged in 1916. No salaries are paid, both pastors and evangelists being supported by voluntary contributions. During the year 2 churches were aided by the home missionary department, and \$300 was contributed for this work. The foreign missionary work is carried on in India, Japan, Jamaica, and Sweden. The report for 1916 showed 8 stations, 18 American missionaries, and 33 native helpers; 5 churches, with 292 members; 4 schools, with 148

pupils; 2 orphanages, with 46 inmates; and a leper home in India, with 45 inmates. The amount contributed for all purposes was \$6,684, and the value of property on the foreign field was estimated at \$15,800. The headquarters of the denomination are in Indianapolis, Ind., where there is a large printing and publishing house.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Pentecost Bands of the World for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	10	16	-6	(?)
Members.....	218	487	-269	-55.2
Church edifices.....	10	16	-6	(?)
Value of church property.....	\$18,500	\$69,550	-\$51,050	-73.4
Debt on church property.....	\$7,900	\$6,625	\$1,275	19.2
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	7	6	1	(?)
Value.....	\$9,500	\$19,500	-\$10,000	-51.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	10	14	-4	(?)
Officers and teachers.....	77	83	-6	(?)
Scholars.....	430	477	-47	-9.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$6,984	\$4,500	\$2,484	55.2
Domestic.....	\$300		\$300	
Foreign.....	\$6,684	\$4,500	\$2,184	48.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The 1916 statistics for this denomination, in comparison with those for 1906, show a general decrease. There were 10 organizations and 10 church edifices as against 16 of each in 1906; 218 members as against 487, or a loss of 55.2 per cent; and church property valued at \$18,500 as against \$69,550, a decrease of 73.4 per cent. There was a decrease of \$10,000, or 51.3 per cent, in the value of parsonages, though one more church reported a parsonage than in 1906. There was a decrease of 4 in Sunday schools, and of 47, or 9.9 per cent, in Sunday school scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$4,500 to \$6,984, a gain of 55.2 per cent, most of the increase being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$4,420, reported by the 10 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age reported in 1916 was 1, out of the total number of 218 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers reported in connection with the denomination was 40, practically all of whom were identified with general evangelistic work. Schedules were received from 22, and of these, 20 reported annual salaries averaging \$265, received apparently from general contributions for missionary work, rather than from contributions for distinctly pastoral work, as only 10 regular churches were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	10	10	218	10	94	124	10	.....	10	10	\$18,500
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	8	8	158	8	67	91	8	.....	8	8	14,800
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	60	2	27	33	2	.....	2	2	3,700

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	10	5	\$7,900	7	\$9,500	10	\$4,420	10	10	77	430
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	8	5	7,900	6	7,000	8	3,445	8	8	58	310
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	.....	.....	1	2,500	2	975	2	2	19	120

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois and Ohio.

PILLAR OF FIRE.

(FORMERLY PENTECOSTAL UNION CHURCH.)

HISTORY.

The Pentecostal Union Church was incorporated in 1902, at Denver, Colo., by Mrs. Alma White, who for some years had been engaged in a missionary movement of general evangelistic type similar to that of the early Methodist societies organized by Mr.

Wesley. There came to her a conviction that it was impossible to carry out the mission of the church in connection with "worldly and apostate denominations," and also a vision of a world-wide evangelism.

Under Mrs. White's superintendency a number of missions were established in different cities, and ministers as well as laymen became interested, and a

large building with a well-organized training school was erected in Denver. After this followed the opening of headquarters in Zarephath, N. J., near Bound Brook. A considerable tract of land was acquired, a number of buildings erected, machinery installed in a new printery, and arrangements made for the publication of periodicals. A church and school buildings were erected in Bound Brook. In 1912 an academy was opened, a complete staff of teachers has been provided, and all arrangements necessary for a well-organized school have been made. Among the publications was the "Pillar of Fire," and more recently the name of the organization has been changed from Pentecostal Union Church to the Pillar of Fire.

The work extended to the large cities of the United States, including Brooklyn, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and other places, and in 1909 a branch was opened in London, England, where open-air meetings in Regent's Park, Finsbury Park, and Hyde Park have been largely attended.

## DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal belief of the Pillar of Fire includes the fundamental doctrines of the orthodox denominations. Systematic theology is not emphasized, but such wholesome doctrine as shall guard against liberalism and latter-day heresies. The points emphasized are: (1) Belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures as the only sufficient rule of faith and practice; (2) repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ; (3) justification by faith evidenced by holy living; (4) Christian perfection or entire sanctification, which is interpreted as a cleansing of the believer's heart of inbred sin or spiritual defilement, so that the whole spirit as well as the body may be preserved blameless until the coming of Christ—perfection or sanctification which does not imply freedom from mistakes and infirmities, but that Christian perfection which is the power of heart and life; (5) immortality of the soul and resurrection of the body; (6) judgments as in the Scriptures; (7) water baptism as a sign of regeneration, the mode being optional; (8) the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; (9) marriage as a divine institution; (10) divine healing for the body; (11) premillennial coming of the Lord and the restoration of the Jews; (12) eternal punishment for the wicked and everlasting life for the righteous.

There is no distinctive ecclesiastical organization but there are different orders of workers, including ordained ministers, deacons and deaconesses, and missionaries.

To carry out the scriptural injunction against conformity to the world and also to give its people a certain kind of outward identification, the denomination has adopted uniforms of dark blue.

## WORK.

Home missionary work is carried on to a limited extent in nearly all sections of the country. The report for 1916 shows 250 missionaries engaged in this work, 25 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of \$25,000.

Outside of the United States there is work in England, where they have 6 American missionaries and 10 helpers. There is one station, one church with 25 members, and one school with 12 pupils. The total amount contributed in the United States for the foreign work was \$1,000, and the value of property is estimated at \$15,000.

The educational work of the organization in 1916 was represented by 15 schools, with 200 pupils. The amount contributed for educational purposes was \$30,000, and the value of school property is given as \$250,000.

There are 10 homes and orphanages, accommodating 90 inmates and having an estimated property value of \$30,000, and the amount contributed for the institutions in 1916 was \$14,000.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Pillar of Fire for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	21	3	18	(1)
Members.....	1,129	230	899	390.9
Church edifices.....	8	3	5	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$171,555	\$90,600	\$80,955	89.4
Debt on church property.....	\$14,800	\$11,000	\$3,800	34.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	2		2	
Value.....	\$4,295		\$4,295	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	14	2	12	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	80	14	66	(1)
Scholars.....	559	175	384	219.4
Contribution for missions and benevolences.....	\$70,000		\$70,000	
Domestic.....	\$69,000		\$69,000	
Foreign.....	\$1,000		\$1,000	

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

It is evident from this table that the denomination has grown considerably. There were 21 organizations reported in 1916 as against 3 in 1906, and 8 church edifices as against 3. The membership advanced from 230 to 1,129, and value of church property increased from \$90,600 to \$171,555, or 89.4 per cent. There was an increase in the amount of debt on church property, but a decrease in debt as related to value of church property. Two churches reported parsonages

for the first time. Sunday schools increased from 2 to 14, Sunday school scholars from 175 to 559, and contributions totaling \$70,000 for general purposes, chiefly evangelistic, were reported for the first time in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$57,790, reported by the 21 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 9 organizations in 1916, was 110, con-

stituting 15.3 per cent of the 718 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 411 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 173.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 14, and schedules were received from all of them. No salaries are paid, although freewill offerings are given at times.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pillar of Fire.....	21	21	1,129	20	379	600	8	11	8	8	\$171,555
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	55	2	15	40	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	6	6	542	6	221	321	4	2	4	4	91,350
Pennsylvania.....	5	5	291	4	53	88	1	3	1	1	2,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8	8	241	8	90	151	3	4	3	3	78,205

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pillar of Fire.....	21	4	\$14,800	2	\$4,295	21	\$57,790	12	14	80	559
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,100	1	2	5	20
New Jersey.....	6	2	4,500	.....	.....	6	42,303	4	4	28	267
Pennsylvania.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6,595	4	5	22	112
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	8	2	10,300	2	4,295	8	6,792	3	3	25	160

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

## VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

This is a small association of Negro churches, organized in 1900, in protest against the principle adopted in the different Negro denominations of supporting the ministry by financial assessments upon the churches.

## STATISTICS.

All the organizations reported at both censuses by the Voluntary Missionary Society in America were in the state of Alabama. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	4	3	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	855	425	430	101.2
Church edifices.....	4	3	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$2,580	\$2,400	\$180	7.5
Debt on church property.....	\$63	\$1,000	-\$937	-93.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	3	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	29	21	8	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	386	390	-4	-1.0

<sup>1</sup>A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup>Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that, except in membership, the denomination remained practically on the same footing during the decade. There was an in-

crease of only 1 organization and 1 church edifice, but a marked increase in membership, from 425 in 1906 to 855 in 1916, or an increase of 101.2 per cent. Of the total members in 1916, 278 were males and 577 females. The value of church property increased from \$2,400 to \$2,580, while the debt on church property decreased from \$1,000 to \$63. There was a slight increase in the number of Sunday schools but a slight decrease in the number of scholars. No parsonages were reported and no general contributions.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,199, reported by the 4 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by the 4 organizations in 1916, was 35, out of the total number of 855 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers identified with the denomination was given as 11, but no schedules were received. They were mostly in evangelistic work, and supported themselves by other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## FREE CHRISTIAN ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST.

## HISTORY.

The Free Christian Zion Church of Christ was organized on July 10, 1905, at Redemption, Ark., by a small company of Negro ministers. The immediate occasion was a protest against any attempt to tax members of the church for the support of an ecclesiastical system, and a feeling that the church itself should care for its poor and needy. The founder, E. D. Brown, was a conference missionary of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Others associated with him represented the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Negro Baptist churches.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine and polity the church is in general accord with the Methodist bodies, except that it has chiefs or superintendents in place of bishops, and pastors and deacons are the officers in the local church. A chief pastor is chosen to preside over the whole

denomination, and all appointments to offices in the church, as well as to pastorates, are made by him. The laity has from the beginning had a share in the conduct of the local church, and also in the general assembly.

## WORK.

The principal activity of the church is the care of the poor, who are provided for directly through the church officers, each local church being expected to provide for its needy ones. There are also district evangelists, appointed by the chief pastor, whose duty it is to care for the unevangelized communities.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Free Christian Zion Church of Christ for the year 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 291; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	35	15	20	(1)
Members.....	6,225	1,835	4,390	239.2
Church edifices.....	35	14	21	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$35,900	\$5,975	\$29,925	500.8
Debt on church property.....	\$1,700	\$1,150	\$550	47.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	13	2	11	(1)
Value.....	\$8,500	\$450	\$8,050	1,788.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	35	7	28	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	288	63	225	(1)
Scholars.....	3,411	340	3,071	903.2

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a considerable increase for the denomination in every respect. The number of organizations more than doubled, advancing from 15 in 1906 to 35 in 1916, and the membership more than trebled, advancing from 1,835 to 6,225. The number of church edifices increased from 14 to 35, and the value of church property from \$5,975 to \$35,900. The increase in debt was small, 13 churches reporting a total of \$1,700 as against \$1,150 reported by 7 organizations in 1906. Churches reporting parsonages increased from 2 to 13, and value of parsonages from \$450 to \$8,500. A similar increase is noted

for the Sunday schools. Contributions for general benevolent purposes were not reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$19,154, reported by the 35 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 25 organizations in 1916, was 1,130, constituting 26.7 per cent of the 4,225 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 2,000 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,665.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 29. Of these, 8 sent in schedules reporting annual salaries averaging \$500.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Christian Zion Church of Christ....	35	35	6,225	35	2,250	3,975	35	35	35	\$35,900	
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	20	20	4,150	20	1,525	2,625	20	20	20	18,400	
Louisiana.....	1	1	150	1	50	100	1	1	1	1,000	
Texas.....	14	14	1,925	14	675	1,250	14	14	14	16,500	

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Christian Zion Church of Christ....	35	13	\$1,700	13	\$8,500	35	\$19,154	35	35	288	3,411
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	20	9	1,100	12	8,000	20	13,350	20	20	170	2,290
Louisiana.....	1	1	100	1	500	1	400	1	1	12	71
Texas.....	14	3	500	1	500	14	5,404	14	14	106	1,050



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## FRIENDS.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

The general history of the different bodies of Friends is presented in the statement for the older, or Orthodox, body. The specific statements in regard to the other

bodies indicate the differences between them and the Orthodox Friends.

The four bodies included in this group in 1916 and 1906 are listed below with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE SOCIETIES OF FRIENDS: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
FRIENDS.										
1916.										
Society of Friends (Orthodox).....	809	92,379	733	\$4,262,893	\$119,794	210	\$326,830	718	7,885	64,583
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	166	17,170	168	1,356,200	800			107	831	6,296
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	50	3,373	46	95,380	1,600			8	32	244
Friends (Primitive).....	2	60	2	6,000						
1906.										
Society of Friends (Orthodox).....	873	91,161	832	2,719,551	41,496	145	181,874	762	6,931	47,612
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	218	18,560	214	1,037,650				118	771	5,944
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	48	3,880	47	93,509				7	33	205
Friends (Primitive).....	8	171	4	6,750						

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (ORTHODOX).

## HISTORY.

The religious situation in England during the first half of the seventeenth century has been described as "a hurly-burly of religious polemics." The Civil War, the unsatisfactory social and business conditions, the rival claims of the adherents of the different ecclesiastical forms and creeds, and the discussions as to the respective rights of pastors and people, caused thoughtful men of the country to become utterly dissatisfied with church and state, and, indeed, with almost every existing institution.

It was in the midst of this period, in 1624, that George Fox was born, in Fenny Drayton, Leicestershire. He was a sober-minded, serious youth, and early had his mind turned to religious matters. After severe mental and spiritual struggles, he was led to emphasize the spiritual side of Christianity. While external forms of religion were not ignored, he taught the necessity of divine power within the man to enable him to live according to the will of God, the direct communication of this will to the individual believer in Christ, and the necessity of a perfect consistency between the outward life and the religious profession. This was unfamiliar teaching to most persons in that day of rigid adherence to creeds and of great formalism in religious observances. Fox soon gathered around him a band of preachers who, with himself, spread their doctrines far and wide in Great Britain, and later extended their missionary efforts to Ireland, the continent of Europe, the West Indies, and North America, in which countries, particularly America, they gained many adherents. It does not seem to have been their

intention to establish a new branch of the church but almost before they knew it, an organization had developed.

At first they called themselves "Children of Truth" or "Children of Light," also "Friends of Truth," and finally the name which was given to them was the "Religious Society of Friends," to which was frequently added "commonly called Quakers." This last name was applied to them by a justice in response to an address, in which George Fox called on him to "tremble at the Word of the Lord."

Many of the extreme charges against them, as, for example, those with regard to the disturbance of public worship, were greatly exaggerated. At the same time their refusal to attend the services of the Established Church, to support it by the payment of tithes, or to take oaths of any kind, and their uncompromising attitude toward much of the religious preaching of the day, created a great deal of bitterness against them and brought upon them severe persecution. Heavy fines were imposed upon them; their property was confiscated; and, worst of all, they were subjected to long imprisonments in the horrible jails of the time. Nevertheless, they increased in numbers, until by the close of the seventeenth century they were one of the most important bodies of dissenters in England. With the cessation of persecution, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, the Friends relaxed their missionary zeal, paid more attention to the discipline of their members, and gradually settled down into a comparatively quiet existence. So far, however, was this discipline carried, in its minute supervision of the actions of members, that their numbers declined, and some

have expressed a wonder that the society continued to exist at all. About the middle of the nineteenth century a new movement began, and since that time the great majority of the Friends have either dropped or modified many of the old customs and external forms.

The first recorded visit of any Quakers to America was that of two women, Ann Austin and Mary Fisher, who arrived in Massachusetts from Barbados in 1656. They were immediately put under arrest, subjected to a brutal examination to see whether they were witches, and finally shipped back to Barbados. Two days after their departure a vessel arrived with eight more Quakers, and these were forcibly returned to England. Severe laws were enacted and heavy penalties provided for those who knowingly brought into the community that "cursed sect of heretics lately risen up in the world which are commonly called 'Quakers,' who take upon them to be immediately sent of God, and infallibly assisted by the Spirit to speak and write blasphemous opinions, despising government and the order of God in church and commonwealth," etc. Notwithstanding these laws, the Quakers continued to come, and at last the situation improved, although it was not until 1724 that their appeals to the Royal Privy Council in England were sustained. A few years later laws were enacted in their favor.

The Friends had almost as trying an experience in Virginia as in Massachusetts, and they suffered certain persecutions in Connecticut. In Rhode Island, however, they were received more cordially and were held in high regard, several of the early governors being members of the society. In New York, New Jersey, and Maryland there were many Friends. The culmination of their influence was reached in Pennsylvania, under the charter given to William Penn in return for a debt due by the crown to his father, Admiral Penn.

The society continued to grow during the first half of the seventeenth century, but drew more within itself in view of the general disturbances resulting from the colonial wars and the political situation, and Friends were discouraged from membership in the assembly or from holding any public office. These conditions led to the establishment, in 1756, of the first "meeting for sufferings" in America, whose object was to extend relief and assistance to members of the society who might suffer from the Indians or other enemies on the frontier, and in general to look out for the interests of the society. The relation of the Friends to the Indians was one of cordial interest, following the position taken not only by William Penn, but also by George Fox.

With regard to slavery, the early attitude of the Friends was one of toleration, although they insisted that the slaves should be treated humanely. A development, however, was inevitable, and in 1688 the German Friends, at a meeting in Germantown, Pa.,

protested against the "traffic in the bodies of men," and considered the question of the "lawfulness and unlawfulness of buying and keeping Negroes." The question continued to be agitated, and, chiefly through the efforts of John Woolman, in 1758, the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting directed a "visitation" of all who held slaves, and decided that all who should "be concerned in importing, selling, or purchasing slaves" should be forbidden to sit in meetings held for deciding matters of discipline. In 1776 slaveholders were to be "disowned" if they refused to manumit their slaves, and by the close of the eighteenth century personal ownership of slaves by acknowledged members of the society had ceased, except where slaves were held by trustees, and state laws did not allow them to be set free. In the transition, however, care was taken that feeble or incapable persons should not suffer.

In the disturbances that preceded the Revolution the Friends were in hearty sympathy with the desire of their fellow citizens to obtain redress of grievances, but since, from religious principle, they took no part in warlike measures, and refused to serve in the army, or to pay taxes levied for warlike purposes, they were subjected to very great misapprehension and suffering, and their property was often seized to pay for recruits or for the meeting of taxes. Some, indeed, supported the Revolution actively. These were disowned or seceded, and were known as the "Free" or "Fighting" Quakers. This small body soon dwindled away. After the close of the war the Friends loyally sustained the new government.

The early part of the nineteenth century was marked by divisions on doctrinal points, resulting in separations more or less serious. The most important of these was that popularly known as the "Hicksite" in 1827-28. This was followed by the "Wilburite" in 1845 and the "Primitive" a little later.

During the years following there was a period of considerable ministerial activity, ministers traveling up and down the country, visiting the congregations and holding meetings, to some extent, with the public.

As the slavery question came up more prominently the Friends appeared in the front rank of the anti-slavery forces, and their poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, did perhaps as much as anyone to make current the Quaker conception of Christianity. As the Civil War drew on, they endeavored to maintain their ground in favor of peace, although not a few members of the different branches were found in the army. The close of the war brought relief, and a Peace Association of Friends in America was organized, which put lecturers into the field, issued tracts, and started a monthly publication, the *Messenger of Peace*. It is to be noted that the movement for international arbitration received perhaps its strongest impulse from the annual gatherings at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., under the auspices of a Friend.

During the decade, chiefly as a result of the Five Years Meeting, there has been a strong tendency toward greater unity of effort in the fields of home and foreign missions, Bible schools, education, evangelistic work, philanthropy, and social reform. This is true of all branches of the society. The relations to other bodies of Christians have become closer, and Friends have joined with other churches in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and similar organizations.

The official position of the Friends in regard to the war with Germany is practically the same as that taken by Friends at the time of the American Revolution. They have simply reaffirmed their historic position in regard to all war, a position recognized by Congress in the selective-draft act, which provided for the assignment of those Friends drafted to noncombatant service. All branches of Friends have united in the American Friends Service Committee for the purpose of carrying on reconstruction work in France. Several hundred thousand dollars have been contributed for this purpose, and the work is being carried on as a part of the civilian branch of the American Red Cross.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Orthodox Friends, who are by far the most numerous branch, have never adopted a formal creed. Their doctrine agrees in all essential points with the doctrine of the great body of the Christian Church, but they differ from other denominations in the following important respects: (1) The great importance attached to the immediate personal teaching of the Holy Spirit, or "Light Within," or "Inner Light;" (2) the absence of all outward ordinances, including baptism and the Supper, on the ground that they are not essential, were not commanded by Christ, and, moreover, tend to draw the soul away from the essential to the nonessential and formal; (3) the manner of worship and appointment of ministers; (4) the doctrine of peace or nonresistance, in accordance with which no Friend can fight or directly support war.

#### POLITY.

The organization of the Society of Friends includes monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings, each being a purely business organization. The monthly meeting is either a single congregation, or includes two or more congregations, called variously, weekly, local, or preparative meetings. The monthly meetings in a certain district combine to form a quarterly meeting, and the quarterly meetings in a wider territory constitute a yearly meeting.

The yearly meetings in the United States are 14 in number: New England, established in 1661; Baltimore, 1672; Philadelphia, first held at Burlington, N. J., 1681; New York, 1695; North Carolina, 1698;

Ohio, 1812; Indiana, 1821; Western (Indiana), 1857; Iowa, 1863; Kansas, 1872; Wilmington (Ohio), 1892; Oregon, 1893; California, 1895; Nebraska, 1908. These meetings were independent and each had its own discipline, but in 1902 all except Ohio and Philadelphia entered into a loose confederation and adopted a Discipline that was uniform in essentials but modified in details to suit local conditions. Each yearly meeting is independent in the transaction of its own business, but gives authority in certain matters of common interest to a body of delegates from the yearly meetings composing the confederation referred to, which is known as the Five Years Meeting, from its convening once in five years. The functions of this body, however, are chiefly advisory.

The unit of authority in the society is the yearly meeting, to which every man, woman, and child who is counted in the society's membership belongs, and every one of these has an equal right to speak on any matter before the meeting. Members of different quarterly meetings, sometimes called delegates, are appointed to attend the yearly meetings, in order to insure a representation, but no one of them has precedence over any other member. The quarterly meeting receives reports from the monthly meetings, appoints committees on various lines of meeting business and Christian work, and informs the monthly meetings how much each is expected to contribute toward the expenses of the yearly meeting. The monthly meeting is the executive power so far as the membership is concerned, although appeal may be made to the quarterly and yearly meetings. It receives, and on occasion can disown members, and has the direct oversight of the congregations. Its regular officers are elders and overseers, appointed by the joint action of the monthly meeting and the quarterly meeting of ministers and delegates. The elders and overseers have general supervision of the membership. Ministers are not spoken of as regular officers, inasmuch as the organization is complete without them.

There is no formal provision for the training of ministers. While the value of intellectual training is recognized, it is not considered essential, since ministers are "called of God, and the call to work is bestowed irrespective of rank, learning, or sex." The theory is that the church recognizes when a man or woman is qualified and has received the "gift," and acknowledges it, after which he or she is called, and acknowledged, recommended, or recorded as a minister. There is no ceremony of ordination, and as a rule the minister receives no salary, although a change has taken place in this respect, and in many places where pastoral work is expected ministers are paid. Usually the minister follows his ordinary avocation except when he is called to special religious service, in which, if his work has the approbation of the meeting,

his wants are supplied. When a minister feels a call to engage in special religious work or to visit another section on a religious mission, he asks the monthly meeting to which he belongs for liberty to do so. For an extended journey he must obtain the consent of the quarterly meeting. If that consent is refused, he is expected to remain at home. If he wishes to cross the ocean, the certificate given him is not complete without the indorsement of the yearly meeting, and of the yearly meeting on ministry and oversight. The yearly meeting on ministry and oversight, composed of ministers, elders, and, with a single exception, of overseers also, meets at regular times to review the general state of the membership and consider the needs of the work, although it has no disciplinary powers. A similar meeting, sometimes called the "select" meeting, of ministers and elders is held in connection with the regular quarterly meeting.

Woman is in a position of absolute equality with man in Friends' polity.

The worship of a Friends' meeting is distinctly non-liturgical. Since the Friends believe that worship is fundamentally a personal matter between the soul and God and can be carried on with or without a minister, meetings for worship can be held partly or even wholly in silence, and usually there is no prearrangement of service, though some prearrangement is more common than formerly. There is no stated length for any sermon, prayer, or exhortation, and often several persons, not necessarily ministers, take part during the same meeting.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the Orthodox Friends is carried on chiefly through individuals, unofficial organizations, and through the following 4 boards and committees: Board of Home Missions, Board of Legislation and Temperance, Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, and the Baltimore Society for the Educational Improvement of Colored People. During the year 1916 about 75 persons, who might be classed as home missionaries, were employed and about 45 churches aided, including missions among Indians, Negroes, Japanese, Mexicans, Chinese, and mountain whites, while the amount contributed for this work was about \$50,000.

The foreign missionary work of the Friends is carried on, first, by associations or committees, officially or semi-officially connected with the individual yearly meetings; second, by independent organizations; and, third, by the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, formed with a view to consolidating the foreign mission work of the American Friends. The fields of labor are Syria, India, China, Japan, British East Africa, Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, Jamaica, and Alaska. In 1916 there were 98 missionaries and 198 native helpers at work in 32 stations; and they

reported 28 churches, with 2,279 members; 71 schools, with 4,117 pupils; and 2 hospitals, where 26,898 patients were treated. The contributions for foreign missions during the year amounted to \$90,000, the value of property was estimated at \$238,726, and there were endowments amounting to \$43,000.

The Friends have always been interested in educational enterprises, although these have generally been under the care of associations not officially connected with the denomination. The Board of Education, however, appointed by the Five Years Meeting, now exercises general supervision over all schools maintained by Friends of that body. Their report for 1916 shows 26 schools, with 3,747 students, including 9 colleges in as many different states, among them being Haverford in Pennsylvania, Guilford in North Carolina, Earlham in Indiana, Penn in Iowa; 4 large coeducational boarding schools in the Atlantic states; and a number of academies and schools in the middle and far West. There were also 11 parochial schools, with 338 pupils; and about 20 home mission schools, with approximately 2,000 pupils. Some of these latter are for the benefit of the Negroes, especially in Virginia, North Carolina, and Arkansas, while others, under the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs of the Inter-Yearly Meeting Committee, are among the Indians of the West. Industrial enterprise is an important feature of this department, not merely in the South and far West, but also in Indiana and Iowa, where there are manual labor institutes for white children. In regard to the amount contributed for this work in 1916, and the value of property devoted to educational purposes, there are no figures available.

A considerable number of philanthropic institutions are supported either wholly or in part by Friends but their reports are nowhere gathered together. The following may be mentioned as representative: Friends Rescue Home for Girls, Columbus, Ohio; Friends Hospital for the Insane, Frankford, Pa.; Bertha Ballard Boarding House for Girls, Indianapolis, Ind.; and White's Manual Labor Institutes in Indiana and Iowa. In general philanthropy, however, the Friends have as a rule united with others.

Nearly every meeting has a Sunday school, and in 1916 there were 545 Christian Endeavor societies, with a membership of 12,169.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Society of Friends (Orthodox) for 1916 are given, by states and yearly meetings, on pages 297 to 299, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next table.

From this table it appears that the denomination has lost in number of organizations, of church edifices,

and of Sunday schools, but has increased in membership, number of churches reporting parsonages, value of church property, debt on church property, and number of scholars in its Sunday schools. The membership reported in 1916 was 92,379, as against 91,161 in 1906, a gain of 1.3 per cent. The value of church property rose from \$2,719,551 in 1906 to \$4,262,893 in 1916, an increase of 56.7 per cent. The debt on church property of \$41,496, reported by 60 organizations in 1906, rose to \$119,794, reported by 72 organizations in 1916. There was a decrease of 44, or 5.8 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools, but an increase of 16,971, or 35.6 per cent, in the number of scholars. General contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$111,500 in 1906 to \$140,000 in 1916, or 25.6 per cent. The increase was for domestic work, particularly educational, contributions for foreign work showing a decrease.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	809	873	-64	-7.3
Members.....	92,379	91,161	1,218	1.3
Church edifices.....	733	832	-99	-11.9
Value of church property.....	\$4,262,893	\$2,719,551	\$1,543,342	56.7
Debt on church property.....	\$119,794	\$41,496	\$78,298	188.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	210	145	65	44.8
Value.....	\$326,830	\$181,874	\$144,956	79.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	718	762	-44	-5.8
Officers and teachers.....	7,885	6,931	954	13.8
Scholars.....	64,583	47,612	16,971	35.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$140,000	\$111,500	\$28,500	25.6
Domestic.....	\$50,000	\$14,000	\$36,000	257.1
Foreign.....	\$90,000	\$97,500	-\$7,500	-7.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$714,166, reported by 757 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 673 organizations in 1916, was 12,408, constituting 16.1 per cent of the 77,258 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 15,121 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 14,837.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

Of the 809 organizations, 805, with 91,155 members, reported services in English only; and 4, with 1,224 members, used Japanese and Spanish in connection with English. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows the same number of organizations using foreign languages, but a considerable increase in the membership of such organizations. The foreign languages reported by this denomination in 1906 were Indian (American) and Norwegian.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,232. Schedules were received from 818, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	818	282	291	245	\$681
Arizona.....	1			1	
Arkansas.....	1			1	
California.....	64	19	11	34	883
Colorado.....	6	3	2	1	392
Connecticut.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	2		2		
Idaho.....	2	2			725
Illinois.....	11	3	6	2	638
Indiana.....	192	69	68	55	715
Iowa.....	72	38	10	24	671
Kansas.....	72	25	21	26	538
Louisiana.....	1				
Maine.....	12	2	9	1	445
Maryland.....	7		6	1	
Massachusetts.....	17	7	8	2	1,040
Michigan.....	19	6	9	4	413
Minnesota.....	1	1			
Missouri.....	10	1	6	3	1,200
Montana.....	2		2		
Nebraska.....	13	6	3	4	597
New Hampshire.....	3		2	1	
New Jersey.....	9		6	3	
New Mexico.....	1		1		
New York.....	45	12	20	13	812
North Carolina.....	40	11	19	10	618
North Dakota.....	1				
Ohio.....	95	39	26	30	668
Oklahoma.....	33	12	11	10	438
Oregon.....	13	9	4		626
Pennsylvania.....	35	2	23	10	615
Rhode Island.....	5	1	1	3	520
South Dakota.....	5	3		2	587
Tennessee.....	5	2	2	1	783
Texas.....	6	1	4	1	256
Vermont.....	1			1	
Virginia.....	8	3	5		682
Washington.....	6	4	1	1	820
West Virginia.....	1		1		

Of the 818 ministers who sent in schedules, 573 were in pastoral work and 245 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 282 were regular pastors and reported annual salaries averaging \$681, while 172 were pastors with other occupations supplementing their salaries. Of those not in pastoral work, 105 were retired, 53 reported other occupations, and 87 were engaged in denominational, educational, or evangelistic work.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (ORTHODOX).

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Society of Friends (Orthodox).....	809	805	92,379	750	38,740	46,396	720	20	738	718	\$4,262,893
New England division:											
Maine.....	26	26	1,518	25	661	845	25		25	26	57,600
New Hampshire.....	8	8	345	7	135	180	7		7	7	13,500
Vermont.....	3	3	155	3	85	70	2		2	2	2,700
Massachusetts.....	21	21	1,386	21	577	809	20		20	20	195,617
Rhode Island.....	7	7	546	7	267	279	7		8	7	43,600
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	37	37	3,489	37	1,564	1,925	35	1	35	35	334,700
New Jersey.....	18	18	1,217	18	553	664	17	1	19	17	124,000
Pennsylvania.....	34	34	3,264	34	1,473	1,791	34		34	34	1,344,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	101	100	12,228	94	5,201	6,471	82	2	85	83	330,950
Indiana.....	186	183	26,658	160	10,556	12,424	163		165	161	617,350
Illinois.....	13	13	1,477	13	652	825	13		14	12	57,500
Michigan.....	16	16	1,006	15	419	578	12	3	12	11	18,400
Wisconsin.....	2	2	118	2	41	77	2		2	2	8,000
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3	3	267	3	133	134	3		3	3	17,700
Iowa.....	68	68	7,797	52	2,511	3,207	67	1	68	67	280,100
Missouri.....	5	5	543	5	236	307	4		4	4	16,997
South Dakota.....	3	3	192	3	86	106	3		3	3	4,250
Nebraska.....	13	13	1,130	13	476	654	11	2	11	11	26,510
Kansas.....	57	57	7,586	54	3,404	3,679	50	1	50	50	130,500
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5	5	498	5	231	267	5		5	5	60,750
Virginia.....	16	16	966	15	313	478	15		16	15	35,800
North Carolina.....	63	63	8,229	63	3,804	4,425	57		58	57	153,059
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	9	9	779	9	333	446	9		9	9	28,600
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	28	28	2,159	26	951	1,037	20	5	20	19	28,100
Texas.....	3	3	413	3	214	199	3		3	3	5,000
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	4	4	695	4	353	342	3	1	3	3	6,700
Colorado.....	9	9	829	9	356	473	7	1	8	7	12,300
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	8	503	8	222	281	8		8	8	32,000
Oregon.....	14	14	2,129	14	994	1,135	14		14	14	39,450
California.....	23	23	3,904	23	1,786	2,118	19	1	19	20	186,075
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	353	5	153	170	3	1	3	3	50,585

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, and West Virginia.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Society of Friends (Orthodox).....	809	72	\$119,794	210	\$326,830	757	\$714,166	702	718	7,885	64,583
New England division:											
Maine.....	26			1	1,500	21	9,263	19	19	142	987
New Hampshire.....	8			1	1,200	7	1,944	6	6	32	254
Vermont.....	3	1	168	1	700	2	1,038	2	2	13	40
Massachusetts.....	21			2	1,700	19	33,491	17	17	170	1,217
Rhode Island.....	7			1	2,000	7	3,726	7	7	40	308
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	37	2	3,114	14	35,000	34	31,976	28	30	306	2,244
New Jersey.....	18					17	10,631	2	2	12	95
Pennsylvania.....	34			1	1,000	29	53,087	11	11	85	722
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	101	11	9,569	17	25,380	98	85,660	95	97	1,223	9,251
Indiana.....	186	11	15,265	35	59,000	183	176,274	179	180	2,161	19,608
Illinois.....	13	2	850	6	9,800	13	9,120	12	12	130	823
Michigan.....	16	1	1,000	5	5,650	16	7,092	15	15	183	891
Wisconsin.....	2			1	1,200	2	2,469	2	2	19	167
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3			2	1,500	3	3,821	3	3	22	230
Iowa.....	68	5	3,350	44	78,725	65	67,654	67	69	861	6,272
Missouri.....	5	1	2,000			4	3,493	4	4	40	360
South Dakota.....	3	1	43	2	1,550	2	1,301	2	2	18	100
Nebraska.....	13	2	250	8	8,800	11	10,186	12	12	139	1,139
Kansas.....	57	3	10,625	26	35,250	48	39,856	48	50	567	4,517
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	5					5	4,670	4	4	24	141
Virginia.....	16	3	1,595	5	4,300	13	9,156	15	17	116	996
North Carolina.....	63	12	9,823	4	8,600	57	18,380	58	59	478	5,074
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	9			1	500	9	3,663	8	8	46	436
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	28	3	700	7	5,025	27	11,127	22	24	201	1,332
Texas.....	3					3	1,246	3	3	45	351
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	4			2	1,550	4	4,138	4	4	52	357
Colorado.....	9	2	365	1	2,500	9	3,820	8	8	87	585
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	1	2,100	3	6,400	7	5,087	7	8	83	582
Oregon.....	14	3	1,476	8	6,200	14	15,795	14	14	189	1,623
California.....	23	8	57,501	12	21,800	23	80,012	23	23	364	3,630
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6					5	4,987	5	6	37	251

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, and West Virginia

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Society of Friends (Orthodox).....	809	805	92,379	750	38,740	46,396	720	20	733	718	\$4,262,893
Baltimore.....	16	16	1,180	15	460	545	15		16	15	110,250
California.....	24	24	3,952	24	1,811	2,141	19	2	19	20	186,075
Indiana.....	135	132	17,959	106	6,348	7,724	115		118	114	510,200
Iowa.....	73	73	8,182	57	2,685	3,418	72	1	73	72	305,800
Kansas.....	95	95	10,813	90	4,862	5,277	78	6	78	77	181,347
Nebraska.....	24	24	2,090	24	887	1,203	20	3	21	20	42,310
New England.....	62	62	3,795	60	1,640	2,113	59		60	60	310,317
New York.....	41	41	3,675	41	1,661	2,014	37	2	37	37	337,400
North Carolina.....	66	66	8,378	66	3,881	4,517	60		61	60	155,959
Ohio.....	60	59	5,326	59	2,241	3,085	40	5	41	40	134,400
Oregon.....	19	19	2,888	19	1,373	1,515	18	1	18	18	47,150
Philadelphia.....	48	48	4,368	48	1,979	2,389	48		50	48	1,483,585
Western.....	99	99	13,310	94	6,001	6,923	92		93	90	268,550
Wilmington.....	47	47	6,463	47	2,931	3,532	47		48	47	189,550



## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Society of Friends (Orthodox) .....	809	72	\$119,794	210	\$326,830	757	\$714,166	702	718	7,885	64,583
Baltimore .....	16			3	2,500	15	10,937	13	13	87	683
California .....	24	8	57,501	12	21,800	24	80,020	24	24	371	3,071
Indiana .....	135	13	16,140	24	44,300	131	136,334	130	131	1,641	14,802
Iowa .....	73	5	3,350	47	81,425	70	73,944	72	74	902	6,669
Kansas .....	95	7	13,325	33	40,275	84	55,870	79	83	869	6,641
Nebraska .....	24	5	658	11	12,850	21	15,182	21	21	234	1,784
New England .....	62			5	6,400	54	48,424	49	49	384	2,766
New York .....	41	3	3,282	15	35,700	37	33,594	31	33	325	2,304
North Carolina .....	66	12	9,823	5	9,800	60	18,750	61	64	503	5,374
Ohio .....	60	8	7,745	12	16,680	55	48,314	56	57	717	4,858
Oregon .....	19	3	1,476	11	8,750	19	20,325	19	20	249	2,040
Philadelphia .....	48			1	1,000	42	65,558	10	11	65	654
Western .....	99	4	4,475	25	40,100	98	74,242	93	94	1,043	8,362
Wilmington .....	47	4	2,019	6	5,250	47	32,672	44	44	495	3,975

## RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (HICKSITE).

## HISTORY.

Previous to 1827 the Friends in America constituted a single branch of the Christian Church. It was not, however, altogether a united branch. Certain tendencies toward liberal thinking, which were strongly opposed by conservative members, had already developed in most religious bodies. The discussion centered especially in the question of the deity of Christ. In New England the controversy led to the withdrawal of the Unitarian element from the Congregational churches. Among the Friends the same tendency was manifested, although the issues were not so sharply drawn, and the corresponding element in the Society of Friends made no claim to be Unitarian in doctrine. Those who were inclined toward the more liberal view were not disposed to bring pressure to bear upon those who disagreed with them, but emphasized their own right to hold such opinions as seemed to them justifiable. On the other hand, the conservative element claimed that to look upon Christ as other than the Deity was to deny the very foundation of the gospel and of the church.

As the discussion developed, Elias Hicks, a minister of remarkable personality, became the central figure. Believing that "God is a Spirit," he held that "a manifestation of His Spirit is given to every man everywhere, and that this alone, if followed and obeyed, is sufficient for his salvation," and that the "Light Within" is the only light that anyone need follow.

Hicks belonged to the New York Yearly Meeting, but had been preaching within the limits of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, carrying the necessary credentials from his own meeting. Certain of his statements were not in accord with the doctrine of influential members of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and there were various controversies and discussions, and

charges and countercharges were made until party spirit ran high on both sides and often the real questions at issue were obscured. It became apparent that the two lines of thought were so contradictory as to make separation the only feasible outcome, and in 1827 the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was divided. Divisions followed in the yearly meetings of New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Baltimore. There were no divisions at this time in the yearly meetings of New England, Virginia, and North Carolina, each of which affiliated with the Orthodox body.

While Elias Hicks was a very prominent personal factor in the discussion, he was not a direct mover in behalf of separation, and although the more liberal party has been generally called Hicksite, that name has never been adopted formally by them. Some of the Hicksite Friends do not accept the opinions advanced by Hicks, and they do not claim to be his followers.

The discussion that led to the division related partly to doctrine and partly to polity. The Hicksite body denied the right or advisability of demanding assent to doctrinal theology touching points regarding which there has always been diversity of opinion in the society. At the time of the division the Hicksites were in the majority in each of the yearly meetings in which a separation took place, except those of Ohio and Indiana.

The general history of the Hicksite branch is essentially that of the Orthodox branch.<sup>1</sup> The animosities of the earlier years have to a very large degree subsided, and the relations between the bodies are now more cordial than they were formerly.

Since the outbreak of war in Europe in August, 1914, all bodies of Friends have been working together

<sup>1</sup> See Society of Friends (Orthodox), p. 292.



for a united expression of their testimony "against war and the preparations for and incitements to it," and for a wider acceptance of their principles of love and brotherhood in all human relationships. All Friends in America are represented in the American Friends Service Committee.

## DOCTRINE.

The Hicksite Friends hold that the fundamental proposition of the society has always been a belief in and reliance on the "Light Within;" in other words, that a measure of the Divine Spirit is in all men, constituting the veritable "Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Speculative doctrines and dogmas are, therefore, not regarded as proper tests or requirements for a genuine spiritual fellowship, such matters being left to the witness in each individual for settlement. Hence, there is in this branch of the society substantial unity in the midst of a wide diversity of doctrine.

## POLITY.

In general government and worship this branch substantially follows the methods of the early Friends. It has never adopted popular revival methods, and has no pastoral system or salaried ministers.

Each monthly meeting, which is the primary executive body in the society, has a clerk and an assistant clerk. The clerk presides and prepares minutes of the meetings. Parliamentary rules are not followed, and no vote is taken. If no one objects to the minutes prepared by the clerk, they are accepted as a record of the decisions of the meeting. If an objection is offered, however, the clerk changes the minutes until they meet with general approval. In this way the substantial unity of the members determines the decisions of the meeting. The monthly meetings appoint overseers, composed of both men and women, whose duty it is to have "a tender care over their fellow members." Monthly meetings provide also for meetings of ministers and elders, or meetings for ministry and counsel. The ministers are such persons as the meetings record as approved ministers, and the elders are persons appointed to watch over the ministry, and counsel those who speak in meeting, but have not been recorded as ministers. Both men and women may be ministers or elders, but those so designated have no more power in the society than other members. Two yearly meetings have discontinued the custom of recording ministers, and have substituted the "meeting for ministry and counsel" to perform the functions of encouraging and counseling the ministry, and other yearly meetings are considering the change. The seven yearly meetings hold biennial general conferences, the object being to interest and inspire the members for service.

## WORK.

The Hicksite Society maintains no distinct missions, either home or foreign, but its members are active in various lines of mission work, especially work for Negroes and Indians; for temperance, purity, and prison reform; and work among women and children.

Under the care of this branch of the Friends, or acknowledging the application of their principles in the management, are 1 college, located at Swarthmore, Pa., and 26 preparatory and secondary schools, situated in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The college has 445 students, and the other schools an aggregate of 2,944 pupils. All are coeducational. The estimated value of the property is \$4,004,109, and there are endowments amounting to \$2,535,750. The report for 1916 shows contributions for the support of these schools amounting to \$412,089.

The Friends are especially interested in social service, which is carried on by committees of the general conferences, and of the yearly, quarterly, and monthly meetings, assistance being given by these committees in the discussion of present-day problems, in the righting of manifest wrongs, and in various efforts for human betterment. Special features are the institutions called "Friends' boarding homes," of which there are 12, located in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio, accommodating about 271 persons. They are supported mainly by endowments and by payment of board. The report for 1916 shows \$6,000 contributed toward their support, property valued at \$440,000, and endowments amounting to \$841,599. In addition to these, a social settlement is maintained in Philadelphia, at an annual cost of \$4,000.

Assistance is given to the support of two Negro schools in the South, some of the contributions being made officially by meetings but most of them being made personally.

The Hicksite Friends are interested in various other philanthropies, but it is difficult to give details or statistics concerning these, since they are to a considerable degree personal and private in their application.

There are about 50 Young Friends' Associations, with an approximate membership of 2,300.

Since 1902 a definite attempt has been made to coordinate the society's activities, extend its influence, and promote its principles. This effort took shape in the appointment of a Committee for the Advancement of Friends' Principles and the selection of a general secretary, with headquarters in Philadelphia. By correspondence, by interchange of visitors, by summer schools, and by broadening and perfecting the organization, this movement endeavors to advance the principles of the society, to assist in the application of its

testimonies, and in various ways to increase its efficiency as an agency for good in the world.

This committee in 1915 founded Woolman School, at Swarthmore, Pa., to give a short course in social and religious subjects for lay members. It has raised for this purpose \$4,000 yearly. In 1917 Woolman School was reorganized under a board representative of all Friends. The society conducts no foreign work of its own, but it supports two missionaries working abroad under undenominational auspices, for whose support, \$285 were contributed.

It is impossible to report the amount Friends in America have given for the war relief work of English Friends. Since the formation of the American Friends Service Committee in May, 1917, however, they have given through this united channel \$5,000 a month for the various war relief activities carried on by English Friends. This committee has also undertaken relief work among the refugees in Russia and France, and reconstruction work in France amounting to an annual budget of \$200,000.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite) for 1916 are given, by states and yearly meetings, on pages 302 and 303, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	166	218	-52	-23.9
Members.....	17,170	18,560	-1,390	-7.5
Church edifices.....	168	214	-46	-21.5
Value of church property.....	\$1,356,200	\$1,037,650	\$318,550	30.7
Debt on church property.....	\$800	\$800		
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	107	118	-11	-9.3
Officers and teachers.....	831	771	60	7.8
Scholars.....	6,296	5,944	352	5.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$422,089	\$60,000	\$362,089	603.5
Domestic.....	\$422,089	\$60,000	\$362,089	603.5
Foreign.....				

\* A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The above table shows that there has been a considerable decrease in the number of organizations, members, and church edifices. Instead of 218 organi-

zations as in 1906, there were 166 reported in 1916, a decrease of 23.9 per cent; the membership fell from 18,560 to 17,170, a loss of 7.5 per cent; and the number of church edifices fell from 214 to 168, or 21.5 per cent. The value of church property reported in 1916 was \$1,356,200, while in 1906 it was \$1,037,650, showing a gain of 30.7 per cent. A single organization reported debt to the amount of \$800 on its church property. The number of Sunday schools decreased, although not so greatly as the number of organizations, but the number of officers and teachers and of scholars increased. The total gifts for general benevolent work, all for domestic purposes, advanced from \$60,000 to \$422,089, or 603.5 per cent.

It is claimed by the leaders of this denomination that the decrease in membership noted above has been checked and that the figures for 1916 show a slight advance over those for the immediately preceding years. The large increase in contributions is due to the fact that no report for contributions to educational institutions was made in 1906.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$100,777, reported by 156 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 153 organizations in 1916, was 1,498, constituting 9.6 per cent of the 15,528 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,642 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,656.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language used in the conduct of services in this denomination.

The number of ministers is not reported by the Hicksite Friends because the custom of recording ministers is being discontinued, and there is no distinction between those who speak in meeting and those who do not. Accordingly, no schedules were received.

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	166	166	17,170	160	7,504	9,138	162	2	168	160	\$1,356,200
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	26	26	1,343	26	838	1,005	25		26	25	140,850
New Jersey.....	20	20	2,446	18	1,089	1,283	20		21	19	165,900
Pennsylvania.....	72	72	8,705	71	3,676	4,742	71		72	71	674,850
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	7	7	511	6	206	219	7		7	6	12,400
Indiana.....	6	6	829	6	393	436	6		6	6	29,200
Illinois.....	4	4	372	4	188	184	3	1	3	3	9,000
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3	3	127	3	70	57	2	1	2	2	2,200
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	6	6	527	6	245	282	6		6	6	68,000
Maryland.....	14	14	1,174	12	508	585	14		17	14	189,200
Virginia.....	5	5	365	5	166	199	5		5	5	26,600
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	271	3	125	146	3		3	3	38,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, District of Columbia, and Nebraska.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	166	1	\$800	156	\$100,777	104	107	831	6,296
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	26			22	9,945	6	6	26	186
New Jersey.....	20			18	14,833	18	18	153	1,231
Pennsylvania.....	72	1	800	70	54,971	52	53	449	3,555
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	7			6	1,223	3	3	19	84
Indiana.....	6			6	2,174	5	5	39	295
Illinois.....	4			4	976	3	3	23	120
West North Central division:									
Iowa.....	3			3	325	2	2	9	35
South Atlantic division:									
Delaware.....	6			6	4,108	2	2	33	161
Maryland.....	14			13	9,804	6	8	41	257
Virginia.....	5			5	1,265	4	4	22	271
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			3	1,153	3	3	17	101

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, District of Columbia, and Nebraska.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	166	166	17,170	160	7,504	9,138	162	2	168	160	\$1,356,200
Baltimore.....	32	32	2,513	31	1,145	1,314	32	.....	34	32	285,750
Genesee.....	3	3	146	3	77	69	3	.....	3	3	4,750
Illinois.....	10	10	732	10	375	357	8	2	8	8	15,200
Indiana.....	7	7	999	7	469	530	7	.....	7	7	33,000
New York.....	25	25	1,826	25	817	1,009	24	.....	26	23	140,300
Ohio.....	4	4	201	3	58	57	4	.....	4	3	6,600
Philadelphia.....	85	85	10,753	81	4,563	5,802	84	.....	86	84	870,600

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Religious Society of Friends (Hicksite).....	166	1	\$800	156	\$100,777	104	107	831	6,296
Baltimore.....	32	.....	.....	31	18,945	19	21	150	1,156
Genesee.....	3	.....	.....	3	328	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	10	.....	.....	10	1,520	7	7	42	260
Indiana.....	7	.....	.....	7	2,808	7	7	50	294
New York.....	25	.....	.....	21	10,675	8	8	39	283
Ohio.....	4	.....	.....	3	520	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	85	1	800	81	65,981	63	64	550	4,303

ORTHODOX CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS (WILBURITE).

HISTORY.

A second separation among the Orthodox Friends occurred under the leadership of John Wilbur, a minister from New England, who visited Great Britain during the years 1831-1833. There he noticed that new methods of teaching were being followed, and new positions were being taken in regard to doctrine. Soon after, a leading Friend in England, Joseph John Gurney, came to America and set forth certain positions which to Wilbur and his friends seemed untenable. There was a sharp discussion which finally resulted in the setting up of what was known as a Wilburite Yearly Meeting in New England, in 1845, followed by similar yearly meetings in Ohio in 1854; in Indiana, Kansas, and Iowa in 1877 and 1879; and in North Carolina in 1904. The special reasons which caused the withdrawal of Wilbur and his followers were an apparent abandonment of a "waiting" worship, and of an "inspired or prophetic ministry," and the feeling that those who accepted the ancient Quaker method of worship must either separate or abandon their convictions on the spiritual nature of the worship and ministry of the Friends.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine they hold and teach that as "Christ died for all men," "tasting death for all men," so in a like universality, Jesus Christ gives a manifestation of His Spirit as a divine light in all men. They teach that this universal gift of the Spirit finds universal expression in the "moral sense," or "moral law," written in the heart or conscience of each man; that in all the ages during which there was no Bible, including the periods from Adam to Noah, and from the deluge to Moses, and among all peoples since the time of Moses who have had no Bible, this unwritten law of conscience has been the medium through which God has brought to bear the moral and redemptive agencies of salvation for the human race. They assert, moreover, that the doctrine of "Divine Immanence" as an "unexplained remainder in human nature" in modern intuitional philosophy is but the modern scientific expression of their doctrine of the Universal Light in all men. Believing that nothing material ever enters the spiritual world, they reject the doctrine of the resurrection of the material body. On almost everything else they hold and teach as other Orthodox Friends. In gov-

ernment and worship they are also in general accord with that body.

They have not, as a rule, been in favor of Bible schools, preferring the daily reading of the Scriptures in the family either morning or evening, which they consider insures sufficient instruction in the Scriptures.

#### WORK.

They have 4 academies, with 200 students, and 16 parochial schools, with 233 pupils, for the support of which during 1916 there was contributed \$24,952. The value of property used for educational purposes is estimated at \$66,000, and there is an endowment of about \$50,000.

They have no home or foreign missionary enterprise, no philanthropic institution, and no young people's society.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite) for 1916, are given, by states and yearly meetings, on pages 305 and 306, and the relation of those statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	50	48	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	3,373	3,880	-507	-13.1
Church edifices.....	46	47	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$95,380	\$93,500	\$1,880	2.0
Debt on church property.....	\$1,600		\$1,600	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	8	7	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	32	33	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	244	205	39	19.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$24,952	\$1,000	\$23,952	2,395.2
Domestic.....	\$24,952	\$1,000	\$23,952	2,395.2
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the number of organizations increased by 2, but there has been a

decrease in membership from 3,880 in 1906 to 3,373 in 1916, a loss of 13.1 per cent. The number of church edifices decreased by 1, and the value of church property advanced from \$93,500 to \$95,380. Debt on church property was reported for the first time in 1916, by 2 organizations, and it amounted to \$1,600. Sunday schools increased 1 in number and 39, or 19 per cent, in number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences, all for domestic purposes, advanced from \$1,000 to \$24,952.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$10,144, reported by 43 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury during the year.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 47 organizations in 1916, was 651, constituting 19.9 per cent of the 3,276 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 97 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 670.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 50 organizations, 49, with 3,281 members, conducted services in English only, and 1, with 92 members, used Norwegian and English. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 2 in the number of organizations using a foreign language and of 176 in the membership of such organizations.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 50. Schedules were received from 43, all of them in pastoral work, but none reported a salary, as no salaries are paid by the denomination.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORTHODOX CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS (WILBURITE).

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	50	50	3,373	49	1,597	1,726	46	3	46	43	\$95,380
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	3	38	3	16	22	2	1	2	2	2,700
Rhode Island.....	4	4	82	4	38	44	1	2	1	1	5,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	70	2	26	44	2		2	2	3,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	13	13	1,113	12	499	564	13		13	12	30,250
Indiana.....	6	6	232	6	99	133	6		6	5	8,200
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	9	9	965	9	468	497	9		9	9	18,600
Kansas.....	3	3	276	3	142	134	3		3	3	10,000
South Atlantic division:											
North Carolina.....	8	8	402	8	214	188	8		8	7	7,330
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	195	2	95	100	2		2	2	10,300

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama and California.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	50	2	\$1,600	43	\$10,174	8	8	32	244
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	3								
Rhode Island.....	4			1	88				
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	2			2	150				
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	13			12	2,770				
Indiana.....	6			6	431	1	1	4	34
West North Central division:									
Iowa.....	9	2	1,600	9	4,320	3	3	9	93
Kansas.....	3			3	110				
South Atlantic division:									
North Carolina.....	8			8	1,472	4	4	19	117
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2			2	803				

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama and California.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	50	50	3,373	49	1,597	1,726	46	3	46	43	\$95,380
Canada.....	2	2	70	2	26	44	2		2	2	3,000
Iowa.....	6	6	442	6	207	235	6		6	6	10,900
Kansas.....	3	3	276	3	142	134	3		3	3	10,000
New England.....	7	7	120	7	54	66	3	3	3	3	7,700
North Carolina.....	8	8	402	8	214	188	8		8	7	7,330
Ohio.....	18	18	1,831	17	855	926	18		18	17	48,250
Western.....	6	6	232	6	99	133	6		6	5	8,200

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY YEARLY MEETINGS: 1916.

YEARLY MEETING.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Orthodox Conservative Friends (Wilburite).....	50	2	\$1,600	43	\$10,144	8	8	32	244
Canada.....	2			2	150				
Iowa.....	6	2	1,600	6	3,028	2	2	8	60
Kansas.....	3			3	110				
New England.....	7			1	88				
North Carolina.....	8			8	1,472	4	4	19	117
Ohio.....	18			17	4,865	1	1	1	33
Western.....	6			6	431	1	1	4	34

## FRIENDS (PRIMITIVE).

## HISTORY.

The Primitive Friends withdrew from the Wilburite body because of the failure of that branch to bear, what seemed to them, practical testimony against the modified and modernized beliefs and practices introduced into the Society of Friends during the middle and latter part of the nineteenth century. Their chief interest is to "maintain the ancient testimonies of the society" intact, with the idea of bearing witness to the spirituality of the gospel rather than of propagating it. Since 1906 the meetings of the Primitive Friends in New England and New York have become component parts of the "Wilburite" yearly meetings in New England and Canada.

They have no general organization, the congregations being entirely independent. They have never adopted the term "Primitive," preferring to be called simply "Friends," but the name has been practically accepted to distinguish them from the other bodies.

## STATISTICS.

The 2 organizations reported in 1916 by the Friends (Primitive) were in the state of Pennsylvania. Of

the 60 members, 23 were males and 37 females. The relation of the 1916 statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 292.

From this summary it appears that the denomination has suffered a considerable reduction in every particular. There were but 2 organizations reported in 1916, as against 8 in 1906, and the membership fell from 171 to 60. There were but 2 church edifices reported, as against 4 in 1906, and the value of church property was \$6,000, as compared with \$6,750 in 1906. No Sunday schools and no general contributions were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$406, reported by 2 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of services in this denomination.

There are no ministerial lists for the Primitive Friends, and no schedules were received.

## GERMAN EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The German Evangelical Synod of North America<sup>1</sup> traces its origin to 6 ministers of the State Church of Prussia, representing the union of the Lutheran and Reformed churches, who met and organized a synod at Gravois Settlement, Mo., in 1840. Four of these were missionaries—2 sent by the Rhenish Missionary Society and 2 by the Missionary Society of Basel; while 2 were independent—1 coming from Bremen and 1 from Strassburg. During subsequent years several similar organizations were effected, including the United Evangelical Synod of North America, the German Evangel-

ical Society of Ohio, the United Evangelical Society of the East, and others; and in 1877 these organizations, holding, as they did, the same doctrines and governed by the same ecclesiastical principles, united in the present organization, known as the "German Evangelical Synod of North America." The Synod is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The Synod accepts the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, and as correct interpretations of it uses the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Catechism, and the Heidelberg Catechism. Wherever these symbols do not agree, liberty is allowed in the interpretation of the Scripture passages in question.

<sup>1</sup> Since the commencement of the war with Germany this body has been known as the "Evangelical Synod of North America," though official action changing the name could not be taken until the meeting of the General Synod in 1920.

The church is divided into districts, 19 in number, which correspond closely to the self-governing states in the Federal Government, and there is a general conference meeting once every four years, which represents the whole church. This conference is composed of the presidents of the districts, clerical delegates in the proportion of 1 for every 12 ministers, and lay delegates in the proportion of 1 for every 12 churches.

WORK.

The general activities of the churches are under the direct control of the Synod through central and district boards.

The boards for home missions seek to gather into the Synod those congregations which naturally belong to it, organizing them and supplying them with preachers and with the sacraments. In close affiliation with these boards is the Board of Church Extension which assists in the erection of church buildings and parsonages. The report for 1916 shows 101 missionaries employed in the home work, 150 churches and missions aided, and contributions amounting to \$40,390.

Foreign missionary work, under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions, is carried on in East India, the services being conducted in the Hindi language. The report for 1916 shows 6 stations occupied by 22 American missionaries and 301 native helpers. There were 6 churches, with 3,388 members; 63 schools, with 4,606 pupils; 5 hospitals and dispensaries, treating about 12,000 patients; 5 orphanages, with 239 orphans; and 1 leper asylum, with 366 inmates. The total value of property under the care of the mission board is estimated at \$50,000 with an endowment of \$19,945, and the amount contributed for the work during the year was \$32,599.

The educational work of the Synod was represented in 1916 by a preparatory school for theological students and training school for parochial school teachers, at Elmhurst, Ill.; a theological seminary, at St. Louis, Mo.; and an academy, at Fort Collins, Colo. The 3 schools together report an attendance of 242 students. There are also 324 parochial schools, 264 vacation schools, and 201 Saturday schools, with a total attendance of 17,410 pupils. The total amount contributed for educational purposes during the year was \$82,240, the value of property is given as \$410,000, and the amount of endowment, \$25,588.

There are 21 philanthropic institutions, including 10 hospitals or deaconess homes, 4 homes for the aged, 4 orphan homes, 1 pastor's home, and 2 asylums for epileptics and feeble-minded. Together, they had during the year 9,601 patients and inmates. The entire value of the property is estimated at \$700,000, and the amount contributed toward the institutions in 1916 was \$104,721.

The Sunday schools during 1916 contributed \$102,451 for their own support, \$20,921 for missions, and \$22,141 for other benevolent purposes.

The various societies of young people are combined in a Young People's Union, representing 605 young people's societies, with 29,972 members; 95 young women's societies, with 3,051 members; and 35 young men's societies, with 1,067 members; making a total of 735 societies, with 34,090 members. The Union, in 1916, contributed \$1,609 for foreign missions, \$2,298 for home missions, \$4,487 for other benevolent purposes, and \$15,587 for its own support.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the German Evangelical Synod of North America for 1916 are given, by states and districts, in the tables on pages 308 to 310, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 is given as follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,336	1,205	131	10.9
Members.....	339,853	293,137	46,716	15.9
Church edifices.....	1,267	1,258	9	0.7
Value of church property.....	\$13,118,273	\$9,376,402	\$3,741,871	39.9
Debt on church property.....	\$1,492,479	\$1,161,776	\$330,703	28.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	841	774	67	8.7
Value.....	\$2,668,175	\$1,717,345	\$950,830	55.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,244	1,111	133	12.0
Officers and teachers.....	14,234	12,079	2,155	17.8
Scholars.....	145,377	116,106	29,271	25.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$259,950	\$202,394	\$57,556	28.4
Domestic.....	\$227,351	\$173,327	\$54,024	31.2
Foreign.....	\$32,599	\$29,067	\$3,532	12.2

From this table it appears that during the decade the denomination has registered an increase in every respect. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 1,336 as against 1,205 in 1906, a gain of 10.9 per cent, and the membership was 339,853 as against 293,137, an increase of 15.9 per cent. A smaller gain in number of church edifices and number of churches reporting parsonages was noted, but there was a gain of 39.9 per cent in the value of church property and a gain of 55.4 per cent in the value of parsonages. The number of Sunday schools advanced from 1,111 in 1906 to 1,244 in 1916, or 12 per cent, and there was an increase of 25.2 per cent in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences rose from \$202,394 to \$259,950, or 28.4 per cent, the greater proportion going to domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,375,690, reported by 1,303 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 1,336 organizations, 62, with 9,870 members, conducted services in English only, and 1,274, with 329,983 members, used German alone or in connection with English, and of these, 527 organizations, with 85,172 members, used German only. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows very nearly the same proportion of organizations and members using the foreign language, or 95.4 per cent of the total number of organizations and 97.1 per cent of the total number of members in 1916, against 98.6 per cent of the organizations and 98.5 per cent of the members in 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,078. Schedules were received from 913, shown, by states, in the opposite table.

Of the 913 ministers from whom schedules were received, 821 were in pastoral work and 92 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 787 reported an average annual salary of \$890. Of those not in pastoral work, 62 were retired, 13 engaged in educational and editorial work, and 9 in denominational work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	913	792	29	92	\$890
Alabama.....	2	1		1	900
Arkansas.....	1	1			
California.....	16	12			517
Colorado.....	11	7		3	912
Connecticut.....	1		1		
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	2	1		1	714
Georgia.....	1	1			
Idaho.....	1				
Illinois.....	196	166	8	22	868
Indiana.....	57	51	1	5	918
Iowa.....	59	54	2	3	795
Kansas.....	22	21		1	701
Kentucky.....	18	17		1	1,213
Louisiana.....	2	2			1,250
Maryland.....	12	11			923
Michigan.....	53	47		6	909
Minnesota.....	30	29		1	785
Missouri.....	131	105	8	18	780
Montana.....	4	2	1	1	975
Nebraska.....	21	21			779
New Jersey.....	4	4			1,065
New York.....	50	43		7	1,165
North Dakota.....	5	5			820
Ohio.....	75	71		4	1,052
Oklahoma.....	6	6			736
Oregon.....	2	1		1	600
Pennsylvania.....	21	18		3	1,143
South Dakota.....	2	2			750
Texas.....	32	29		3	733
Utah.....	1	1			
Virginia.....	4	1		3	2,000
Washington.....	5	3		2	927
West Virginia.....	1	1			
Wisconsin.....	63	57	2	4	792
Wyoming.....	1		1		

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
German Evangelical Synod.....	1,336	1,331	339,853	1,104	131,928	151,905	1,262	16	1,267	1,249	\$13,118,273
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	66	65	29,342	50	7,849	10,417	65		65	65	1,307,600
New Jersey.....	8	8	2,453	4	853	1,006	8		8	8	121,000
Pennsylvania.....	22	22	10,776	18	3,766	4,530	22		22	21	559,400
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	127	126	40,458	115	15,910	19,893	125		125	125	1,839,170
Indiana.....	94	94	25,403	84	10,777	12,416	91		93	90	913,950
Illinois.....	228	227	71,274	174	28,194	30,661	221	3	221	219	2,421,350
Michigan.....	79	76	23,483	67	8,211	9,068	69	3	69	68	823,700
Wisconsin.....	112	112	29,136	103	13,033	14,323	109		109	107	787,393
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	68	68	11,353	54	4,503	4,602	65		65	65	342,700
Iowa.....	85	85	13,353	65	5,119	5,180	82	1	84	82	438,280
Missouri.....	161	160	37,374	125	13,873	16,173	159		159	157	1,584,150
North Dakota.....	11	11	2,076	10	1,108	1,362	10		10	10	66,675
South Dakota.....	5	5	339	5	159	180	5		5	5	9,800
Nebraska.....	36	36	5,456	33	2,649	2,537	31		31	31	160,600
Kansas.....	30	30	4,182	26	1,478	1,450	34		34	33	124,180
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	14	13	4,790	10	1,108	1,737	14		14	14	253,000
West Virginia.....	2	2	840	2	305	535	2		2	2	23,000
Florida.....	3	3	96	3	58	38	2		2	2	3,500
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	23	23	8,773	18	3,515	4,510	22		22	22	570,600
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	6	6	309	4	88	96	5		5	4	8,250
Louisiana.....	6	6	4,009	6	1,694	2,315	6		6	6	133,000
Oklahoma.....	19	16	784	16	411	373	13	1	13	13	22,600
Texas.....	64	64	10,363	52	4,206	4,729	57	4	57	56	183,630
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	10	10	319	10	183	136	6	1	6	6	9,100
Idaho.....	8	8	377	8	172	205	3	1	3	3	6,500
Colorado.....	12	12	1,845	10	829	928	9	2	9	9	39,455
Utah.....	2	2	118	2	52	66	1		1	1	12,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	4	4	376	4	170	206	4		4	4	17,000
Oregon.....	2	2	193	2	107	86	2		2	2	6,500
California.....	20	20	1,843	18	709	1,116	14		14	13	92,990
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	1,760	6	759	1,001	6		6	6	140,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
German Evangelical Synod.....	1,336	451	\$1,492,479	841	\$2,668,175	1,303	\$2,375,690	1,203	1,244	14,234	145,377
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	66	27	252,250	34	172,050	66	209,768	61	66	1,168	12,506
New Jersey.....	8	3	15,500	4	19,000	8	17,863	8	8	115	1,227
Pennsylvania.....	22	9	20,580	14	68,500	21	83,620	22	23	498	4,509
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	127	44	222,187	84	373,600	124	297,311	118	120	2,024	24,072
Indiana.....	94	24	72,675	69	187,450	93	174,218	87	89	1,204	11,477
Illinois.....	223	73	251,035	168	566,050	227	502,828	219	230	2,867	27,538
Michigan.....	76	26	65,151	51	151,200	73	127,831	63	63	747	7,048
Wisconsin.....	112	39	114,707	76	210,800	110	143,045	100	104	885	8,575
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	68	52	9,430	38	87,300	68	76,979	51	52	250	2,412
Iowa.....	85	11	10,925	54	150,450	83	91,800	75	77	599	4,558
Missouri.....	161	56	293,813	113	313,100	156	286,836	149	153	1,733	18,087
North Dakota.....	11	2	730	6	16,300	11	16,468	10	13	61	754
South Dakota.....	5	2	1,000	2	2,650	5	1,825	4	4	10	73
Nebraska.....	36	6	5,750	22	50,400	34	45,271	28	29	180	1,691
Kansas.....	39	4	6,200	22	37,500	36	34,015	36	37	227	2,141
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	14	6	11,720	9	38,500	14	38,964	13	13	285	3,400
West Virginia.....	2	1	1,036	1	3,000	2	5,765	2	2	39	511
Florida.....	3	2	1,625	1	300	3	1,572	2	2	6	36
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	23	18	75,250	13	60,000	22	88,276	22	23	496	6,507
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	6	3	11,100	4	24,500	6	21,995	6	7	227	2,014
Louisiana.....	16	1	2,800	9	8,175	16	6,062	10	10	34	315
Oklahoma.....	64	13	28,870	31	49,550	62	40,533	58	59	234	2,842
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	10	4	2,560	.....	.....	7	1,521	4	5	9	112
Idaho.....	8	3	1,340	.....	.....	6	2,278	8	8	24	259
Colorado.....	12	6	15,289	3	3,500	12	13,417	11	11	63	835
Utah.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,286	2	2	9	55
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	4	4	2,123	1	5,000	4	2,277	4	4	26	183
Oregon.....	2	2	360	.....	.....	2	1,670	2	2	20	164
California.....	20	7	13,530	6	25,000	20	17,384	18	18	84	639
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	3	2,943	4	41,800	6	20,999	6	6	91	712

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
German Evangelical Synod.....	1,336	1,331	339,853	1,104	131,928	151,905	1,262	16	1,267	1,249	\$13,118,273
Atlantic.....	44	43	12,975	34	4,429	5,875	44	.....	44	44	748,100
Colorado Mission.....	19	19	2,343	18	1,095	1,218	12	2	12	12	89,855
Indiana.....	125	124	39,150	106	15,306	18,485	119	.....	121	118	1,966,650
Iowa.....	97	97	14,974	72	5,385	5,412	92	2	94	92	509,280
Kansas.....	57	57	5,114	42	1,889	1,823	49	1	49	48	151,980
Michigan.....	98	98	28,803	86	10,779	11,955	91	3	91	90	1,033,600
Minnesota.....	79	79	14,082	64	5,720	5,998	76	.....	76	76	415,175
Missouri.....	128	127	29,321	93	10,164	11,936	125	.....	125	122	1,275,500
Montana Mission.....	10	10	319	10	183	136	6	1	6	6	9,100
Nebraska.....	35	35	5,366	33	2,649	2,537	30	.....	30	30	159,400
New York.....	58	57	26,457	42	7,578	10,250	57	.....	58	57	1,284,900
North Illinois.....	125	125	43,802	98	17,137	19,745	119	2	119	113	1,631,200
Ohio.....	83	83	26,489	78	11,122	13,978	83	.....	83	83	1,140,170
Pacific.....	20	20	1,843	18	709	1,116	14	.....	14	13	92,890
Pennsylvania.....	27	27	9,578	25	3,577	4,206	27	.....	27	26	432,000
South Illinois.....	108	107	30,820	84	12,933	13,479	107	.....	107	106	907,350
Texas.....	64	64	10,363	52	4,206	4,729	57	4	57	56	183,830
Washington Mission.....	9	9	658	9	305	353	7	1	7	7	29,500
West Missouri.....	36	36	8,160	35	3,687	4,293	36	.....	36	36	294,900
Wisconsin.....	114	114	29,236	105	13,075	14,381	111	.....	111	109	794,893

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
German Evangelical Synod.....	1,336	451	\$1,492,479	841	\$2,668,175	1,303	\$2,375,690	1,203	1,244	14,234	145,377
Atlantic.....	44	21	77,650	25	140,600	44	129,338	41	41	758	7,623
Colorado Mission.....	19	8	15,629	4	5,300	17	15,966	18	18	90	1,097
Indiana.....	125	55	209,337	86	323,050	121	296,286	116	120	1,984	22,287
Iowa.....	97	16	28,475	58	162,950	95	116,219	86	88	683	5,297
Kansas.....	57	5	9,000	32	46,675	54	41,113	48	49	270	2,508
Michigan.....	98	30	75,901	69	204,900	95	162,650	85	85	1,027	9,429
Minnesota.....	79	54	10,160	45	104,250	79	93,597	61	65	309	3,142
Missouri.....	128	44	274,153	85	235,700	121	196,611	115	119	1,385	14,854
Montana Mission.....	10	4	2,560			7	1,521	4	5	9	112
Nebraska.....	35	6	5,750	21	49,400	33	44,985	27	28	175	1,660
New York.....	58	21	187,600	32	159,450	57	195,955	55	61	1,071	11,751
North Illinois.....	125	48	192,410	86	342,800	124	320,726	118	124	1,817	17,917
Ohio.....	83	27	117,500	55	226,000	82	186,241	77	77	1,314	15,929
Pacific.....	20	7	13,530	6	25,000	20	17,384	18	18	84	639
Pennsylvania.....	27	7	45,836	15	55,600	27	90,648	26	27	494	4,799
South Illinois.....	108	27	64,568	85	241,650	108	198,999	105	111	1,250	11,321
Texas.....	64	13	28,870	31	49,550	62	40,533	58	59	234	2,842
Washington Mission.....	9	7	3,483	1	5,000	9	5,007	9	9	53	413
West Missouri.....	36	11	14,660	28	77,500	36	78,356	35	35	341	3,172
Wisconsin.....	114	40	117,407	77	212,800	112	143,555	101	105	886	8,585

## HOLINESS CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

About 1880 the Rev. Hardin Wallace, a minister of the Free Methodist Church, accompanied by another minister, went through the southern part of California and Arizona preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins, or justification by faith, of the sinner; and, for believers, sanctification or heart purity, which also might be received by faith and subsequent to regeneration or justification. A considerable number of persons followed his line of teaching, and numerous bands were formed under the name "Holiness Band," the members retaining, however, their membership or identity with the churches of which they were already members.

With the development of these bands and the acquisition of certain property for the conduct of their worship, certain legal difficulties arose, and in 1896 they became incorporated under the laws of the state of California.

From California the work extended into other states and was especially prominent in Kentucky and Tennessee. The churches in Tennessee constitute a district assembly of the entire body, but the churches in Kentucky are included in the corporate body of California.

## DOCTRINE.

The doctrine of the Holiness Church is Methodist or Wesleyan, following the principles laid down by John Wesley. It teaches repentance, restitution, confession, and the forsaking of sin as the part for the sinner; and the forgiveness of sin and the divine

light received by the repentant sinner, as the part from God.

The church teaches that it is the privilege as well as the duty of every believer to consecrate himself to God without reserve and that the result of such consecration will be sanctification, meaning by the term freedom from the "carnal mind" and the tendency to sin. Specific conditions of church membership are baptism by water, the mode being settled by the candidate, although immersion is for the most part practiced; and belief in the second coming of the Lord, and in divine healing by faith. The church also emphasizes belief in prohibition, abstinence from drugs and tobacco, and from all poisons that are "against the best for God." Divorce is allowed but for one cause, adultery; membership in secret societies is disapproved and forbidden; and plain dress, avoiding extravagance and jewelry, especially for show, is inculcated.

## POLITY.

Local churches are self-directing, but there is a board of 12 elders who care for the spiritual welfare of the church and serve between the meetings of the assembly. There is, in addition, a board of 9 trustees, whose office it is to look after the properties of the church and who hold that property subject to the General Assembly, composed of representatives from the churches. District assemblies are formed under the care of superintendents who are members of the board of elders of the General Assembly, but who have also their own official board which transacts the business pertaining to the district and handles the property

without special voice of the General Assembly. The ministry is not a separate class. Ministers are selected on their qualifications of aptness to preach or teach the work. A form of ordination has been adopted recently, but ministers who have no charges are regarded as members of the congregation where they attend. Those having pastorates are looked upon as leaders rather than dictators. No fixed salaries are paid and frequently ministers are obliged to resort to manual labor to supply the needs of their families.

WORK.

The Holiness Church is missionary in spirit and evangelistic in practice, carrying on its activities principally in the states of California, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. The expenses of the work are met by freewill offerings of the churches, there being no taxation or assessment.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Holiness Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916, and shows 33 organizations, 28 edifices, a membership of 926, parsonages reported by 7 churches and valued at \$5,600, and 21 Sunday schools with 111 officers and teachers, and 680 scholars. Three organizations reported a debt of \$652 on church property. No contributions for general missionary purposes were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,988, reported by 28 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 15 organizations in 1916, was 21, constituting 4.8 per cent of the 438 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 44.<sup>1</sup>

English is the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 28, but no schedules were received from them.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Holiness Church .....	33	33	926	28	279	489	28	1	28	28	\$34,200
East North Central division:											
Indiana .....	2	2	62	2	21	41	1		1	1	1,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	12	12	372	9	79	155	11		11	11	9,350
Tennessee .....	3	3	100	2	34	61	2		2	2	3,300
Pacific division:											
California .....	14	14	368	14	141	227	13		13	13	19,550
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	24	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona and Georgia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Holiness Church .....	33	3	\$652	7	\$5,600	28	\$8,988	21	21	111	680
East North Central division:											
Indiana .....	2					2	519	1	1	8	30
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	12	1	250			10	1,932	4	4	13	135
Tennessee .....	3					2	422	2	2	8	90
Pacific division:											
California .....	14	2	402	7	5,600	13	5,915	13	13	78	395
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2					1	200	1	1	4	30

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona and Georgia.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

### INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.

#### HISTORY.

Under this head are presented those single churches which are not identified with any ecclesiastical body and have not even such affiliation as would entitle them to inclusion under a special name. Any general classification is impracticable but certain distinct types appear. The first includes certain churches which were originally missions or Sunday schools established in newly settled or outlying districts by Christian workers representing different denominations, and which have grown gradually into a definite church life, and, in most cases, ultimately become identified with some denomination.

The second class embraces those churches variously called union, federated, community, etc., which represent the movement toward denominational fellowship, the elimination of weak churches, and the consolidation of church life for the purpose of securing more effective church work. These represent a considerable variety of type. In some cases two or more organizations belonging to different denominations will unite in church services, taking turns in the conduct of those services, but each one keeping its own denominational relation so far as concerns its general ecclesiastical standing and its relation to the missionary enterprises of that denomination. In other cases the union is organic and the different denominations sink their individuality in the single organization. Sometimes the term is historic, rather than descriptive of present-day conditions. The number of churches reporting themselves as union churches is quite large, but, not infrequently, it is not clear just what is represented by the term. The federated and the community church is of more recent growth, and as yet is by no means a pronounced factor in church life.

The third class includes churches which use a denominational name, but for one reason or another are not included in denominational lists and are not reported by the denominational officers. Some Baptist churches are so included which were not listed in the associational minutes during the year that is under review, although they may have been so listed in some previous year. In the past a number of Lutheran churches were so listed because not included in the synodical returns. The increasing custom, however, in the Lutheran bodies of reporting both synodical and nonsynodical churches has relieved the situation very much in this respect and not so many independent Lutheran churches have been included in this as in the previous report. Among the other bodies, occasionally, though not frequently, it hap-

pens that a Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, Reformed, or other church, for some reason—doctrinal, ecclesiastical, or geographical—is not included in the lists of any association, presbytery, classis, or other body. In some cases these have simply grown up dissociated from the ecclesiastical bodies, and have preserved their independent status from habit rather than from difference of opinion. Still not being included in the denominational returns they are classed as independent.

The fourth class includes churches which were organized by individuals independent of any denominational status, some that originally had denominational connection, and some which are the result of Holiness or evangelistic movements. For the most part they represent the same type of movement as resulted in the formation of some of the smaller Methodist bodies. At first distinctly independent, in a good many cases they came into affiliation and subsequently into organization, and several of the new denominations included in this report, as the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Pentecostal and Holiness Churches, are largely composed of churches that in 1906 were classed as independent.

With regard to all of these classes it is to be noted that they represent a constantly shifting number. In each class, occasionally, a church which is one year reported as independent will in another year be reported as identified with some ecclesiastical body. Others, lacking the support of some general body, drop out entirely. Some become consolidated with other churches. As a result, the total number of Independent churches in this report is much smaller than in the report for 1906.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The withdrawal from the list of Independent churches as reported in 1906, of a number of organizations to form such bodies as the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and to strengthen such bodies as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, has resulted in the elimination of any special features whether of doctrine or polity which can be definitely stated. Each organization included under this head in this report draws up its own creed, adopts its own form of organization, chooses its own officers, makes its own conditions of membership, and conducts its own worship as it chooses, and no general statement is practicable, except that the union and federated churches accord more or less closely to the customs of the denominations represented in their organizations.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Independent churches for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 314 and 315, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	579	1,079	-500	-46.3
Members.....	54,393	73,673	-19,280	-26.2
Church edifices.....	462	812	-350	-43.1
Value of church property.....	\$4,429,598	\$3,934,267	\$495,331	12.6
Debt on church property.....	\$294,284	\$478,425	-\$184,141	-38.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	86	93	-7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$362,300	\$185,450	\$176,850	95.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	488	922	-434	-47.1
Officers and teachers.....	4,396	6,732	-2,336	-34.7
Scholars.....	39,077	57,680	-18,603	-32.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The number of Independent churches reported in 1916 was much less than the number reported in 1906, and a similar decrease is manifest in every particular except the value of church property and the value of parsonages. This decrease is due chiefly to the changing relations of these churches, as already indicated, so that the figures as presented do not represent a homogeneous body, but rather the shifting situation of this class of organizations. While, on the one hand, there was a loss of 500, or 46.3 per cent, in the number of organizations, and of 350, or 43.1 per cent, in the number of church edifices; there was, on the other hand, a loss of only 7 in the number of churches reporting parsonages, with a gain of from \$185,450 to \$362,300, or 95.4 per cent, in the value of those parsonages, and also a gain of 12.6 per cent in the reported value of church property, all of which indicates that the stronger churches in this group remain permanent; and it is worthy of note that there was an increase from 1906 to 1916 in the average number of members to each organization and to each

church edifice. The loss in number of Sunday schools corresponds to the loss in the number of organizations, while the loss in scholars is somewhat greater than in church members. No contributions for missions or benevolences were reported, as there are no boards or societies representing these churches. Each church gives through whatever organizations it chooses, the amount being included in the report of church expenditures.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$765,815 were reported by 513 organizations and cover general running expenses, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 404 organizations in 1916; was 4,240, constituting 9.8 per cent of the 43,456 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 10,937 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire number of churches would be 5,307.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 579 organizations, 502, with 42,561 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 77, with 11,832 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or in connection with English, and of these, 46 organizations, with 6,547 members, used the foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages was 19, the principal one being German, used alone or in connection with other languages by 31 organizations, with 6,429 members. The percentage of organizations using foreign languages was slightly less than was reported for 1906.

The ministerial reports from the Independent churches were very meager. Schedules were received from only 23 ministers and reference was made to only 54 in all, while salaries were reported by but 9, the annual average being \$1,387.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Independent churches.....	579	552	54,393	511	21,205	27,337	447	106	462	439	\$4,429,598
New England division:											
Maine.....	18	17	651	16	213	388	12	6	13	11	34,500
New Hampshire.....	2	2	76	2	24	52	1	1	1	1	500
Vermont.....	18	16	824	14	280	499	18	.....	19	18	72,900
Massachusetts.....	41	37	3,165	35	1,186	1,819	34	5	34	33	341,062
Rhode Island.....	5	5	1,068	5	916	152	2	3	2	2	77,500
Connecticut.....	7	7	225	7	96	129	7	.....	8	7	23,300
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	61	50	6,482	46	2,366	3,931	48	11	49	47	1,672,125
New Jersey.....	14	14	2,057	11	635	847	11	3	13	11	192,277
Pennsylvania.....	37	36	3,419	34	1,490	1,679	32	4	32	32	258,400
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	29	28	2,735	27	1,407	1,258	23	4	24	23	137,700
Indiana.....	10	10	861	8	300	425	8	2	8	8	15,600
Illinois.....	35	35	5,798	33	2,145	2,923	25	8	25	25	526,300
Michigan.....	24	24	3,046	22	1,220	1,696	18	6	19	18	194,500
Wisconsin.....	19	19	1,589	15	509	699	17	2	17	16	75,100
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	22	1,618	21	751	827	17	4	18	18	63,000
Iowa.....	12	12	1,776	12	827	949	10	2	10	11	56,250
Missouri.....	24	24	2,244	20	830	1,095	18	3	18	17	152,100
North Dakota.....	7	7	452	6	159	218	6	1	6	6	13,300
South Dakota.....	7	7	238	7	113	123	5	2	5	5	8,700
Nebraska.....	8	8	597	6	250	303	6	1	7	6	23,080
Kansas.....	10	9	362	9	140	222	9	1	10	9	18,200
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	8	7	1,678	7	709	969	8	.....	9	8	126,400
District of Columbia.....	2	2	197	2	93	104	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	7	7	318	7	126	192	6	1	6	6	12,050
West Virginia.....	9	9	960	9	565	395	5	3	5	4	7,500
North Carolina.....	10	10	622	9	186	300	9	1	9	9	17,540
South Carolina.....	3	3	355	2	157	198	2	.....	2	2	6,650
Georgia.....	2	2	181	1	9	22	2	.....	2	2	6,700
Florida.....	8	8	479	8	285	194	6	1	6	6	10,130
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	5	447	5	177	270	4	1	4	4	24,000
Tennessee.....	8	7	393	7	185	208	6	2	6	6	19,100
Alabama.....	7	7	1,201	6	184	292	5	1	5	6	26,250
Mississippi.....	3	3	479	3	168	311	2	.....	2	2	18,200
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	9	9	519	9	164	355	9	.....	9	9	16,450
Louisiana.....	7	7	289	7	105	184	5	1	5	5	3,454
Oklahoma.....	8	8	270	7	94	161	5	2	5	5	5,900
Texas.....	8	7	934	7	417	517	5	3	5	4	5,400
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	2	2	124	2	51	73	2	.....	2	2	7,500
Colorado.....	5	5	124	5	60	64	2	3	2	2	4,250
New Mexico.....	6	6	210	6	84	126	2	3	2	2	1,600
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	11	11	552	10	183	284	7	2	7	7	31,700
Oregon.....	13	13	780	13	295	485	10	3	11	9	19,300
California.....	26	25	4,000	23	1,051	1,399	13	8	20	15	103,130

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Independent churches.....	579	94	\$294,284	86	\$362,300	513	\$765,815	463	488	4,396	39,077
New England division:											
Maine.....	18	1	450	3	6,500	14	8,258	12	14	113	782
New Hampshire.....	2					2	900	2	3	17	80
Vermont.....	13	1	900	8	15,400	17	14,252	17	18	170	934
Massachusetts.....	41	8	21,965	3	8,000	39	44,528	35	37	392	2,881
Rhode Island.....	5			2	7,300	5	7,045	5	5	41	252
Connecticut.....	7	4	4,300	1	4,000	7	4,910	7	7	43	272
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	61	10	83,325	5	26,500	51	107,296	49	52	535	5,232
New Jersey.....	14	5	20,450	2	11,500	13	33,925	12	14	153	1,598
Pennsylvania.....	37	10	31,932	5	22,500	34	50,927	29	29	311	2,673
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	29	5	9,915	1	12,000	25	18,658	23	26	179	1,758
Indiana.....	10	2	240	1	2,500	10	5,411	7	7	59	430
Illinois.....	35	3	30,900	7	147,400	31	134,937	30	30	362	3,425
Michigan.....	24	5	12,200	7	20,600	22	63,789	16	17	118	1,147
Wisconsin.....	19	1	100	3	6,800	19	16,139	14	14	119	1,142
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	2	703	7	16,700	22	18,174	21	21	153	1,255
Iowa.....	12	1	400	3	6,300	12	24,321	11	11	125	990
Missouri.....	24	2	30,720	3	2,800	21	24,437	16	17	149	1,631
North Dakota.....	7	1	100	5	9,000	7	4,794	4	6	62	730
South Dakota.....	7			1	2,500	7	1,774	6	6	17	107
Nebraska.....	8	2	2,150	1	5,000	6	3,852	5	5	47	317
Kansas.....	10	1	200	1	1,000	10	6,068	9	10	65	436
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	8	1	5,000	4	7,250	7	15,525	8	8	126	1,237
District of Columbia.....	2					2	1,763				
Virginia.....	7	2	1,825			6	2,681	5	5	56	334
West Virginia.....	9	1	600			7	2,702	7	8	84	1,352
North Carolina.....	10	3	1,960			9	6,930	9	9	59	489
South Carolina.....	3	1	42			3	5,222	3	4	37	471
Georgia.....	2					1	400	1	1	4	35
Florida.....	8	3	222			7	1,263	7	7	42	301
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	3	1,050	1	1,000	5	2,250	4	4	27	355
Tennessee.....	8					8	9,700	6	6	49	410
Alabama.....	7					6	26,520	6	9	69	744
Mississippi.....	3	1	5,532			3	9,950	3	3	34	473
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	9	3	2,175	1	1,500	8	7,877	8	8	44	327
Louisiana.....	7					6	1,245	6	6	36	287
Oklahoma.....	8	2	683	1	250	7	2,611	4	4	13	160
Texas.....	8					7	7,108	5	5	39	371
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	1							1	1	6	60
Idaho.....	2	1	500	2	2,500	2	1,925	1	1	11	108
Colorado.....	5	1	400			3	5,365	4	4	29	180
New Mexico.....	6	1	350			2	60	6	6	40	185
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	11	1	3,400	1	1,000	7	4,365	9	10	78	752
Oregon.....	13	2	575	2	4,500	11	8,294	11	11	115	894
California.....	26	4	19,000	5	10,000	22	47,664	19	19	168	1,480

## INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC HOLINESS CHURCH.

(FORMERLY INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC HOLINESS UNION.)

## HISTORY.

The International Apostolic Holiness Union was organized in 1897, at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Rev. Martin W. Knapp. He had previously been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but withdrew from that denomination because of his belief that there was need for more earnest efforts than that church was making for the spread of a "full gospel" through all the world. The Methodist Church, in his view, was no longer completely Wesleyan in teaching or practice, and the Holiness movement in America was becoming theoretical, and manifested a growing tendency to rule out of camp meetings, conventions, and work generally, such doctrines as the healing of the sick, the second Advent of Christ, and the evangelization of the world.

While not more than a dozen persons were identified with Mr. Knapp in the initial organization, many were waiting for some such definite action, and the membership of the Union increased rapidly. The word "apostolic" as used by them simply implies a desire to approach as nearly as possible to apostolic practices, methods, power, and success. Since 1906 the form of organization has been changed somewhat, and the term "church" has been substituted for "union." This has not, however, affected the general type or purpose of the denomination.

## DOCTRINE.

The doctrine of the organization emphasizes the sanctification of believers as a definite second work of grace instantaneously received by faith, the healing of



the sick through faith in Christ, the premillennial reign of Christ on earth, and the evangelization of the world as a step in hastening the coming of the Lord. All persons desiring to become members sign a pledge, as follows:

I believe that Christ's baptism with the Holy Ghost is subsequent to regeneration; that it is for all believers; that it is an instantaneous experience received by faith, cleansing the heart of the recipient from all sin, and enduing him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called. And I am in fellowship with the object and principles of this Union.

This pledge is presented to the advisory board, together with application for membership. On acceptance by the board, the applicant is examined in the presence of the church at a public meeting, is baptized, and given the right hand of fellowship.

The articles of faith emphasize also belief in the Trinity and faith in the Holy Scriptures as divinely and supernaturally inspired, infallibly true as originally given, and as the only divinely authorized rule of faith and practice.

The Lord's Supper, to which admission is general, is observed as often as the congregation deems proper. The mode of baptism is left wholly to individual option.

#### POLITY.

The form of organization included, at first, both unions and churches, the former being local bands where the number of members did not seem to warrant the organization of a regular church. With the growth of the denomination this was changed, and by vote of the General Assembly it was decided to organize churches only. The unions were accordingly notified, and they accepted the action and changed their form of organization. The government corresponds closely to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The local union has as its ecclesiastical authority an advisory board consisting of a superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a secretary, a treasurer, and three other members. The governing officers of a local church are the pastor, assistant pastor, licensed preachers, secretary, treasurer, five elders, and five deacons.

There is also a state organization which meets annually, whose membership is composed of delegates from the churches and all the ordained ministers and evangelists. This organization elects a state advisory board of seven persons, who plan for work in neglected fields. A General Assembly, composed of ordained ministers, evangelists, deaconesses, missionaries, and delegates from local churches, meets quadrennially and, in addition to its own officers, elects a general superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a general secretary, a treasurer, and three others, who act with the officers as a general council, to which all disputed questions of government and discipline may be referred for final decision.

Ministers are ordained by a council of five or more ministers called for that purpose. Each candidate must have been licensed at least two years, and must be recommended by some local church. The churches choose their own pastors, calling them by vote of their advisory boards, and the pastor continues to serve the church so long as the relation is mutually agreeable. Pastors are supported by freewill offerings, and very few have any regular salary. The elders have special care for the spiritual interests of the church. The deacons receive the offerings, prepare the sacraments, and care for the poor. Deaconesses may be ordained for special missionary work, and the admission of women to the ministry has been recommended.

Camp meetings under the charge of the state and district organizations are held annually, during the summer season in the North and during the winter season in the South.

#### WORK.

Missionary work at home and abroad is carried on by a missionary board of seven members, elected by the general council.

The home missionary work is carried on through the state councils and local churches, in the mountains of West Virginia and North Carolina, and in Kansas, Idaho, and Montana. The report for 1916 showed 39 missionaries employed and \$5,800 contributed for the conduct of the work.

The foreign missionary work in 1916 was carried on in Africa, British West Indies, and South America, and by workers in Japan and Korea under the supervision of the Oriental Missionary Society. The report showed 40 stations, occupied by 35 missionaries and 31 native helpers; 35 organized churches, with 780 members; and 5 schools, with 300 pupils. The amount contributed toward the foreign work was \$10,100, and the value of the property reported was \$26,000.

The educational work in this country includes 3 Bible schools and 1 university at Greensboro, N. C., with a total of 177 students. The amount contributed for this work during the year was \$3,600, and the value of property was estimated at \$25,000.

Three rescue homes, and 1 orphanage accommodating 31 inmates, were maintained at an annual cost of about \$5,500. The property value of these institutions was estimated at \$15,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the International Apostolic Holiness Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 318; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	170	74	96	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	5,276	2,774	2,502	90.2
Church edifices.....	116	44	72	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$200,468	\$80,150	\$120,318	150.1
Debt on church property.....	\$33,463	\$13,246	\$20,217	152.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	10	10		
Value.....	\$9,900	\$7,125	\$2,775	38.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	152	68	84	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	1,052	503	549	109.1
Scholars.....	7,923	3,276	4,647	141.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$25,000	\$23,500	\$1,500	6.4
Domestic.....	\$14,900	\$11,100	\$3,800	34.2
Foreign.....	\$10,100	\$12,400	-\$2,300	-18.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As will be noted from this table, the denomination shows a considerable increase in almost every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 170 as against 74 in 1906, and the membership increased from 2,774 to 5,276, or 90.2 per cent. The number of church edifices increased in a similar ratio, from 44 to 116, and the value of church property was \$200,468 in 1916, as against \$80,150 reported in 1906, a gain of 150.1 per cent. The debt on church property, as reported by 43 organizations, amounted to \$33,463, as against \$13,246 reported by 23 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages remained the same, 10, but the value of parsonages increased 38.9 per cent. The Sunday schools increased from 68 to 152, and the number of scholars from 3,276 to 7,923, or 141.8 per cent. The contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes amounted to \$25,000, as against \$23,500 in 1906, a gain of 6.4 per cent. The increase was for domestic work, the contributions for foreign work having fallen from \$12,400 to \$10,100, a decrease of 18.5 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures of \$73,639, reported by 156 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs

and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 118 organizations in 1916, was 168, constituting 4.2 per cent of the 4,019 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 1,257 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 221.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 170 organizations, 168, with 5,241 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 2, with 35 members, used Dutch and English. The report for 1906 shows the use of English only in church services.

The number of ministers reported in connection with the denomination was 259, the greater proportion of them being engaged in general evangelistic work. As shown by the following table, schedules were received from 105 of these, showing 86 in pastoral work and 19 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 56 reported annual salaries averaging \$492, and of those not in pastoral work, 2 were reported as retired and 9 were in educational or evangelistic work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	105	59	27	19	\$492
Colorado.....	1			1	
Connecticut.....	1	1			
Delaware.....	1	1			
Idaho.....	3	3			330
Indiana.....	8	4	3	1	500
Kansas.....	3		2	1	
Kentucky.....	9	6		3	491
Maryland.....	8	5	3		830
Massachusetts.....	1			1	
Michigan.....	11	7	2	2	596
New Jersey.....	1			1	
New York.....	5	3	1	1	498
North Carolina.....	15	7	6	2	334
Ohio.....	14	10	2	2	445
Oklahoma.....	1			1	
Pennsylvania.....	11	6	2	3	599
Virginia.....	6	4	2		371
Washington.....	1	1			
West Virginia.....	5	1	4		1,125

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
International Apostolic Holiness Church.	170	169	5,276	165	2,008	3,154	116	43	116	119	\$200,468
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania	13	13	385	13	163	222	7	5	7	7	16,600
East North Central division:											
Ohio	21	21	750	18	221	429	15	5	15	16	40,500
Indiana	21	21	539	21	193	346	13	6	13	13	13,320
Michigan	16	16	619	16	274	345	12	3	12	13	22,900
West North Central division:											
Kansas	6	6	105	6	34	71	2	4	2	2	3,162
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland	11	11	440	11	201	239	10	1	10	9	20,600
Virginia	9	9	301	9	133	168	6	3	6	7	13,150
West Virginia	8	8	368	8	134	234	2	5	2	2	21,000
North Carolina	36	36	1,010	35	363	633	33	2	33	33	32,136
East South Central division:											
Kentucky	15	15	463	15	170	293	13	1	13	13	13,900
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma	3	3	63	3	21	42		1			
Mountain division:											
Idaho	5	5	100	5	45	55	1	3	1	1	1,100
Pacific division:											
Washington	2	2	35	2	16	19		2		1	100
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup>	4	3	98	3	40	58	2	2	2	2	2,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, New York, and Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
International Apostolic Holiness Church.	170	43	\$33,463	10	\$9,900	156	\$73,639	145	152	1,052	7,923
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania	13	5	5,625	1	1,000	12	9,046	12	12	97	624
East North Central division:											
Ohio	21	9	10,136	1	300	21	12,673	19	19	144	1,078
Indiana	21	4	1,840	1	1,200	20	5,407	17	19	126	803
Michigan	16	4	2,184	2	1,500	15	9,143	16	16	120	777
West North Central division:											
Kansas	6					6	2,178	6	6	42	146
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland	11	3	4,949	2	2,100	9	6,187	10	10	89	561
Virginia	9	3	1,785	1	1,000	7	2,931	8	10	66	709
West Virginia	8	2	4,255			8	5,975	8	10	53	469
North Carolina	36	6	1,660	2	2,800	31	8,697	29	29	185	1,990
East South Central division:											
Kentucky	15	6	999			14	7,123	7	7	47	385
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma	3					3	524	3	3	16	67
Mountain division:											
Idaho	5					4	1,082	5	6	34	134
Pacific division:											
Washington	2	1	30			2	580	2	2	13	55
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup>	4					4	2,093	3	3	20	125

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, New York, and Wisconsin.

JACOBITE CHURCH (ASSYRIAN).

HISTORY.

Included in the immigration from the Turkish Empire have been a considerable number of persons representing the old Jacobite churches (known sometimes as Assyrian), under the ecclesiastical authority of the Patriarch of Antioch, resident at the city of Mardin. Some have come from northern Syria, but most from Mesopotamia. Their doctrine is essentially the old Monophysite doctrine, but in their worship and ecclesiastical organization they are practically at one with other Eastern Churches. Their organization in this country is as yet incomplete, there being but one recognized prelate.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Jacobite Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This church was reported for the first time in 1916, and shows 15 organizations, with 748 members. Further statistics were not available, owing largely to the type of community represented in the church, the membership being made up almost entirely of immigrants from Mesopotamia and Syria, and not closely organized.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 15 organizations in 1916, was 298, constituting 39.8 per cent of the 748 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

The only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination is Syrian.

But one pastor was reported, although there appear to be some other priests under his direction doing a certain amount of general evangelistic work among the communities.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.		Halls, etc.
Jacobite Church (Assyrian) .....	15	15	748	15	434	314	.....	15	.....
New England division:									
Massachusetts .....	6	6	291	6	177	114	.....	6	.....
Rhode Island .....	2	2	102	2	62	40	.....	2	.....
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York .....	2	2	44	2	29	15	.....	2	.....
New Jersey .....	5	5	311	5	166	145	.....	5	.....

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS.

HISTORY.

A few Jewish individuals settled in Maryland about 1650, but the records of the Jewish community in the United States may be said to date from 1654, when a company of Jews from Brazil or the West Indies attempted to land at New Amsterdam. The persistent opposition of the governor, Peter Stuyvesant, delayed them for nearly a year, but on April 26, 1655, they were admitted by order of the Dutch West India Company. Although accorded permission to live and trade in New Netherland, they were yet denied the privilege of building a synagogue and of acquiring a site for burial purposes. This, however, did not prevent them from meeting for private worship, and soon afterwards they formed a congregation, the Shearith Israel, which is still in existence in New York City. The burial ground order was rescinded as early as July 14, 1656, and in 1682, under

English rule, the congregation occupied a rented building on Mill (or Beaver) Street, and, in 1730, erected on Mill Street the first synagogue ever built in the United States.

From time to time other Jewish communities were formed—in New York; in Philadelphia, where the first regular congregation, Mikve Israel, was instituted in 1672; in Newport, R. I. (1658); in Baltimore, Md. (about 1790); in Savannah, Ga.; in Charleston, S. C.; in Richmond, Va.; and in other of the older cities of the United States. From these foci communities from time to time radiated to smaller places, until there was, a century ago, a Jewish community in almost every good-sized town in the country.

Up to the beginning of the nineteenth century the great majority of the Jewish settlers in this country were of the Sephardic branch of the race, i. e., descendants of those who had come directly or indirectly from Spain or Portugal, and in 1800 there were

about 2,500 Jews in the United States, of whom 300 resided in New York City. In 1850 the number had grown to about 50,000, nearly one-fourth of them being residents in that city. The increase, in so far as it was due to immigration, consisted principally of Jews of the Ashkenazic division, i. e., those originating in Germany, Austria, and certain sections of Poland. During the next generation (1850-1880), the Jewish population of the country, through natural increase and through immigration, again mainly from Central Europe, doubled and redoubled, so that in 1880 it was estimated at about 225,000 souls, scattered through the principal commercial centers of the Nation, New York City probably containing 60,000. By that time the German and the Sephardic Jews had formed their congregations, and they have established very few new ones since. In 1880-81 began the large accessions from Russia, Galicia, Moldavia, Rumania, and Hungary; and it is mainly these newcomers from Russia, Austria, and Rumania who have set up and who are still evolving new congregations, until in 1917 the total Jewish population was estimated at 3,300,000.<sup>1</sup>

A variety of influences may be noted in connection with the development of the Jewish communities in the United States, some religious, others philanthropic, others economical. They include the synagogue for the purposes of worship; the local burial society and the cemetery association for the care and burial of the dead; the orphan asylum; the old people's home to keep the helpless old man or woman out of the county poorhouse; the hospital; and other similar institutions, until, especially in the large cities, the quota of such benevolent associations, large and small, had by the middle of the nineteenth century grown considerably, both in number and size. The result of these institutions was manifest not merely in the welfare of the

<sup>1</sup> All statistics of the number of Jews in the United States have been estimates, the earliest estimate having been made in 1818. The different estimates, from that date to 1917, have been as follows:

YEAR.	Jewish population.	Authority.
1818.....	3,000	Mordecai M. Noah.
1824.....	6,000	Solomon Etting.
1840.....	15,000	American Almanac.
1848.....	50,000	M. A. Berk.
1880.....	230,000	Wm. B. Hackenburg.
1888.....	400,000	Isaac Markens.
1897.....	937,800	David Sulzberger.
1905.....	1,508,435	Jewish Encyclopedia.
1907.....	1,777,185	Miss Henrietta Szold.
1914.....	2,933,374	Joseph Jacobs.
1917.....	3,300,000	Samson D. Oppenheim.

The figures for the year 1917 as given by Dr. Oppenheim were the result of a special investigation conducted by him for the Bureau of Statistics and Research of the American Jewish Committee. Taking as a basis the fact that the Jewish population is almost entirely an urban population, and commencing with New York City as the chief urban center he followed a new method of arriving at an estimate of their number. As Jews, whatever their differences of belief, are almost unanimous in observing the High Holidays—New Year, the Day of Atonement, and the Passover—practically all Jewish children refrain from attending school on those days.

local communities but in their general extension over the country. Jews, especially of the Ashkenazic division, were much more liable to go to sections where they would be reasonably sure of finding those of their own faith to whom they might turn in cases of need than to places where they would be cut off from such association.

An important commercial factor in the extension of the Jewish population into small places as well as large cities has been the fact that the business of manufacturing wearing apparel of all descriptions has been so largely in the hands of the Jews, and the consequent fact that the retail distribution of clothing and its accessories has naturally tended to drift into Jewish hands.

In the religious life of the Jews in the United States, there has developed a line of cleavage, which is not very well defined, indicated by the terms "orthodox" and "reform." These words, borrowed from the terminology of Christian denominations, are, however, likely to be misleading, if "reform" is taken to imply an explicit doctrinal disagreement with "orthodoxy," or a return to an earlier or purer form of the faith compared with which the present stage is considered an aberration. The "reform" movement in Judaism primarily concerns itself with synagogue ritual, which readily admits of changes by reason of the autonomous character of the Jewish congregation, and it is actuated by a desire to modify the forms of worship somewhat in accordance with the demands of the times. Broadly speaking, then, the so-called orthodox Jew is distinguished from the so-called reform Jew by a more rigid observance of the "ceremonial" prescriptions, as that observance has developed traditionally; and historically considered, the divergence between "orthodoxy" and "reform" has arisen as increasing numbers of Jews, no longer hampered by civil and political re-

As the public schools had careful records of attendance, Dr. Oppenheim, by comparing the attendance on those days and that on normal days, and making allowance for the absence of Gentile as well as Jewish children on the holidays in question, estimated that about 38 per cent of the school population of the city was Jewish; that is, out of a total of 930,755 the number of Jewish school children was not far from 350,000. Applying, then, the proportion of children between the ages of 5 and 14 years to the population of the city, on the basis of the census of 1910 and comparing the census cards of the Bureau of Attendance in New York City and the records of the Immigration Bureau, he reached the conclusion that the Jewish population in New York City was about 1,500,000.

Somewhat different methods were employed in regard to other cities, as conditions did not justify the form adopted in New York City. Questionnaires were sent to the congregations, and these figures were compared with data from other sources, as the Young Men's Hebrew Association and the Industrial Removal Office. From these various sources of information he reached the conclusion that about one-fourth of the population of New York City is Jewish and that in the group comprising the larger manufacturing centers an average of 10 per cent of the population are Jews. For other cities having a population of 100,000 or more this proportion was a little under 6 per cent; for cities having a population of 50,000 to 100,000 it was 3 per cent; for smaller places it was 2 per cent; and for still smaller localities it was a little more than 1 per cent.

As a result of this investigation the total Jewish population of the United States was estimated in 1917 at over 3,300,000, one-half of this number being in the state of New York.

strictions, have entered the many (for them) novel walks of life, and, under the influence of new secular pursuits and associations, have become less insistent in their observance of the ceremonies in point.

The earliest conscious formulation of a "reform" attitude was based on the idea that as certain laws bound to the "land" (Palestine) are admittedly inoperative "outside of the land," so certain "ceremonies" derive their meaning and value from a national life, and are inapplicable to life in the dispersion. Hence, for a time, the most obvious distinction between "orthodox" and "reform" Jews, or rather between "orthodox" and "reform" synagogues, was connected with the prayer for restoration to the land of the fathers, which is omitted from the liturgy of the "reform" Jew. Then various formal characteristics were eliminated. Thus orthodox Jews wear their hats in the synagogue, while reform Jews do not.

The next step was in the direction of a more pronounced disregard of the "law" in the form of a denial of the equally binding character of all parts of the written and the oral, or traditional, law. Although at present different observances and all shades of personal opinion, from rigid "orthodoxy" through "moderate orthodoxy," "conservatism," and "moderate reform," up to "radicalism," are found, as has been indicated above, among Jews and their congregations in the United States, yet the parties have not divided into unmistakable sects. This is due to several circumstances already suggested. As the Jewish faith practically coincides with the Jewish race, Judaism can hardly be conceived of as having an existence apart from the Jews—that is, members of a certain race and descendants of Jewish ancestors. The criterion thus being birth, rather than profession of a creed, there can be no "essential" dogmas, as distinguished from mere "ceremonies," the rejection of which would necessarily read one out of the faith. Even if there were a central ecclesiastical organization, no test of faith could be imposed. It follows that an act of omission or commission on the part of a Jew or of a number of Jews may be considered disloyalty, but it can never be branded as absolutely heretical or schismatic. In the case of the "reform" movement specifically, there is at present no indication that it will lead to the formation of a distinct sect, because it limits itself as yet to negatives, and deals with the ritual rather than the convictions, practice, or attitude of the individual Jew, so that attendance at a reform synagogue does not necessarily imply reform, nor does attendance at an orthodox synagogue imply orthodoxy, so far as special beliefs are concerned, on the part of the worshiper. In other words, the points of disagreement between "reform" and "orthodox" Jews would not be definite enough for schism, even if Judaism depended upon conviction alone, and if the questions of birth and race could be set aside. On

the other hand, that the tendency toward a differentiating between "orthodox" Jews and "reform" Jews is real, is indicated by the fact that a number of congregations in the United States include the word "reform" in their names, and many recently established congregations, especially in small towns, where they are arising as a second religious body, are in turn using the word "orthodox" as a part of the corporate name.

It may, however, be noted here that failure to conserve the ancient symbolism tends insensibly to cause a gliding into the habit of treating as of minor moment, many particularities of conduct in matters less ceremonial in their nature, such as slackness in the observance of the Sabbath, omission of the repeating of the daily prayers, irregularity of attendance at divine worship, indifference with regard to the religious education of children, and a disregard of dietary regulations, although it must by no means be understood that "reform" and irreligion run in parallel lines.

One result of this situation is that the whole question of membership belongs in the sphere of church organization rather than of theological belief. Another is that no need arises for the formulation of a definite attitude toward other creeds. Propaganda and proselytism are not represented among the activities of the congregations, and Jewish tradition discourages efforts at convert-making. On the other hand, a man or woman who has become convinced of the truth of Judaism, and desires to enter the Jewish communion, may do so after submitting to the prescribed ceremonies. Recent examples of this kind are, however, quite rare, though not unknown.

#### DOCTRINE.

The term "doctrine" as descriptive of certain phases or departments of church life has not the same significance in the Jewish congregations as in Christian denominations. There is no specific creed to be subscribed, divergence from which involves separation from a particular synagogue or organization, whether local or general. The religious life of the Jews centers about certain ceremonials and liturgies, rather than about expression of faith or belief. The "law" is a law of observances rather than a creed.

At the same time there is a general system of doctrine accepted in the main by all Jews, including the unity of God, the inspiration of the Old Testament, and especially of the law as set forth in the Pentateuch, the system of holidays, and general worship of the synagogue.

God, according to the teachings of the Jewish Religion, such teachings being founded upon the Old Testament, the Talmud, etc., is the Supreme Being, the First Cause of the Universe, the Ruler of the world and of mankind, the Supreme Judge of all, the Universal Father. While He is distinct from the created world, every phenomenon of nature is caused by Him; He is Creator, Main-

tainer, and Governor. He is absolutely One. "I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior" (Isaiah, 43, 11). While He causes both Evil and Good, He is not the author of sin, the wrongdoer transgressing not according to predestination of any kind, but of his own choice and volition. Hence Satan, as a Tempter and powerful opponent of the Almighty, occupies no important position in Jewish theology. Neither is an Intercessor considered essential, since prayer is always to be addressed to the Omnipotent. Similarly, a specially designated prophet, somewhat in the nature of a vizier, would not fit into the Jewish scheme of Divine Unity. Indeed, "No prophet after Moses was allowed to change anything in the Law." Finally, God is distinctly not a mere national deity, but is conceived as one ruling everywhere, though choosing the Children of Israel for certain reasons or purposes. In post-Biblical literature God is further described as Absolutely Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Eternal, and, of course, "Living." He is regarded as having been One from all eternity. In Talmudic literature He is particularly postulated as having neither father, son, nor brother. Finally, the pious Jew is enjoined to repeat in his prayers at least twice a day and every day the declaratory prayer: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

With regard to inspiration, Jews generally believe that the spirit and teachings of the Old Testament are of divine inspiration, but in the specific statement of this belief there are widely divergent expressions, some holding that every word and letter of every part of the book, especially of the Pentateuch, is of divine inspiration, others claiming that there is nothing more divine about the writings in question than there is in any exalted human production of genius. Whatever detailed statement is made, however, one who professes to be a Jew in any proper sense of the word believes, or believes in, the moral and theological doctrine contained in the writings of the Old Testament. The canon of this Old Testament comprises 24 books, namely, the 5 of the Pentateuch, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the Minor Prophets, Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, and Chronicles.

As to the New Testament, which of course formed no part of the basis of Judaism, there are Jews who believe it to be historically correct, while others question its chronological accuracy. In so far as it runs counter to the teachings of the Old Testament, or as it seems to Jewish authorities to so run, the New Testament is not to be followed and its teachings are to be considered the reverse of the truth. There are Jews who would prohibit its perusal utterly, but others refuse to deny it a due and proper place as literature.

Closely identified with the doctrine of the inspiration of the Old Testament is the belief in the obligation of obedience to its precepts. Those who hold the extreme literalistic view claim that the slightest command contained in the writings of the Old Testament must be obeyed, and the entire Jewish religion is based upon laws laid down in these records, with such exegesis as naturally grows out of any large body of law,

parts of which are to be regarded as indicatory rather than complete.

Another phase is manifest in the attitude toward what are known as the Jewish High Holidays, which are: First, New Year's Day, commemorating the creation of the world, and the giving out of the divine law; second, the Day of Atonement or Great Fast Day (White Fast), the day of humiliation and mourning; third, the First Day of the Passover, beginning the feast of unleavened bread, celebrated in commemoration of the release, through Divine interposition, of the Jews from bondage in the land of Goshen. The first of these holidays usually occurs some time in the month of September, occasionally in October, the second follows on the tenth day from the New Year's Day, and the third occurs in March or April. There are varying degrees of observance of these days, which invariably commence at sundown. Synagogue services are held generally somewhat longer than on other occasions, and New Year's Day not infrequently covers two days. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) follows eight penitential days, and on the afternoon preceding the day proper an evening meal is generally eaten, the day itself being observed by fasting, although the less strict, especially in the United States, do not deem this necessary. Following the Day of Atonement there are certain peculiar ceremonies, and any Jew is expected to attend the synagogue even if on other holidays he absents himself from it. He closes his place of business and refrains from all work or secular employment or distraction, his children remaining away from school and his mind being fixed as much as possible on religious matters. On the evening of the first day of the Passover there is generally a service of prayer and singing, with special dishes as symbolical of the great event, among them the "Matzoth" or unleavened bread. The day is essentially one of rejoicing and frequently covers two days instead of one. The last day of the Passover, falling on the same day as the first, but just one week later, is also a holiday, but not so generally observed. On the days regarded as sacred no secular employment is to be indulged in, but during the intervening period Jews are permitted to engage in their usual avocations. In general it may be said that Jews observe the Passover holidays less than they do the New Year's Day, and the latter less than they do the Day of Atonement.

Synagogue services vary greatly in the different synagogues, and in some cases they closely resemble services in Protestant churches. In others they consist of hardly more than a hurried recital of prayers. The essence of religious service is prayer to God, and in some congregations the main essential is that



the communicants shall go into the place of worship and there repeat, as they come in, often standing, the essential prayers as formalized, so that there is at times no unity in those observances. The prayers can not be begun until 10 men are present, a boy of 13 who has been confirmed counting as a man. Especially in the United States there has been a tendency to approximate divine service to modern conditions and patterns, including their observance on Sunday instead of Saturday. The formal service lasts on an average of about two hours, part of that time being given to the sermon, sometimes doctrinal, sometimes not, while the prayers, chants, and music, vocal and instrumental, precede or succeed the address of the rabbi and constitute the balance of the divine service. In some cases the prayers are recited in Hebrew (classical, not Yiddish), in others the vernacular of the land is employed. In most congregations at least one Hebrew prayer for the dead, known as the "Kaddish," is repeated in Hebrew. The details of the service are in the hands of the congregation, and generally there is a good deal of latitude in such matters within the organization. Anyone who disapproves of any part of the form is at liberty to seek a place of worship where the form he prefers is observed. In certain congregations there is great rigidity of ritual, which goes on for decades. In others there is a good deal of change. Except where women are set apart, the attendants sit in pews, families together, but there are organizations where the persons praying stand through all or most of the service. The altar is usually at one end of the hall of assembly, but sometimes, particularly in Europe, it is in the center of the room.

#### POLITY.

The outstanding fact in organized Jewish religious life is the independence of the synagogue or local church organization. Among Jews there is no such thing as a controlling ecclesiastical organization. Every congregation the world over, is a law unto itself; each one is responsible to itself alone for the interpretation put upon the sacred law, and hardly less upon sacred traditions. Barely any two congregations in the United States are identical as to the extent of their "orthodoxy." In the same organization even, there will commonly exist considerable differences among the views of its various members on this subject. In the city of New York and other large cities of the country, are to be found congregations which do not allow women to sit in the same part of the hall with men, or even exclude females entirely, and whose members refrain altogether from work on the seventh day of the week, observe all the daily prayers, and strictly follow the Mosaic dietary laws. Their religious exercises may consist mainly of prayers and chants, recited in classic

Hebrew. The altar may be found in the center of the place of worship, the male members of the congregation will wear, while in the house of prayer, a hat and a praying shawl, and will tolerate neither an organ, singing, nor a sermon. Indeed they frequently dispense with a rabbi. The members of such congregations conscientiously believe that for them to violate any of the forms or regulations which they have adopted, would be in the highest degree sinful. At the other extreme we find Jewish congregations meeting in a theater or hall, sometimes on Sundays, and employing the English language almost altogether. Their religious forms are without distinguishing peculiarities. Their prayers, some, but by no means all of them, formal, are few and short, and with one or two exceptions in the English language. There is considerable instrumental and vocal music, and a sermon constitutes an essential and important part of the services. Men and women are regarded as on a perfect equality, though as yet there is no record of a female rabbi.

Between these extremes we meet almost every sort of religious form and tenet. Some congregations consist of but a handful of males. Others number their thousands of attendants. Some invite non-Jews; others prefer to exclude them. Some have Friday evening services; others omit these. Almost all do some kind of charity and provide some religious instruction for the young. Even within a small congregation there will be found many varying degrees of "reform" or liberalism. The one universal belief is practically that which proclaims the Unity of the Deity.

The congregation is generally managed by a set of directors appointed by its members. Any one is eligible to membership who declares himself a Jew, or is known to be one. He need not submit to a test of faith, or even declare his adherence to any creed. In some congregations the observance of certain laws is regarded as an indispensable qualification for membership; but in many there is not even a form of examination. If a man says he is a Jew, he may belong to the congregation and enjoy all its rights and privileges as a member, until by overt act he shows clearly that he is a non-Jew in faith.

Broadly speaking, all persons of Jewish birth are also Jews in the religious sense. Hence, the membership of the Jewish congregations bears a close relation to the Jewish population and membership in a Jewish synagogue is on an essentially different basis from that in a Christian church.

What constitutes a member of a Jewish congregation has long been a moot question. In some congregations, a member is any person who contributes money, however little, to the treasury of the congregation; where a member is a married man, his wife and those of his children who can attend a Sabbath



school are sometimes also regarded as members though they pay nothing directly, it being generally felt that a man pays according to his means and according as he has a wife and children who get the benefit of the religious institution to which he belongs. Naturally, in instances of this sort, women may be members, and even quite young children may be so considered.

On the other hand, many congregations regard as members only those males who have incorporated the institution, or have bought what is tantamount to a share or "membership" therein. The number of such "members" is generally small and limited; and they manage, either directly or through something like a committee or board of directors or trustees, the affairs of the institution. While they are considered to be the only "members" they by no means constitute the only attendants; their wives and children habitually go to the synagogue on the Sabbath, though not regarded as "members." In such an organization there will be found, too, certain seat holders and pewholders who pay a sum of money annually, for the privilege or right of occupying one or more designated seats or pews in the house of worship, but who are not recognized as "members," having no voice in the management of the congregation, while in other congregations such seat holders often do qualify as members. Affiliated with a congregation may be another class of persons who pay but a few dollars a year, their contributions entitling them to admission and to any seat that happens to be empty, but not giving them the preemptive right to occupy a particular place, seats for the year sometimes being sold at auction, sometimes allotted by private arrangement, and sometimes not reserved in any manner at all. With regard to the individuals in the last mentioned class, they too are in some cases looked upon as members, and in others are not so honored. Again, some congregations consider women, whether unmarried, wives, or widows, as ineligible to membership. In certain instances widows may be members, but not wives or maidens. Other organizations make no essential distinction between men and women members. Some admit minors to membership, others do not. In short, each congregation is a law unto itself, legislating for itself independently of all outside control.

If, however, we broaden the definition of "member" to mean one who shows his interest in Judaism by making even a small yearly contribution to some ecclesiastical entity, and by visiting, for participation in religious exercises, at least once a year, a synagogue or similar place of worship, we shall find that the total number of Jewish "members" is very large. Thus, it has been estimated that in order to accommodate the one and one-half million of Jews of New York City who are able and of a proper age to attend divine

services on the Day of Atonement, a million sittings would have to be provided. Actually, in that city in 1917, about one-half of this number of seats was available in the permanent and temporary places of worship open to attendants during the High Holidays, beginning September 16, 1917. On the Day of Atonement, September 26, 1917, almost every synagogue, permanent or temporary, was reported to have been crowded. In other words, about one-half of the Jews of New York City attended divine worship on the "day of days." We may say, therefore, that about one-half of the Jews of New York City are, in one sense of the word, "members." Nor is there any good reason to suppose that outside of the metropolis Jewish religious conditions are very different, taken all in all, from those within the great city.

The difficulty met with by Jews in the United States is this: Frequently they can not, for economic reasons, attend divine worship on their Sabbath, Saturday being often the busiest commercial day, instead of a time of business cessation. Yet it is probably no exaggeration to say that the great majority of those born Jews remain Jews at heart and in sympathy and belief. The fact that the struggle for existence effectively interferes so largely with attendance at divine worship makes it appear that the Jewish membership is much smaller than it is, both actually and potentially. Hence, the attendance on the almost universally observed holidays is a far better criterion of real membership. Even then the last word has not been said. Failure on the part of the wage-earning head of the family regularly to attend the synagogue undoubtedly leads to laxity of attendance on the part of his children and also tends to form the habit of complete nonattendance even on the Day of Atonement itself; so that for long periods there may not be any attendance at the services or any contribution of money to any congregation. Yet the absentee, when a death or a marriage occurs in his family, shows by his choice of a rabbi as the officiating minister, that he is at heart a member of the Jewish religious cult. Therefore even the total number of persons in any way affiliated with Jewish congregations is far below the actual numerical strength of the denomination.

While, in a sense, probably about one-half of the Jews of the United States can legitimately be called "members," yet, as already stated, virtually all persons of Jewish birth are also Jews in the religious sense. In order, therefore, to arrive at the true total of persons of the Jewish faith, it would be necessary to establish the aggregate number of persons in the United States who are of Jewish birth, and then subtract therefrom the number of those who have affirmatively fallen away. This would be manifestly impossible, and the only alternative is to accept, as a substantially accurate statement of the number of persons

of Jewish birth, estimates of the total Jewish population based upon as careful an investigation as has been practicable under all the conditions.<sup>1</sup>

The Jewish ministry includes primarily the rabbis, but also often the reader or cantor. The essential element of Jewish divine worship is the prayer service. These prayers may be read by any member of the congregation or by any Jew sufficiently well instructed to render the service. Generally, however, he is one who has been trained and is proficient in the traditional art of chanting the liturgy and the lessons from the Hebrew scriptures. In almost all such cases he is an official elected and remunerated by the congregation as its "deputy" or "minister" and is called reader, or cantor (Chazan). A somewhat similar official relation is held by the rabbi, who decides questions of law and ritual, performs the offices of preacher and religious functionary, is the organizer and teacher of the religious schools, and, in general, represents the church community. While his official and professional position is practically devoid of any such halo as is essentially attached to certain priesthoods, his authority is duly recognized within its prescribed limits, and the honor and respect paid him are commonly in proportion to his real value, not only as a man of God but also as a man of learning, ability, and uprightness, among, and in the estimation of, his own people. Many rabbis have been educated and trained in Jewish theological seminaries, many have not. A congregation may designate as its rabbi, one able to officiate as such, to its own satisfaction; and no one can then effectively deny him the title of rabbi. Once a rabbi, always a rabbi, would moreover seem to be the unwritten rule. On the other hand, there is a tendency ever growing stronger, to respect this title only as it is assumed by persons who have been fully and adequately trained, either privately or in public institutions of recognized standing, properly to officiate as Jewish ministers in every sense of the word.

WORK.

The general activities of the Jewish congregations have been from the beginning of their life in the United States, indeed in all their history, so intimately connected with their community life as to be virtually inseparable from it. They are carried on through organizations of various kinds, which, however, whether of an educational, charitable, or benevolent character, are all purely voluntary, and are supported by Jews as individuals and not by a central ecclesiastical organization. Similarly there are no organizations through which an official Jewish attitude toward public questions can be expressed, indeed, it is claimed that such an attitude is impossible.

<sup>1</sup> See footnote, p. 320.

Note has already been made of the part that the local burial societies and cemetery associations had in the development of the communities. To take care of the helpless or partially helpless in their communities, as weighty problems of employment, distribution, and public health, as well as of relief, began to present themselves in ever cumulative measures, it early became necessary to enlarge and modify many existing charitable and quasi-charitable institutions, and to inaugurate numerous new ones, particularly in the great centers, such as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Cleveland. Then eventuated the next condition along the line of eleemosynary evolution, namely, the Federation. To-day in each of the large cities of the United States, the principal Jewish communal and charitable organizations have united into one organization.

The extent to which this aid was carried is illustrated in the following list of federations that contributed \$10,000 or more in a single year:

New York, N. Y....	\$2, 696, 312	Milwaukee, Wis....	\$30, 136
Chicago, Ill. ....	889, 239	Buffalo, N. Y.....	24, 464
Philadelphia, Pa....	225, 000	Kansas City, Mo....	21, 000
San Francisco, Calif.	215, 227	Minneapolis, Minn..	19, 764
Boston, Mass.....	200, 000	Atlanta, Ga. ....	15, 000
Cleveland, Ohio....	149, 095	Indianapolis, Ind...	15, 000
Baltimore, Md.....	128, 177	St. Paul, Minn. ....	14, 000
St. Louis, Mo.....	103, 765	Des Moines, Iowa...	13, 838
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	85, 400	Columbus, Ohio....	11, 912
New Orleans, La....	61, 313	Memphis, Tenn....	11, 122
Detroit, Mich.....	45, 185	Omaha, Nebr.....	10, 839
Louisville, Ky.....	41, 807	Cincinnati, Ohio....	10, 403
Syracuse, N. Y.....	35, 000	Hartford, Conn....	10, 000

The independent expenditures of individuals and of minor charitable societies in these localities, and in others having no federations, would bring the yearly total of charitable expenditures up to at least \$5,500,000. These figures are exclusive, of course, of the \$10,000,000 collected from among the Jewish communities of the country in 1917 for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Europe, Asia, and Africa, for Zionist propaganda and similar benevolent causes. Neither do they include the large increment of funds privately remitted to European recipients. It is safe to say, therefore, that the Jews of America contributed to their own charities of various kinds nearly \$16,000,000 in 1917, or about \$5 per capita, not counting endowments, gifts by will, and similar donations. While it is thus true that Jews give freely and largely for benevolent purposes, it is difficult to tabulate their gifts or present them in form that shall be comparable to the statements in regard to other bodies. The organization of the communal system has assisted in making general relief take the place of support of specific institutions.

*Education.*—The fundamental purpose of Jewish educational institutions for children is to hold them to

Jewish law and life, and these schools constitute the only active propaganda carried on by Jews. The individualistic character of the congregations is manifest in the schools so that it is difficult to classify them. In general there are for the lower grades three classes: Congregational schools, "Talmud Torah" schools, for religious instruction in the Talmud and the Torah, and other free schools and classes organized by communities or groups of congregations, or supported by special societies and interested individuals.

The congregational schools are primarily established for the benefit of the children of members and seat holders, though, as a rule, instruction is freely accorded to all comers. Some of these religious schools have daily sessions, others only one, two, or three sessions a week, while the classes of the Talmud Torah schools meet daily. In general the teachers are professionals and are remunerated for their services, but in some of the congregational schools, and also in the Hebrew free schools which hold a single session a week, the teaching corps consists entirely of unpaid volunteers. The religious instruction provided at the schools is extensively supplemented by instruction in private classes in the homes of individuals who desire their children to have more exclusive attention than communal class instruction can afford. In 1917 there were 718 congregational schools throughout the country which reported a pupil roll of 87,869. Of these, 280 were Sunday schools, holding sessions once a week on Saturdays or Sundays, and 257 were schools in which a more extended curriculum was followed and which held their sessions several times weekly.

In the city of New York, where practically one-half of the Jews of the United States are concentrated, there were, in 1917, 181 religious schools with 41,403 pupils. These figures show an increase over those for 1906, when 620 of a total of 677 schools reported a total attendance of 53,344 pupils, aside from 24,000 children receiving private instruction.

Since 1909, the more or less chaotic and unsystematic condition of Jewish educational agencies in New York, and to a lesser extent outside of the metropolis, has been radically influenced for the better by the work of the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Community or "Kehillah" of that city. This bureau set out to study all existing institutions, to become acquainted with and to organize their teachers; to carry on a campaign to inform parents of the problems of Jewish education; to operate model schools; and to devise proper textbooks, methods, and appliances. All this religious educational work is supplemented, especially for adolescents and adults, by the local sections of the Council of Jewish Women, the junior sections of the same organization, the circles of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the Zionist societies, as well as by classes at Educational Alliances, Hebrew Institutes, Young Men's Hebrew Associations, Young

Women's Hebrew Associations, and at the houses of Sisterhoods, which, as a rule, are societies auxiliary to the congregation.

Of higher institutions of learning there are 3 theological seminaries and 2 colleges, with approximately 400 students. The seminaries include the Hebrew Union College already mentioned, at Cincinnati, Ohio, established in 1875 by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1886) in New York City, established for the purpose of providing a rabbinical training especially for candidates for conservative pulpits; and the Jewish Rabbinical College of America, also of New York. The first two have large and valuable libraries, that in New York ranking third among the Jewish libraries of the world and containing valuable manuscripts and a rare collection of Hebrew incunabula. The 2 colleges are Gratz College (1893), for undergraduate work in Jewish studies, and Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning (1907), both situated in Philadelphia, where work of an advanced character is carried on. Besides these specifically Jewish schools, many of the Jewish communities of the United States are interested in trade, manual, technical, and farm schools, in kindergartens, and in night schools for instruction in English. Of the technical and trade schools, 7 may be regarded as prominent, namely, 4 in New York City (2 of them for girls), 1 in Philadelphia, 1 in New Orleans, and 1 in Chicago. There are 2 farm schools, 1 at Woodbine, N. J., established in 1894 by the Baron de Hirsch Fund, and known as the Baron de Hirsch Agricultural and Industrial School, the other, the National Farm School, at Doylestown, Pa., established in 1896, by a society formed for the purpose. For the conduct of the higher grade of educational institutions it has been estimated that about \$100,000 were contributed in 1916, though this does not cover all amounts for educational purposes.

Numerous night schools for the teaching of English to immigrants have been established in the large commercial centers, especially where no public night schools obtain or by way of preparation for them where they do exist. These night schools, as well as the kindergartens and numerous industrial classes, are in part conducted by the congregations, in part by independent societies organized for these various purposes, but chiefly by the social settlements, the lodges of the beneficial orders, the local sections of the Council of Jewish Women, the charitable societies, especially the congregational sisterhoods mentioned before, and other ladies' aid societies auxiliary to congregations, the educational alliances, Hebrew institutes, and Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations.

Foreign educational work among the Jews, specifically the Jews of the Orient and of northern Africa,

was formerly supported by the Jews of the United States, through the American branches of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, founded in 1860, through the International Zionist organization and through private contributions sent directly to schools at Jerusalem. Since the outbreak of the war with Germany, however, this support has been greatly reduced.

Care for the immigrant Jew is not confined to instruction in the English language. The Baron de Hirsch fund of nearly \$3,300,000, established by a deed of trust, executed in 1890 by Baron Maurice de Hirsch, is utilized in the work of the reception and distribution of immigrants, in the promotion of educational activities in their behalf, whether in English or in trades, and in the establishment and assistance of colonies and other agricultural and industrial undertakings calculated to open up opportunities for Jewish immigrants. Under the fostering care of this fund the whole town of Woodbine, N. J., has grown up, and the fund has materially aided a number of other colonies in New Jersey, as well as some in Connecticut and other New England states. One section of the work inaugurated by the fund is now prosecuted by a branch called the "Industrial Removal Office," which investigates the opportunities offered to immigrants in towns in the interior of the country, and thus succeeds in inducing and aiding individuals to remove thither when it is believed that it would be for their economic advantage to do so, such persons when they arrive at their new destinations being usually received there by subsidiary district committees. Another department of the fund, namely, colonization and settlement in rural districts, is in charge of the Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society. In furtherance of the latter class of undertakings, the fund also subsidizes an independent society with headquarters at Chicago—the Jewish Agriculturists' Aid Society of America—which aims to settle Jewish farmers on homesteads in the Western and Southern states.

The educational work for adults and young people is greatly aided also by the publications of the Jewish Publication Society of America and those of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. The former was established in 1888, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa., and now has 14,245 members, a very notable increase since the report of 1906. It has published 94 volumes, covering a large variety of phases of Jewish thought—histories, biographies, works on ethics, poems, essays, and fiction. In 1917 there issued from its press a new translation of the Old Testament, compiled by a board of editors comprising the foremost Hebrew scholars in the United States. The new translation has been widely circulated, a special edition having been prepared for the use of Jews serving in the United States military and naval forces, for whom the society has also issued an abridged

prayer book in Hebrew and English. The Jewish Chautauqua Society, organized in 1893, has 4,000 members and 82 study circles. It also publishes educational works.

*Philanthropy.*—In the United States there are numerous Jewish benevolent societies. These are supplemented by the congregational sisterhoods, the ladies' aid societies (attached to congregations or independent associations), the sections of the Council of Jewish Women in so far as they devote themselves to philanthropic work, and other agencies too diverse to classify. Two organizations for the relief of the tuberculous, however, should be mentioned—the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives (1899) and the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society (1904), both maintaining sanatoria in Denver, Colo. The former reports that it has treated 3,222 patients since its foundation up to 1917. In 39 cities all the chief Jewish relief agencies, frequently embracing the orphanages, hospitals, and homes for the aged, and sometimes even the educational societies, are federated under central administrative bodies for the collection and assignment of the funds required for charitable purposes, as also for the discussion of charitable needs and the creation of new charitable instruments. There are 41 of these federations, Des Moines, Chicago, and New York each having 2, and also a National Conference of Jewish Charities, organized in 1899, comprising 149 societies. There are 148 hospitals and asylums under the auspices of the Jewish congregations, caring for about 45,000 patients and inmates, and for the conduct of these and other distinctively philanthropic institutions, it is estimated that at least \$1,000,000 was contributed during the year under review entirely apart from other gifts for philanthropic relief.

The foregoing enumeration does not exhaust the out-door relief agencies operated by the Jews of the United States. Many of the congregations have one or all of the four following features: Mutual-benefit societies, primarily intended for the payment of sick and death benefits, but in many instances with purely benevolent purposes superadded; funds for the sheltering of the transient poor; free burial societies; and free loan societies. These four kinds of societies are not exclusively congregational auxiliaries, but have their counterparts in the independent organizations. Mutual-benefit societies exist by scores in the large cities, each being usually organized by a group of Jews who have emigrated from the same town or province abroad. Frequently during the last twenty-five years, these benefit societies have become nuclei for new congregations, just as did the benevolent societies in the early years of Jewish settlement.

In addition to the local mutual-benefit societies attached to congregations, and to those independent thereof, there are 12 beneficial and endowment orders,

having 3,076 lodges and 492,560 members. The oldest of these are the Independent Order or B'nai B'rith (1843), and the Independent Order of True Sisters (1846). The former has spread to Europe, Asia, and Africa. The Jews of the United States also contribute generously to the relief of their war-stricken brethren in Europe. There are 3 organizations which are engaged in making collections for these purposes, the funds being disbursed by a joint distribution committee. Up to March 1, 1918, there had been sent abroad over \$10,000,000, and the relief work has by no means ceased. The largest part of this enormous sum, namely, \$4,042,277, went to the relief of the Jews of Poland and Lithuania; \$2,632,300 was applied toward aiding the Jews of Russia; \$1,583,700 went to those of Austria-Hungary; \$1,151,334 was set aside for those of Palestine, while aid was also extended to the Jews of Turkey, Greece, Egypt, the Balkan states, Tunis, Algiers, Morocco, Spain, Persia, and in some cases to Jewish refugees in neutral countries, such as Denmark, Spain, and Switzerland.

*Other organizations.*—The need for cooperative action has resulted in the formation of 3 voluntary unions of congregations in the United States, namely, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (1873), the United Synagogue of America (1913), and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the United States and Canada (1898). The first comprises 200 congregations, and the 2 latter a considerably smaller number. None of these exercises any religious control over its constituent bodies. The members of the first may roughly be said to belong to the reform wing, and those of the second to adhere to the conservative group, the name of the last indicating the religious proclivity of its members. The labors of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations fall into 3 departments: First, the maintenance of a rabbinical seminary, called the "Hebrew Union College," at Cincinnati, Ohio; second, the work of the Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights, aiming to safeguard Jews against unjust discrimination at home and abroad; and third, the duties of the Board of Synagogue and School Extension, which organizes congregations and religious schools in sparsely populated districts, arranges for circuit preaching, and distributes leaflets. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the United States and Canada in a general way has similar functions, having been particularly active in New York City in protecting the religious interests of Jewish children and students in the public schools and the higher institutions of learning. In several cities there are local congregational unions, the object of which is to supervise the slaughtering of fowl and cattle. The United Synagogue of America stands for "The advancement of the cause of Judaism in America and maintaining Jewish tradition in its historical

continuity. It places emphasis on the preservation of the Hebrew language and literature, as the key to the true understanding of Judaism, and as a bond holding together the scattered communities of Israel throughout the world."

Besides the 3 unions of congregations described above, mention should be made of the following representative bodies: The Central Conference of American Rabbis (1889), with 239 members; the United Orthodox Rabbis of America (1902), with 120 members; the Eastern Council of Reform Rabbis (1912) with 46 members; and the Council of Jewish Women (1893), with 25,000 members in 93 sections. What is developing into the central representative organization of the Jews of the United States is the American Jewish Committee, an organization instituted in 1906, whose aims are to safeguard the interests of Jews in the United States and abroad, to collect statistics of Jews of the United States, and to act as the central bureau of information on all matters of interest to Jews. The committee has headed a number of movements for the betterment of the lot of suffering Jews. Through its instrumentality relief was extended to the Jews of San Francisco after the great earthquake in that city, as well as at various times to the Jews of Constantinople, Morocco, the Balkan Peninsula, and other regions. When the war with Germany broke out, the committee succeeded in federating the majority of the Jewish national organizations for united work in collecting funds for the relief of Jews, the American Jewish Relief Committee, the organization thus formed, having succeeded in collecting much the greatest amount gathered thus far by the three relief organizations in existence. The committee has issued a number of publications. It has a bureau of statistics and research which is engaged in the collection of statistics of Jews and which compiles the material for the American Jewish Yearbook.

There remain to be mentioned the American branches of two international Jewish organizations. The Jewish Territorial Organization (together with the Jewish Socialist-Territorialist Labor Party of America) aims to find a home for those Jews of Eastern Europe who are leaving their respective countries because of the restrictions placed upon their political and civil rights. This settlement, to be located in any suitable and available territory, is to have some features of autonomous government. The Zionist organizations, including the Federation of American Zionists, the Order Knights of Zion, the Order Sons of Zion, and Hadassah (the women's Zionist organization), aim to secure a "publicly and legally secured" home for Jews in Palestine. The first of these in 1917 has 220 societies and 80,000 shekel-payers; the second, 99 gates; the third, 85 camps; the fourth, 43 chapters. The American Jewish Historical Society, organized in 1892, has issued

25 volumes of "publications," containing researches into the history of the Jews in the Western Hemisphere. Of the 128 Jewish periodical publications—religious, secular, and trade—in existence during the year 1917, 9 were dailies, 57 were weeklies; there were also 44 monthlies, 2 semimonthlies, 2 bimonthlies, and 8 quarterlies. Of these, 89 were printed in English, and 30 (including the 9 dailies) in Yiddish. Jewish organized effort includes, finally, clubs with literary, social, athletic, civic, patriotic, and political interests and purposes; juvenile aid, prison and probation work, legal-aid and employment bureaus, centers for penny provident funds, and likewise Jewish trade-unions, which for the most part are corporate branches of the general trade-unions, though there are certain specifically "United Hebrew Trades" in several of the larger cities.

The Council of Young Men's Hebrew and Kindred Associations (1913) formed to stimulate the organization of Young Men's Hebrew Associations, to advise, encourage, and assist them, and to further the correlation of their activities, has affiliated with it 372 associations of Jewish young men and young women, organized for the promotion of physical, mental, and moral self-improvement. Out of the work performed by the council for the Jewish young men who were with the troops on the Mexican border in 1916 grew the Jewish Welfare Board, organized for work in the United States Army and Navy, which aims to do for Jews with the colors, to a large extent, what the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus are effecting for Christians. This board is practically a federation of the congregational and rabbinical unions, the Council of Jewish Women, several fraternal orders, the Jewish Publication Society, and the Council of Young Men's Hebrew and Kindred Associations. Field workers of the board are assigned to most of the warships, camps, and cantonments. This board has collected a fund of \$1,000,000.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Jewish congregations for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 331 and 332, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,901	1,769	132	7.5
Members.....	357,135	2 101,457	.....	.....
Church edifices.....	874	821	53	6.5
Value of church property.....	\$31,012,576	\$23,198,925	\$7,813,651	33.7
Debt on church property.....	\$6,502,872	\$4,556,571	\$1,946,301	42.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	93	81	12	( <sup>3</sup> )
Value.....	\$164,150	\$270,550	-\$106,400	-39.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	697	600	97	16.2
Officers and teachers.....	3,528	2,239	1,289	57.6
Scholars.....	66,522	49,514	17,008	34.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,100,000	\$4,419,563	.....	.....
Domestic.....	\$1,100,000	\$4,419,563	.....	.....
Foreign.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Heads of families only. Not comparable with figures for 1916.  
<sup>3</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.  
<sup>4</sup> Includes the Baron de Hirsch Fund of nearly \$3,300,000.

From this table it appears that so far as reported there has been an increase in the strength of the Jewish congregations in every particular, except in the value of parsonages. The decrease in contributions is more apparent than real, allowance being made for the inclusion of the Baron de Hirsch Fund in the report for 1906. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 1,901, as against 1,769 in 1906, an increase of 7.5 per cent. The membership figures are not comparable, as the data returned on the schedules in 1916 and in 1906 were frequently on different bases, as has been explained in the statement preceding. In 1906 the heads of families were reported, while in 1916 seat holders, contributors, and others were included. Also, in 1916, there were 282 organizations that made no report of members. The number of church edifices reported was 874, as against 821 in 1906, an increase of 6.5 per cent, and the value of church property advanced from \$23,198,925 to \$31,012,576, or 33.7 per cent. Debt on church property, amounting to \$6,502,872, was reported by 566 organizations in 1916, as against \$4,556,571 reported by 449 organizations in 1906. Ninety-three churches reported parsonages, an increase of 12 over 1906. The value of parsonages, however, was less, having dropped from \$270,550 in 1906 to \$164,150 in 1916, a loss of 39.3 per cent. The number of Sunday schools reported increased by 97, or 16.2 per cent, and the attendant scholars were 66,522 in 1916 as against 49,514 in 1906, a gain of 34.3



per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences are scarcely comparable, as different bases of report were adopted.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$4,352,935, were reported by 1,516 organizations, covering general running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,200 organizations in 1916, was 40,255, constituting 16.2 per cent of the 248,354 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 108,781 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 57,887.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 1,901 organizations, 364, with 14,755 members, reported services conducted in English only; 1,537, with 342,380 members, conducted services in foreign languages alone or in connection with English; and of these, 1,202 organizations, with 215,421 members, used foreign languages only. The languages used were Arabic, German, Hebrew, and Yiddish. The principal language is Hebrew, used alone by 521 organizations, with 109,491 members, and in connection with English by 818 organizations, with 221,826 members. Hebrew and Yiddish together were used by 662 organizations, with 103,269 members, and in connection with English by 691, with 114,814 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was in 1916 a considerably larger proportion of the total number of organizations using foreign languages.

Schedules were received from 721 ministers of the congregations, distributed, by states, in the following table. Of these ministers, all appear to have acted as pastors, and the average annual salary, so far as reported, was \$1,655.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	721	721			\$1,655
Alabama.....	6	6			2,660
Arkansas.....	9	9			1,975
California.....	11	11			3,082
Colorado.....	4	4			4,100
Connecticut.....	20	20			1,209
Delaware.....	2	2			1,650
District of Columbia.....	5	5			2,110
Florida.....	3	3			2,020
Georgia.....	11	11			1,838
Idaho.....	2	2			480
Illinois.....	32	32			2,468
Indiana.....	18	18			1,925
Iowa.....	15	15			1,241
Kansas.....	1	1			.....
Kentucky.....	5	5			1,580
Louisiana.....	12	12			2,266
Maine.....	4	4			646
Maryland.....	13	13			1,964
Massachusetts.....	30	30			1,092
Michigan.....	14	14			1,479
Minnesota.....	7	7			1,708
Mississippi.....	6	6			2,613
Missouri.....	8	8			5,133
Montana.....	3	3			1,667
Nebraska.....	3	3			2,133
New Hampshire.....	3	3			1,250
New Jersey.....	33	33			1,361
New Mexico.....	1	1			.....
New York.....	231	231			1,359
North Carolina.....	7	7			1,043
North Dakota.....	1	1			.....
Ohio.....	37	37			2,235
Oklahoma.....	6	6			1,940
Oregon.....	3	3			2,700
Pennsylvania.....	82	82			1,177
Rhode Island.....	3	3			840
South Carolina.....	7	7			1,286
South Dakota.....	1	1			.....
Tennessee.....	6	6			2,940
Texas.....	23	23			2,069
Utah.....	2	2			2,150
Vermont.....	2	2			975
Virginia.....	12	12			2,220
Washington.....	3	3			750
West Virginia.....	5	5			1,135
Wisconsin.....	9	9			1,513

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Jewish congregations .....	1,901	1,619	357,135	1,413	172,414	111,433	866	883	874	814	\$31,012,576
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	6	6	565	6	375	190	4	2	4	4	29,200
New Hampshire.....	3	3	358	3	218	140	2	1	2	1	5,500
Vermont.....	4	4	590	4	410	180	4	.....	4	4	20,000
Massachusetts.....	136	99	38,867	42	9,159	6,937	35	67	36	35	764,700
Rhode Island.....	3	3	762	3	568	194	2	1	2	2	40,000
Connecticut.....	49	37	8,688	20	2,825	1,659	25	11	25	20	405,600
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	825	798	113,924	786	73,821	34,975	316	493	321	302	15,626,883
New Jersey.....	60	57	15,720	36	4,429	2,941	41	16	41	35	933,150
Pennsylvania.....	238	105	32,276	91	18,236	11,235	81	114	81	80	2,121,522
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	49	46	20,151	41	9,239	7,712	35	12	35	32	1,356,700
Indiana.....	29	27	5,461	25	3,001	2,240	21	5	21	21	399,500
Illinois.....	117	87	33,377	51	9,715	7,072	37	71	37	24	2,002,500
Michigan.....	17	17	5,383	17	3,047	2,336	15	2	15	15	456,500
Wisconsin.....	14	12	2,612	12	1,441	1,171	12	2	12	12	252,000
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	7	7	2,740	7	1,665	1,075	7	.....	7	7	179,500
Iowa.....	20	18	2,595	17	1,410	1,165	18	1	18	18	168,500
Missouri.....	17	16	8,347	10	3,524	3,033	8	8	8	8	573,000
South Dakota.....	2	2	270	2	106	164	1	1	1	1	5,000
Nebraska.....	7	7	1,695	6	900	645	6	1	6	6	140,500
Kansas.....	3	3	170	3	77	93	1	2	1	.....	.....
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	3	1	250	1	120	130	1	.....	1	1	7,200
Maryland.....	30	29	12,056	15	4,894	3,687	16	11	16	15	827,000
District of Columbia.....	10	10	3,225	3	500	400	6	4	6	4	157,000
Virginia.....	16	15	2,690	14	1,473	1,067	12	4	13	11	196,500
West Virginia.....	6	5	280	5	165	115	3	3	3	3	73,000
North Carolina.....	8	8	572	8	340	232	5	3	5	5	49,500
South Carolina.....	9	8	570	8	303	267	6	2	6	6	108,500
Georgia.....	16	15	2,880	15	1,485	1,395	13	2	13	13	324,000
Florida.....	6	6	746	5	317	229	4	2	4	4	55,500
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	8	7	2,695	7	1,165	1,530	7	1	7	7	209,823
Tennessee.....	10	10	2,022	10	1,163	859	6	4	6	6	201,000
Alabama.....	15	15	2,947	14	1,185	1,437	10	5	10	10	291,000
Mississippi.....	10	10	1,928	10	892	1,036	9	1	9	9	194,500
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	12	12	1,451	12	696	755	10	2	10	9	182,500
Louisiana.....	15	15	4,284	14	2,423	1,841	15	.....	16	13	360,500
Oklahoma.....	11	11	1,166	11	624	542	6	5	6	6	96,000
Texas.....	30	29	6,258	27	2,830	2,728	25	6	25	24	399,300
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	4	4	740	4	409	331	3	1	3	3	57,000
Idaho.....	2	2	50	2	23	27	1	1	1	1	7,500
Colorado.....	17	7	2,356	7	1,182	1,174	7	.....	7	7	127,500
Arizona.....	3	3	170	3	85	85	1	2	1	1	12,500
Utah.....	3	3	670	3	395	275	2	1	2	2	24,000
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	8	8	2,950	8	1,341	1,609	7	1	7	7	200,998
Oregon.....	7	7	1,315	3	550	600	3	4	3	3	142,500
California.....	34	23	8,178	20	3,618	3,860	15	8	15	15	1,209,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	135	2	70	65	2	.....	2	2	23,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Mexico and North Dakota.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Jewish congregations.....	1,901	566	\$6,502,872	93	\$164,150	1,516	\$4,352,935	615	697	3,528	66,522
New England division:											
Maine.....	6	4	11,500			5	5,049	3	3	6	165
New Hampshire.....	3	1	1,400			1	7,600	1	1	4	20
Vermont.....	4	4	6,400			3	2,250	4	4	8	137
Massachusetts.....	136	31	256,300			92	153,062	27	37	193	3,260
Rhode Island.....	3	2	11,000			3	8,300	3	5	9	394
Connecticut.....	49	15	81,200	1	4,000	28	68,344	11	11	50	1,244
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	825	237	3,862,140	61	52,000	781	1,894,895	141	156	727	19,201
New Jersey.....	60	24	243,060	4	15,500	51	124,087	23	24	112	2,276
Pennsylvania.....	238	55	482,830	2	1,650	105	385,631	76	86	391	7,884
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	49	22	246,033			40	198,775	33	47	250	5,941
Indiana.....	29	8	67,000			23	64,916	20	23	106	1,123
Illinois.....	117	25	25,900	3	1,000	86	362,136	34	38	217	5,021
Michigan.....	17	7	34,800			16	61,582	9	10	38	751
Wisconsin.....	14	10	45,100			10	41,645	7	7	26	431
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	7	3	30,000			7	26,600	5	5	28	780
Iowa.....	20	9	131,000	1	1,000	16	34,755	15	15	66	685
Missouri.....	17	4	96,000			14	65,951	6	8	77	1,790
South Dakota.....	2	1	2,300	1	2,500	2	2,450	2	2	7	64
Nebraska.....	7	5	26,200	1	1,500	7	19,510	6	6	28	572
Kansas.....	3					2	2,350	3	3	12	99
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	3	1	5,000			1	2,850	1	1	6	62
Maryland.....	30	10	64,200	1	5,000	28	77,932	10	11	54	1,049
District of Columbia.....	10	4	59,000			7	29,885	2	2	14	535
Virginia.....	16	6	16,100			15	37,651	11	14	73	740
West Virginia.....	6	1	2,000			5	5,050	5	5	17	122
North Carolina.....	8			1	3,500	8	15,263	5	5	23	173
South Carolina.....	9	2	4,800	2	11,000	8	13,245	5	6	21	229
Georgia.....	16	9	33,250	1	3,000	13	54,348	15	17	120	1,546
Florida.....	6	2	16,000			5	11,620	3	3	18	192
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	8	5	48,550	1	1,000	7	32,826	7	8	53	526
Tennessee.....	10	3	51,300			8	36,435	8	10	70	928
Alabama.....	15	4	71,500	1	3,000	11	57,721	11	12	78	778
Mississippi.....	10	3	27,500	2	17,500	9	21,200	9	9	55	391
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	12	5	29,700	1	3,500	10	30,345	9	10	58	437
Louisiana.....	15	8	80,575	1	500	12	55,218	12	13	67	770
Oklahoma.....	11	5	31,000	2	8,000	6	17,200	8	8	30	260
Texas.....	30	12	74,034	5	25,500	25	61,547	25	28	140	1,653
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4	1	4,000			2	8,000	3	3	9	103
Idaho.....	2					2	844	1	1	2	8
Colorado.....	17	1	6,000			6	29,884	4	6	69	921
Arizona.....	3	1	300			2	525	1	1	2	15
Utah.....	3	1	2,000			3	9,448	2	2	7	60
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	3	26,000			8	26,630	6	6	36	420
Oregon.....	7	2	4,500			6	22,763	2	2	18	476
California.....	34	9	181,900			15	161,017	19	20	126	2,143
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	3,500	1	3,500	2	4,500	2	3	7	147

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in New Mexico and North Dakota.

## LATTER DAY SAINTS.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was founded by Joseph Smith, a native of Vermont, in 1830, at Fayette, Seneca County, N. Y. About 10 years previously, when 15 years of age, he had become deeply interested in the question of the salvation of his soul and in the true Church of Christ, and was particularly disturbed by the variety of denominations and the varied interpretations put upon certain passages of Scripture by the different sects. While in the woods near his father's home, he says that he "had a vision of great light, and two glorious personages appeared before him and commanded him 'to join none of the religious sects, for the Lord was about to restore the gospel, which was not represented in its fulness by any of the existing churches.'" Three years later another vision instructed him as to the second coming of Christ and as to his own relation to the coming dispensation. Other visions followed, and in one he received directions enabling him to obtain "the sacred records, an abridgment of the history kept by the ancient inhabitants of America" which "were engraved on plates which had the appearance of gold." These records, constituting the "Book of Mormon," he translated, dictating the translation to Oliver Cowdery and others, who wrote it down. Oliver Cowdery, with David Whitmer and Martin Harris, after the completion of the work, gave to the world their testimony that they had actually seen the plates. Two years later, in 1829, Smith and Cowdery stated that "an angel appeared to them and conferred upon them the priesthood of Aaron and instructed them to baptize each other by immersion." This was followed, in April, 1830, by the organization of the church at Fayette, N. Y., and "the declaration that the ancient gospel had been restored with all its gifts and powers."

Missionaries were sent out, prominent among whom were Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, and Parley and Orson Pratt. Numerous churches were organized in different states, and in 1831 headquarters were established at Kirtland, Ohio. From the first, the policy of segregating the converts from the "gentiles" was followed, and in 1831 a colony of believers was settled in Jackson County, Mo. Here they met violent opposition from neighbors, which culminated in 1833 in their being driven from the county by mob violence. They then scattered into other counties, although retaining their organization at Kirtland, Ohio; and in 1838 Joseph Smith with other leaders removed to Caldwell County, Mo., which was settled almost exclusively by his followers. Here again there was friction between them and the earlier settlers of the adjoining counties, which resulted in 1839 in their expulsion from the state. Then followed the settle-

ment at Nauvoo, Hancock County, Ill., which developed rapidly, and at one time was said to be the largest city in the state. In a few years, however, the people of the surrounding counties became hostile, and Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were killed by a mob at Carthage, Ill., on the 27th of June, 1844. After the death of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, as president of the Council of Twelve, was chosen president of the church. A number, however, refused his leadership, and there followed a period of confusion, several organizations being formed, one of which is known to-day as the "Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints."

*Doctrine.*—The doctrines of the Latter Day Saints as set forth by the first president, Joseph Smith, and accepted by both bodies, may be summarized as follows:

They believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and in the Holy Ghost; men will be punished for their own sins, not for Adam's transgression; through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel; these principles and ordinances are faith in Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost; men are called of God to the ministry, by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands" by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer its ordinances; the same organization that existed in the primitive church continues to-day—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. There is also the same gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

The Bible, so far as it is translated correctly, and the Book of Mormon, are both regarded as the Word of God. In addition to these, there have been and will be many revelations of great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. There will be a literal gathering of Israel and the restoration of the Ten Tribes. Zion will be built on this continent. Christ will reign personally upon the earth, which will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory. Freedom for all men to worship God according to the dictates of conscience is claimed, and obedience to rulers and magistrates is enjoined.

*Polity.*—The ecclesiastical organization is based upon the priesthood, which is "the power delegated to man by virtue of which he has authority to act or officiate in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as His representative." Its two grand divisions are the Melchizedek, or higher priesthood; and the Aaronic, or lesser priesthood. The Melchizedek priesthood is so called after Melchizedek, the king of Salem, who was a great high priest. It holds the power of presidency and the right of authority over all the offices

of the church. Its officers are apostles, patriarchs, high priests, seventies, and elders. The Aaronic priesthood holds the keys of authority in the temporal affairs of the church, and its officers are bishops, priests, teachers, and deacons.

The chief or presiding council (quorum) of the church is the first presidency, which consists of three high priests—a president and two counselors or advisers; its jurisdiction and authority are universal, extending over all the affairs of the church in both temporal and spiritual things. The president of the church is regarded as the mouthpiece of God to the church, and as alone receiving the law for the church through revelation. The first presidency is also the presidency of the high priesthood, and has the right to officiate in all the offices of the church.

The second council (quorum) of the church, standing next to the first presidency, is composed of the twelve apostles. It is their duty, under the direction of the first presidency, to supervise the work of the church in all the world, and especially the missionary labors, to ordain evangelical ministers, and to act as special witnesses to the world of the divine mission of the Saviour Jesus Christ.

The patriarchs are evangelists who hold the right to bless the members of the church with the blessings of prophecy, as was done by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the early patriarchs. They are under the direction of the first presidency and are presided over by the patriarch of the church. The high priests hold the power of presidency in the stakes of Zion (or districts), under the direction of the first presidency in their respective stakes and congregations (parishes) in

administering in spiritual things. The seventies are the missionaries of the church and labor in the world under the direction of the twelve apostles. They are organized into companies of 70 each, under 7 presidents who preside over all the companies. The elders assist the high priests in their duties in the stakes. All the members of the Melchizedek priesthood have authority under the direction of the first presidency to officiate in all the ordinances of the gospel. The labors of the twelve apostles and of the seventies are principally in the world outside the regular church organization, while the labors of the patriarchs, high priests, and elders are confined principally to their respective stakes and congregations.

The presiding council (quorum) of the Aaronic priesthood is the presiding bishopric, consisting of three bishops who have jurisdiction over all the offices of the Aaronic priesthood in temporal affairs and under the direction of the first presidency.

The general authorities are those presiding officers who have general direction of the whole church or of any general division. Thus the first presidency is the presiding council (quorum) over the whole church. The apostles have jurisdiction over the whole church under the direction of the first presidency, but more especially over the missionary enterprises. The presiding patriarch presides over all the patriarchs. The seven presidents preside over all seventies. The presiding bishopric presides over all the lesser priesthood of the church.

*Statistics.*—The two bodies included in this group in 1916 and 1906 are listed below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
LATTER DAY SAINTS.										
1916.										
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	965	403,388	905	\$6,253,226	\$268,230	19	\$57,195	1,058	18,066	152,930
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.	565	58,941	382	871,571	62,204	6	4,750	558	6,061	28,222
1906.										
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	683	215,796	624	2,645,363	75,793	3	1,700	766	14,765	113,139
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	501	40,851	309	523,185	35,989	5	6,100	403	3,742	16,946

#### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

##### HISTORY.

After the death of Joseph Smith in 1844,<sup>1</sup> Brigham Young became president of the church, and two years later led a general migration of believers from Illinois to the Salt Lake Valley, Utah, the present headquarters. From this point as a center, the church has

<sup>1</sup> See Latter Day Saints, p. 333.

extended until it is represented in a large proportion of the states of the Union.

The comparative isolation of the new location gave less occasion for such disturbances as had hitherto accompanied the history of the church, and permitted a more normal development of the community life. Active proselyting was carried on, and the number of converts increased rapidly. Brigham Young died in

1877, and was succeeded by John Taylor, who held the office of president for ten years. His successors in office have been Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, and Joseph F. Smith.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The general doctrine and ecclesiastical organization of the church are set forth in the preliminary statement of Latter Day Saints.

The doctrine of polygamy had for some years been advocated by many in the church, but in 1852 Brigham Young published the doctrine of celestial marriage (marriage for eternity as well as for time), including plural marriage, announcing that it was based on a revelation to Joseph Smith. This aroused great discussion throughout the country, and resulted in various acts of Congress forbidding plural marriages. In 1890 President Woodruff issued a manifesto calling on all the saints to "refrain from contracting any marriages forbidden by the laws of the land." Since that time such marriages have been prohibited by the church, although there have been cases where those already contracted have not been annulled.

The general organization of the church for governmental purposes, aside from the priesthood, includes the ward, the stake or district, and the general conference. The ward corresponds to the minor local church or parish. It has its meetinghouse and is under the care of a bishop and two counselors or assistants. A stake of Zion is composed of a number of wards occupying a certain territorial district, and at its head are a president and two counselors, who are high priests. The general conference, composed of representatives from each of the wards, meets twice a year, in the spring and fall, for the management of the general affairs of the church.

Each bishop presides over a ward in a stake of Zion, and his labors are limited to his own ward. The priests are presided over by the bishop, and it is their duty to assist him, to visit the homes of the members of the church, expound the Scriptures, baptize believers, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The duty of the teachers is to assist the priests, to see that there is no iniquity in the church, and that the members perform their duties. They are without authority to baptize or administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The duty of the deacons is to assist the teachers and also to expound the Scriptures. Priests, teachers, and deacons labor under the direction of the bishop of the ward.

The principal source of revenue of the church is its tithing system, which was instituted by Joseph Smith in 1838. Under it a convert is expected voluntarily to contribute one-tenth of his property to the church and thereafter pay to it one-tenth of his income.

#### WORK.

The general activities of the church are under the direction of the higher or Melchizedek priesthood, and are not in the hands of benevolent societies as in many churches. The Relief Society, however, which works under the supervision of the priesthood, is a benevolent organization of the women of the church, and is practically independent in its sphere.

The home missionary work is carried on principally by local teachers and elders, though there are auxiliary organizations of young men and women who render important assistance in this department. The report for 1916 shows 1,660 agents employed and 145 churches or parishes assisted, the expense being met, not by special contributions, but by appropriations from the tithes of the church. The amount expended for this work during the year was \$706,183.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Australia, Great Britain, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, India, the Society Islands, Africa, Samoa, and many of the islands of the Pacific. Since the outbreak of the great war the missionary work in Germany, Austria, and Turkey, including Palestine, has been discontinued. The report for 1916 shows 15 stations as general headquarters, 1,183 missionaries, 4,679 native helpers, 462 churches with 75,450 communicants, 7 schools with 2,271 pupils, contributions to the amount of \$118,862, and church property valued at \$747,628. There were no hospitals, dispensaries, asylums, orphanages, or other charitable organizations, except the Relief Society, which is organized and equipped in nearly every branch in the mission fields.

The importance of education has always been emphasized by the church, and in 1916 there were 20 church schools in the United States with 7,479 students, while the entire number of students under the care of the church both at home and abroad was 9,750, of whom all but 158 belonged to the church. These were apportioned among the different departments as follows: Training school, 916; kindergarten, 317; preparatory, 1,573; missionary course, 385; high school, 5,324; commercial course, 780; college course, 455. There were 258 regular teachers and 81 teachers employed for special instruction. The school property in the United States was valued at \$1,430,623 and the equipment at \$204,435, making a total of \$1,635,058; and in addition there was an endowment of \$132,500. The amount expended for the school year was \$534,338, including \$354,350 contributed by the church. For the previous year the church contributed \$357,327 for educational purposes, and for the school year beginning September, 1916, \$352,615 was contributed.

There is a church hospital in Salt Lake City with accommodations for 200 patients; and provision is made in another hospital in Ogden, Utah, for 75 more. The number treated at the main hospital in 1916 was 3,363, and at the other hospital 1,741, making a total of 5,104. The amount contributed for their support in 1916 was \$13,585; the value of property was estimated at \$675,000; and there was an endowment fund of \$10,000.

The young people's societies included 745 Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations with about 7,847 officers and 36,916 members, and 799 Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations with 8,194 officers and teachers and 35,739 members, or a total of 1,544 local societies and 72,655 members. These societies had libraries containing altogether 47,540 volumes; their receipts amounted to \$59,202; and their disbursements for rent, halls, lectures, books, supplies, and the ordinary expenses of the societies amounted to \$58,902. The meetings consider religious, literary, and scientific topics, and are intended for the mutual improvement of the young people of the church along religious and secular lines. There are also associations and religious classes with much the same object in view, conducted principally in the interest of the children.

A characteristic feature of this church is the extent to which it enters into, molds, and influences every department of the life of its people. It aids them when sick or in poverty, looks after their education, provides their amusements, and ministers to their social needs. It is also closely identified with the economic life of the people through its connection, as an investor, with numerous industrial and commercial ventures. In the organization and management of establishments, the principle of cooperation enters to a greater or less extent. Moreover, the close association existing among the people through the unifying influence of the church has made these cooperative enterprises, in almost every line of economic endeavor, numerous and successful.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 1916 are given, by states and by stakes and missions, on pages 337 to 340, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

This table shows that during the last decade the denomination has gained considerably in every particular. The number of organizations advanced from 683 in 1906 to 965 in 1916, showing a gain of 41.3 per cent, and the membership advanced from 215,796 to 403,388, or 86.9 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 281, or 45 per cent; the value of

church property advanced from \$2,645,363 to \$3,283,226, an increase of 137.5 per cent; and debt on church property amounting to \$268,230 was reported by 178 organizations in 1916, as against \$75,793 reported by 104 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages advanced from 3 to 19, and the value of parsonages from \$1,700 to \$57,195. There was an increase of 292, or 38.1 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools, and 39,791, or 35.2 per cent, in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences were reported as \$1,192,980 in 1916 as against \$322,355 in 1906, the greater part in 1916 being for domestic work, although the contributions for foreign work increased from \$75,646 to \$118,862.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	965	683	282	41.3
Members.....	403,388	215,796	187,592	86.9
Church edifices.....	905	624	281	45.0
Value of church property.....	\$6,283,226	\$2,645,363	\$3,637,863	137.5
Debt on church property.....	\$268,230	\$75,793	\$192,437	253.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	19	3	16	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$57,195	\$1,700	\$55,495	3,264.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,058	766	292	38.1
Officers and teachers.....	18,066	14,765	3,301	22.4
Scholars.....	152,930	113,139	39,791	35.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,192,980	\$322,355	\$870,625	270.1
Domestic.....	\$1,074,118	\$246,709	\$827,409	335.4
Foreign.....	\$118,862	\$75,646	\$43,216	57.1

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

It is to be noted that the figures for church property do not include the large amount of property owned by the church as a whole and used for general church purposes, but only the edifices owned by individual local organizations.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$804,068, reported by 948 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 945 organizations in 1916, was 133,885, constituting 33.7 per cent of the 397,032 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,356 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 136,028.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 965 organizations, 953, with 396,704 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 12, with 6,684 members, reported services conducted in

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

foreign languages and English. Of these, 5 organizations, with 2,697 members, used German and English; 2, with 760 members, the Indian languages and English; 4, with 2,947 members, the Scandinavian languages; and 1, with 280 members, Spanish. As compared with the report for 1906 there has been very little change in the languages used.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 4,790. Schedules were received from 1,142, but the situation was so different from that in other bodies that they could not be tabulated. No salaries were paid, the ministers supporting themselves chiefly by other occupations, of which farming seemed to be the most common.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	965	965	403,388	965	194,208	209,180	826	111	905	832	\$6,283,226
<b>New England division:</b>											
Vermont.....	2	2	238	2	116	122	1	1	1	2	75,025
Massachusetts.....	3	3	272	3	124	148	2	1	2	1	130
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	5	5	598	5	275	323	2	2	2	1	56,000
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	604	4	278	326	1	2	1	2	2,100
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	5	5	1,566	5	747	819	2	3	2	3	1,275
Indiana.....	4	4	667	4	281	386	3	1	3	4	3,340
Illinois.....	6	6	1,762	6	810	952	4	2	5	3	58,000
Michigan.....	5	5	711	5	305	406	1	4	1	2	1,200
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	4	4	439	4	198	241	2	2	2	3	6,800
Iowa.....	4	4	396	4	167	229	1	3	1	.....	.....
Missouri.....	6	6	1,069	6	471	598	3	1	3	5	39,611
Nebraska.....	2	2	278	2	123	155	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	4	4	567	4	257	310	3	.....	3	3	3,000
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	2	2	125	2	56	69	1	1	1	1	1,200
Virginia.....	5	5	1,540	5	726	814	4	1	4	5	1,151
West Virginia.....	7	7	1,732	7	799	933	1	6	1	1	1,800
North Carolina.....	12	12	2,802	12	1,338	1,464	11	.....	11	12	3,355
South Carolina.....	9	9	2,509	9	1,191	1,318	9	.....	9	8	6,987
Georgia.....	6	6	2,615	6	1,251	1,364	4	2	4	5	10,160
Florida.....	8	8	2,608	8	1,238	1,370	4	4	5	4	7,348
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	6	6	1,553	6	740	813	6	.....	6	6	3,350
Tennessee.....	5	5	1,572	5	749	823	5	.....	7	4	16,006
Alabama.....	4	4	2,137	4	1,025	1,112	2	2	2	2	1,800
Mississippi.....	5	5	1,622	5	769	853	5	.....	5	5	1,085
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	3	3	454	3	196	258	1	1	1	1	600
Louisiana.....	4	4	968	4	422	546	3	.....	3	3	1,075
Oklahoma.....	3	3	756	3	353	403	1	1	1	1	400
Texas.....	8	8	2,487	8	1,142	1,345	5	1	6	5	13,000
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	6	6	1,460	6	656	804	1	.....	1	2	2,686
Idaho.....	225	225	72,439	225	36,326	36,113	198	24	215	204	1,145,720
Wyoming.....	27	27	9,447	27	4,637	4,810	24	3	28	25	155,188
Colorado.....	10	10	3,358	10	1,590	1,768	8	2	8	9	41,618
New Mexico.....	7	7	1,484	7	686	798	7	.....	7	6	8,995
Arizona.....	44	44	12,496	44	6,012	6,484	39	4	40	37	137,713
Utah.....	459	459	257,719	459	123,337	134,382	428	27	479	433	4,313,908
Nevada.....	13	13	3,429	13	1,682	1,747	11	2	11	9	32,843
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	5	5	880	5	398	482	5	.....	5	2	12,350
Oregon.....	10	10	2,831	10	1,406	1,425	10	.....	10	8	73,422
California.....	11	11	2,634	11	1,075	1,559	5	5	5	4	42,975
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	564	7	256	308	3	1	3	1	10

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and South Dakota.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	965	178	\$268,230	19	\$57,195	948	\$804,068	942	1,058	18,066	152,930
New England division:											
Vermont.....	2			1	3,000	2	134	2	2	20	152
Massachusetts.....	3					3	360	3	3	20	196
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5			1	1,200	4	9,076	3	4	26	192
Pennsylvania.....	4					4	361	4	4	46	357
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	5					5	721	5	5	19	72
Indiana.....	4	1	760			4	428	4	6	62	530
Illinois.....	6			1	25,000	6	1,219	6	10	82	804
Michigan.....	5					5	986	5	8	48	239
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4					4	2,307	4	7	24	225
Iowa.....	4					4	777	4	4	33	209
Missouri.....	6					6	4,475	6	11	78	565
Nebraska.....	2					2	460	1	1	11	45
Kansas.....	4					4	1,400	4	5	25	97
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2					2	300	2	2	15	64
Virginia.....	5					5	218	5	7	32	156
West Virginia.....	7					7	1,694	5	5	47	619
North Carolina.....	12					11	606	10	10	56	297
South Carolina.....	9	1	100			9	2,946	7	7	61	374
Georgia.....	6					6	540	4	4	33	225
Florida.....	8					5	525	8	9	47	280
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	6					6	600	5	8	39	195
Tennessee.....	5					5	688	5	7	33	124
Alabama.....	4					4	756	3	3	13	58
Mississippi.....	5					1	278	5	5	21	90
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3					3	625	2	2	18	64
Louisiana.....	4					4	850	4	4	34	147
Oklahoma.....	3					3	900	2	2	18	63
Texas.....	8					8	2,522	6	6	88	565
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	6			1	698	6	1,991	6	10	95	419
Idaho.....	225	61	50,896	5	6,500	225	168,085	225	249	4,227	31,889
Wyoming.....	27	4	826			27	19,566	27	36	667	4,518
Colorado.....	10	2	358			10	5,481	9	11	174	1,252
New Mexico.....	7	1	20			7	2,857	7	7	124	654
Arizona.....	44	2	1,956	1	500	43	27,293	44	48	785	5,981
Utah.....	459	102	209,614	5	6,832	456	525,080	458	491	10,354	96,777
Nevada.....	13					13	4,528	12	16	207	1,706
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	1	1,000			5	1,351	5	9	89	267
Oregon.....	10	1	1,000	2	5,965	10	5,131	10	14	178	976
California.....	11	2	1,700	2	7,500	10	5,329	11	12	166	1,218
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7					4	624	4	4	31	269

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and South Dakota.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STAKES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

STAKE AND MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	965	965	403,388	965	194,208	209,180	826	111	905	832	\$6,283,226
<b>Stakes:</b>											
Alpine.....	17	17	9,207	17	4,350	4,857	16	1	18	17	145,798
Bannock.....	10	10	2,511	10	1,286	1,225	9	1	9	9	40,900
Bear Lake.....	23	23	7,404	23	3,699	3,705	22	1	25	23	118,174
Bear River.....	13	13	4,617	13	2,283	2,334	13	.....	14	13	74,588
Beaver.....	9	9	3,280	9	1,567	1,713	7	.....	7	6	29,500
Benson.....	10	10	6,070	10	2,884	3,186	10	.....	10	10	118,970
Big Horn.....	5	5	3,170	5	1,621	1,549	5	.....	6	5	50,278
Bingham.....	10	10	4,229	10	2,151	2,078	9	1	10	10	67,405
Blackfoot.....	13	13	4,519	13	2,318	2,201	12	1	13	13	64,587
Boise.....	15	15	4,043	15	2,038	2,005	12	3	15	13	54,236
Box Elder.....	11	11	7,320	11	3,510	3,810	11	.....	14	11	137,000
Cache.....	12	12	9,621	12	4,615	5,066	12	.....	12	12	149,250
Carbon.....	9	9	2,996	9	1,423	1,573	9	.....	9	9	70,103
Cassia.....	18	18	5,960	18	2,995	2,965	18	.....	23	18	98,269
Cottonwood.....	12	12	6,902	12	3,378	3,524	12	.....	12	12	192,787
Curlw.....	10	10	1,716	10	898	818	7	3	7	7	16,675
Deseret.....	10	10	3,394	10	1,687	1,707	8	2	12	7	70,253
Duchesne.....	19	19	5,959	19	3,013	2,946	13	6	14	12	40,094
Emery.....	10	10	5,213	10	2,563	2,650	9	1	11	7	31,120
Ensign.....	7	7	8,929	7	3,791	5,138	7	.....	9	7	199,250
Fremont.....	16	16	6,844	16	3,497	3,347	16	.....	16	16	143,065
Granite.....	12	12	15,190	12	7,125	8,065	12	.....	13	12	293,100
Hyrum.....	10	10	5,698	10	2,687	3,011	10	.....	11	10	132,200
Idaho.....	9	9	1,966	9	1,000	966	7	2	7	8	15,640
Jordan.....	13	13	8,573	13	4,140	4,433	13	.....	13	13	128,861
Juab.....	5	5	3,714	5	1,809	1,905	5	.....	6	5	60,050
Kanab.....	5	5	1,960	5	981	979	4	1	4	5	18,422
Liberty.....	11	11	10,191	11	4,842	5,349	11	.....	12	11	268,970
Malad.....	17	17	6,661	17	3,155	3,506	14	3	18	13	103,032
Maricopa.....	6	6	2,390	6	1,163	1,227	6	.....	6	6	39,276
Moapa.....	8	8	2,137	8	1,030	1,107	7	1	7	6	12,431
Morgan.....	7	7	1,698	7	831	867	6	1	6	6	20,050
Nebo.....	17	17	10,925	17	5,392	5,533	16	1	19	17	122,001
North Davis.....	7	7	4,280	7	2,063	2,217	7	.....	8	7	108,877
North Sanpete.....	12	12	8,505	12	4,078	4,427	10	2	14	10	124,900
North Weber.....	18	18	6,573	18	3,266	3,367	17	1	19	17	142,167
Ogden.....	10	10	6,249	10	2,962	3,287	10	.....	11	10	148,188
Oneida.....	20	20	8,074	20	4,022	4,052	19	1	21	20	126,208
Panguitch.....	12	12	4,718	12	2,277	2,441	10	.....	12	12	29,286
Parowan.....	10	10	4,576	10	2,161	2,415	9	1	9	8	46,013
Pioneer.....	14	14	8,411	14	3,881	4,530	14	.....	14	14	157,555
Pocatello.....	9	9	3,368	9	1,650	1,718	8	1	8	9	39,977
Portneuf.....	10	10	2,788	10	1,401	1,387	8	2	9	9	24,709
Raft River.....	9	9	2,405	9	1,217	1,188	8	.....	8	8	39,330
Rigby.....	13	13	4,423	13	2,211	2,212	12	1	12	13	67,445
St. George.....	13	13	5,086	13	2,504	2,582	12	1	13	13	30,943
St. Johns.....	7	7	1,577	7	817	760	7	.....	8	6	9,095
St. Joseph.....	18	18	5,428	18	2,448	2,980	14	4	14	15	51,157
Salt Lake.....	12	12	11,080	12	5,045	6,035	12	.....	16	12	246,174
San Juan.....	3	3	1,724	3	882	842	3	.....	3	3	29,460
San Luis.....	3	3	2,131	3	1,030	1,101	3	.....	3	3	25,500
Sevier.....	19	19	8,803	19	4,319	4,484	18	1	20	19	124,638
Shelley.....	8	8	2,996	8	1,530	1,466	8	.....	8	8	64,189
Snowflake.....	9	9	2,498	9	1,293	1,205	8	.....	8	6	28,027
South Davis.....	6	6	4,800	6	2,264	2,536	6	.....	7	6	85,600
South Sanpete.....	10	10	7,076	10	3,523	3,553	9	1	12	9	60,920
Star Valley.....	10	10	2,882	10	1,490	1,490	9	1	11	10	58,732
Summit.....	16	16	4,558	16	2,283	2,275	11	5	12	16	91,305
Teton.....	13	13	2,847	13	1,438	1,409	12	1	13	11	30,819
Tooele.....	9	9	3,022	9	1,494	1,528	8	1	9	8	42,760
Utah.....	9	9	3,106	9	1,552	1,554	8	1	8	8	23,560
Union.....	7	7	1,828	7	862	966	7	.....	7	7	61,815
Utah.....	19	19	12,916	19	5,994	6,922	19	.....	21	18	168,794
Wasatch.....	8	8	3,967	8	1,999	2,068	8	.....	8	8	74,893
Wayne.....	7	7	1,790	7	937	853	7	.....	7	6	22,562
Weber.....	13	13	10,059	13	4,694	5,345	13	.....	13	13	170,023
Woodruff.....	12	12	3,904	12	1,885	2,019	11	1	12	11	70,678
Yellowstone.....	16	16	4,500	16	2,144	2,356	13	3	13	13	110,145
Young.....	5	5	1,095	5	569	569	5	.....	6	5	13,418
<b>Missions:</b>											
California.....	19	19	3,917	19	1,696	2,221	13	5	13	11	54,878
Central States.....	28	28	6,301	28	2,841	3,460	16	4	17	18	57,686
Eastern States.....	28	28	3,982	28	1,849	2,133	10	14	10	9	136,265
Northern States.....	23	23	3,975	23	1,761	2,214	11	12	12	12	69,340
Northwestern States.....	17	17	4,143	17	1,992	2,151	9	.....	9	5	26,643
Southern States.....	65	65	20,524	65	9,774	10,750	52	12	55	54	52,517
Western States.....	10	10	1,516	10	629	887	4	5	4	3	9,700



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STAKES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

STAKE AND MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	965	178	\$268,230	19	\$57,195	948	\$804,068	942	1,058	18,066	152,930
<b>Stakes:</b>											
Alpine.....	17	5	1,690			17	10,344	17	17	392	3,269
Bannock.....	10	1	75			10	2,461	10	10	200	1,625
Bear Lake.....	23	4	4,100			23	13,333	23	23	484	3,245
Bear River.....	13	3	1,379			13	10,503	13	16	301	2,184
Beaver.....	9					7	2,629	9	9	146	1,251
Benson.....	10	1	1,300			10	15,559	10	10	245	2,728
Big Horn.....	5	2	371			5	6,317	5	6	124	1,095
Bingham.....	10	1	50			10	6,747	10	12	177	1,753
Blackfoot.....	13	4	421			13	10,624	13	13	277	1,918
Boise.....	15	5	3,770			15	4,847	15	18	276	1,735
Box Elder.....	11	1	800			11	6,881	11	12	275	2,607
Cache.....	12	4	1,770			12	16,632	12	12	317	3,482
Carbon.....	9	2	8,500			9	10,617	9	10	152	1,475
Cassia.....	18	7	4,977	1	500	18	16,806	18	25	441	2,792
Cottonwood.....	12	7	24,459			12	30,317	12	13	302	2,795
Curlwe.....	10	1	300			10	4,751	10	12	142	820
Deseret.....	10	1	4,000			10	7,018	10	10	184	1,532
Duchesne.....	19	7	2,181			19	8,424	19	28	409	2,672
Emery.....	10	2	4,500			10	7,687	10	10	226	2,049
Ensign.....	7	2	14,139	1	1,500	7	26,023	7	7	220	2,660
Fremont.....	16	3	856			16	18,735	16	16	247	2,621
Granite.....	12	6	27,500			11	62,795	10	12	457	4,988
Hyrum.....	10	1	445			10	6,995	10	10	266	2,192
Idaho.....	9	2	180	2	3,300	9	5,646	9	12	189	1,010
Jordan.....	13	3	5,592			13	14,574	13	13	243	3,087
Juab.....	5	2	5,350			5	2,650	5	5	111	1,205
Kanab.....	5	2	1,263			5	3,860	5	5	96	957
Liberty.....	11	7	34,241			11	24,039	11	11	367	3,935
Malad.....	17	3	524	1	1,165	17	7,481	17	17	309	2,541
Maricopa.....	6					6	5,178	6	6	102	1,467
Moapa.....	8					8	2,718	8	10	136	1,008
Morgan.....	7	1	84			7	2,473	7	7	112	658
Nebo.....	17	1	1,500			17	14,863	17	17	419	3,962
North Davis.....	7	1	8,782	1	650	7	9,354	7	9	190	1,554
North Sanpete.....	12					12	9,107	11	11	246	2,841
North Weber.....	18	5	4,835			18	16,990	18	22	347	3,018
Ogden.....	10	5	3,726			10	12,346	10	10	195	2,570
Oneida.....	20	4	10,725			20	12,497	20	21	464	3,380
Panguitch.....	12					12	5,031	12	13	219	1,711
Parowan.....	10	1	150	1	1,517	10	10,020	10	10	200	1,930
Pioneer.....	14	5	12,074			14	20,277	14	14	296	3,030
Pocatello.....	9	5	5,722			9	3,122	9	10	148	1,490
Portneuf.....	10	3	1,542			10	5,198	10	11	179	1,228
Raft River.....	9	4	3,370			9	9,560	9	9	134	882
Rigby.....	13	3	613			13	11,721	13	14	236	1,985
St. George.....	13					13	5,975	13	16	297	2,364
St. Johns.....	7	1	20			7	7,288	7	10	129	703
St. Joseph.....	18	2	1,956			18	11,358	18	18	331	2,570
Salt Lake.....	12	2	11,800	1	2,000	12	26,367	12	12	339	3,124
San Juan.....	3	2	4,500			3	3,322	3	3	88	579
San Luis.....	3	1	170			3	3,836	3	5	74	684
Sevier.....	19	3	1,275			19	16,247	19	21	420	3,407
Shelley.....	8	5	9,181	1	700	8	17,021	8	8	160	1,282
Snowflake.....	9			1	500	8	3,851	9	10	168	1,035
South Davis.....	6	2	6,412			6	8,834	6	8	192	2,011
South Sanpete.....	10	2	317			10	9,932	10	10	233	2,383
Star Valley.....	10	1	180			10	8,297	10	11	221	1,897
Summit.....	16					16	13,578	16	16	257	1,652
Teton.....	13	4	2,850			13	5,170	13	16	200	1,717
Tooele.....	9	2	2,202			9	3,657	9	10	177	1,133
Uintah.....	9	1	240			9	4,665	9	10	138	1,384
Union.....	7	1	1,000	1	200	7	3,991	7	7	115	687
Utah.....	19	4	2,125			19	22,551	19	20	456	5,446
Wasatch.....	8	2	1,650			8	5,173	8	8	135	1,442
Wayne.....	7	1	178			7	5,347	7	10	147	768
Weber.....	13	3	8,170			13	22,674	13	13	306	3,052
Woodruff.....	12	1	275			12	6,240	12	16	233	1,563
Yellowstone.....	16	5	2,125	1	2,000	16	21,337	16	16	227	2,008
Young.....	5	1	188			5	2,078	5	5	105	563
<b>Missions:</b>											
California.....	19	2	1,700	2	7,500	18	6,864	18	19	281	1,769
Central States.....	28					28	10,772	24	30	261	1,501
Eastern States.....	28			2	4,200	25	12,505	22	23	196	1,798
Northern States.....	23	1	760	1	25,000	23	5,717	23	35	249	2,007
Northwestern States.....	17	1	1,000	2	6,463	17	4,707	17	32	305	1,198
Southern States.....	65	1	100			57	7,878	59	65	354	1,871
Western States.....	10					9	1,086	7	7	74	395

## REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

## HISTORY.

The death of Joseph Smith in 1844 was followed by the development of several factions among the Latter Day Saints, one of the strongest of which, led by Brigham Young, drew to itself a portion of the original church membership, and settled in Salt Lake City, Utah. Other organizations held for a time, but the great majority of the members were scattered, and their descendants still remain throughout the Mississippi Valley. Some of these scattered members, together with some congregations that had preserved their identity, effected a partial reorganization in Wisconsin in 1853, which was afterwards completed under the name, "Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," and which claims to be the true and lawful continuation of and successor to the original Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A few years later, 1860, they were joined by Joseph Smith, the son of the prophet, who identified himself with this organization, and was presiding officer until his death in 1914, when he was succeeded by his son. Subsequently the headquarters were removed to Lamoni, Iowa, where they are at present, although the largest branch is at Independence, Mo.

## DOCTRINE.

The general doctrine of the Reorganized Church is set forth in the preliminary statement of Latter Day Saints.

The Reorganized Church repudiates the revelation of plural marriage and maintains "that marriage is ordained of God; that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman, except in cases of death or where the contract is broken by transgression; consequently, that the doctrines of plurality and community of wives are heresies and are opposed to the law of God."

Among the special precepts of the Reorganized Church are the following:

That in all matters of controversy upon the duty of man toward God, and in reference to preparation and fitness for the world to come, the Word of God should be decisive and the end of the dispute; and that when God directs, man should obey.

That the religion of Jesus Christ, as taught in the New Testament Scriptures, will, if its precepts be accepted and obeyed, make men and women better in the domestic circle, and better citizens of town, county, and state, and consequently better fitted for the change which cometh at death.

That man should worship God in "spirit and in truth," and that such worship does not require a violation of the constitutional law of the land.

We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, allowing all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

The Reorganized Church denounces the doctrine of Adam-God, and of plurality of Gods; also the

doctrine of blood atonement, holding that there is but one atonement necessary and that was made complete by Jesus Christ.

## POLITY.

The general organization of the church for governmental purposes, aside from the priesthood, described in the preliminary statement, includes the branch, the stake or district, and the general conference. The branch corresponds to the minor local church or parish. It has its meetinghouse and is under the care of a presiding elder elected by the branch. A stake of Zion is composed of a number of branches occupying a certain territorial district, and a large branch (congregation) with which may be associated several smaller branches in the vicinity. At its head are a president and two counselors, who are high priests. The general conference, composed of representatives from each of the districts, stakes, or churches not in districts, meets once a year, in the spring, for legislation touching the general affairs of the church.

Bishops are the custodians and have charge of the finances and property interests of the church. The priest is to assist the presiding elder, and to preach, teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The duty of the teachers is to watch over the church, see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hardness with each other; neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking; and to see that the church meets together often. The deacon is the assistant of the teacher in all these duties, and is the custodian of the local church property under the direction of the bishops, priests, teachers, and deacons.

The Reorganized Church also holds strongly for the separation of church and state, and for the noninterference of the church as such in politics and governmental affairs. It holds for the independence of individual members and freedom of conscience, and that their religious service should be wholly voluntary.

## WORK.

The missionary work of the church, both home and foreign, is carried on by the seventies, under the direction of the Council of Twelve.

The report for 1916 shows 754 agents employed in the home missionary work, and 30 churches aided, the amount contributed for this work being about \$120,000.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Palestine, New Zealand, Hawaii, Society Islands, Canada, and Mexico. The report for 1916 shows 68 stations, 25 American missionaries, 869 native helpers, 143 organized churches, with 12,795 communicants; 1 school at Jerusalem, with 75 pupils;<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Suspended during the war with Germany.

and 1 home at Jerusalem, with 12 inmates. The total amount contributed for the foreign work in 1916 was \$5,500, and the value of property is estimated at \$175,000.

The church maintains a college at Lamoni, Iowa, and an institute of arts and sciences and a nurses' training school at Independence, Mo. The total number of students reported in these schools for 1916 was 318. The amount contributed for educational purposes was \$16,791, and the value of property used for such purposes is estimated at \$82,421.

The church conducts 1 hospital, in which 526 patients were treated during the year; 1 home for orphan children; and 5 homes for the aged, with a total of 115 inmates. The amount contributed for the support of these institutions in 1916 was \$27,189, and the property used for philanthropic purposes is valued at \$139,005.

Local Sunday schools are maintained both at home and in the foreign field, wherever conditions are suitable for them.

Other organizations are the Woman's Auxiliary for Social Service and the Zion's Religio-Literary Society for young people. The report for 1916 shows 292 branches of the young people's society, with a total membership of 12,589.

The church maintains two printing establishments, one at Lamoni, Iowa, from which the official paper and other publications are issued, and one at Independence, Mo.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 343 to 346, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it is seen that there has been a uniform though not large increase in the denomination in almost every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 565, as against 501 in 1906, an increase of 12.8 per cent, and the membership was 58,941, as against 40,851, showing a gain of 44.3 per cent. There was an increase of 73, or 23.6 per cent, in the number of church edifices, and the value of church property increased \$348,386, or 66.6 per cent. One additional church reported a parsonage, but the total value of parsonages reported by 6 organizations was \$4,750, as against \$6,100, reported by 5 organizations in 1906, a loss of 22.1 per cent. There was an increase of 155, or 38.5 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools, and the number of scholars increased

11,276, or 66.5 per cent. Contributions for general benevolences rose from \$160,080 in 1906 to \$169,480 in 1916, an increase of 5.9 per cent. The increase was entirely for domestic work, especially home missions, contributions for foreign mission work falling from \$13,000 to \$5,500, or 57.7 per cent.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 to 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	565	501	64	12.8
Members.....	58,941	40,851	18,090	44.3
Church edifices.....	352	309	73	23.6
Value of church property.....	\$871,571	\$523,185	\$348,386	66.6
Debt on church property.....	\$62,204	\$35,989	\$26,215	72.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	6	5	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$4,750	\$6,100	-\$1,350	-22.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	558	403	155	38.5
Officers and teachers.....	6,061	3,742	2,319	62.0
Scholars.....	28,222	16,946	11,276	66.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$169,480	\$160,080	\$9,400	5.9
Domestic.....	\$163,980	\$147,080	\$16,900	11.5
Foreign.....	\$5,500	\$13,000	-\$7,500	-57.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$145,036, reported by 422 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of ministers in the denomination was given as 1,200. Of these, 456 sent in schedules. No salaries, however, are paid; and of those who reported, 158 were engaged in farming.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 523 organizations in 1916, was 3,962, constituting 7.5 per cent of the 52,983 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 5,958 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 4,408.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 565 organizations, 563, with 58,592 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 2, with 349 members, reported services conducted in the Indian languages, Scandinavian, and English. In 1906 there were organizations reporting the use of German, Portuguese, and Welsh, as well as Scandinavian in their church services.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	565	565	58,941	556	23,394	31,604	378	145	382	390	\$871,571
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	11	11	980	11	385	595	6	4	7	7	17,625
Massachusetts.....	8	8	702	8	270	432	6	2	6	7	26,100
Rhode Island.....	3	3	346	3	134	212	3	-----	3	3	4,300
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	7	7	568	7	252	316	5	1	5	5	29,500
Pennsylvania.....	14	14	1,290	14	571	719	10	4	10	9	58,500
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	31	31	2,311	29	847	1,298	20	6	20	20	43,800
Indiana.....	8	8	671	8	287	384	8	-----	8	8	8,950
Illinois.....	45	45	3,949	45	1,701	2,248	28	11	29	31	57,078
Michigan.....	93	93	7,487	92	3,103	4,359	51	32	52	52	97,345
Wisconsin.....	11	11	915	11	401	514	7	4	7	8	14,920
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	4	4	410	4	182	228	3	1	4	3	4,000
Iowa.....	70	70	9,878	69	3,977	5,812	60	8	60	61	151,025
Missouri.....	64	64	9,974	63	3,054	3,880	48	14	48	47	137,904
North Dakota.....	6	6	385	6	173	212	2	2	2	2	4,500
Nebraska.....	20	20	1,973	20	841	1,132	15	4	15	14	29,400
Kansas.....	21	21	2,034	21	883	1,151	12	6	12	14	19,160
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	2	2	138	2	54	84	1	-----	1	1	2,250
West Virginia.....	11	11	622	11	233	389	6	5	6	6	14,250
Florida.....	4	4	297	4	128	169	3	-----	3	3	1,100
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	2	2	252	1	53	73	2	-----	2	2	1,700
Tennessee.....	5	5	417	4	136	171	3	1	3	3	4,150
Alabama.....	12	12	1,738	12	788	950	9	3	9	9	8,900
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	6	6	547	5	132	194	4	2	4	4	1,760
Oklahoma.....	21	21	2,335	21	1,064	1,271	17	1	17	17	19,000
Texas.....	11	11	1,013	11	417	596	8	3	8	8	8,500
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	9	9	639	9	304	335	4	5	4	5	6,670
Idaho.....	10	10	626	10	298	328	5	4	5	5	5,950
Wyoming.....	2	2	54	2	22	32	-----	2	-----	-----	-----
Colorado.....	13	13	1,197	13	501	696	4	9	4	5	13,230
Arizona.....	3	3	128	3	49	79	2	1	2	3	1,840
Utah.....	4	4	563	4	245	318	2	1	2	2	15,500
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	7	7	907	7	391	516	5	1	5	5	11,501
Oregon.....	5	5	638	5	269	369	5	-----	5	5	5,300
California.....	20	20	2,848	19	1,196	1,486	13	7	13	15	44,265
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	109	2	53	56	1	1	1	1	1,600

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and Louisiana.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	565	82	\$62,204	6	\$4,750	422	\$145,036	501	558	6,061	28,222
New England division:											
Maine.....	11	2	925			7	1,454	9	12	103	641
Massachusetts.....	8	3	3,236			8	3,493	8	8	133	533
Rhode Island.....	3					3	1,510	3	3	40	160
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	7	2	7,100			6	4,154	7	7	81	490
Pennsylvania.....	14	2	4,244			11	9,146	14	14	197	1,087
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	31	8	5,722			18	5,018	25	27	249	1,089
Indiana.....	8	1	600			5	534	7	8	81	321
Illinois.....	45	8	4,380			37	10,062	43	50	502	2,166
Michigan.....	93	17	11,329	1	1,000	60	22,243	81	92	990	3,736
Wisconsin.....	11	3	3,125			10	1,601	10	12	120	429
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	4	1	53			4	2,711	4	4	40	212
Iowa.....	70	7	4,430	1	2,000	62	24,054	66	70	894	4,560
Missouri.....	64	3	910			54	20,700	58	64	875	4,857
North Dakota.....	6	1	150			3	570	5	5	28	145
Nebraska.....	20	2	4,250	1	400	15	5,470	18	21	198	858
Kansas.....	21	1	600			15	3,712	14	18	207	1,074
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2					1	265	2	2	27	96
West Virginia.....	11	2	660			4	1,280	6	6	56	289
Florida.....	4					2	300	4	4	37	134
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2					1	50	1	1	12	47
Tennessee.....	5					2	410	3	3	15	121
Alabama.....	12	2	145			9	1,770	12	12	134	634
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	6	1	85			2	212	6	6	37	159
Oklahoma.....	21	4	685			17	2,111	18	19	195	959
Texas.....	11	1	850			9	2,291	9	10	84	422
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	9					7	1,178	9	10	67	292
Idaho.....	10	1	300			5	1,254	8	9	71	303
Wyoming.....	2							1	1	3	48
Colorado.....	13	2	2,000			11	4,773	12	14	130	543
Arizona.....	3	1	125			3	736	3	4	33	107
Utah.....	4	2	4,180	1	500	2	2,180	2	2	27	90
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	7			1	500	5	2,510	7	10	90	359
Oregon.....	5	2	700	1	350	4	865	5	5	70	286
California.....	20	2	1,245			19	6,349	19	23	225	905
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	175			1	90		2	10	70

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and Louisiana.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	565	82	\$62,204	6	\$4,750	422	\$145,036	501	558	6,061	28,222
Alabama.....	3					2	924	3	3	33	211
Arizona.....	3	1	125			3	736	3	4	33	107
Arkansas.....	3	1	85			1	187	3	3	19	100
Central Illinois.....	7					6	1,389	7	9	110	469
Central Michigan.....	27	7	4,854			16	7,413	24	25	236	966
Central Nebraska.....	5			1	400	4	1,527	4	4	29	136
Central Oklahoma.....	9	1	400			8	1,489	8	9	92	411
Central Texas.....	5	1	850			4	1,166	4	4	41	199
Clinton.....	10	1	600			9	3,171	10	10	124	559
Des Moines.....	11	4	1,980	1	2,000	6	2,010	10	12	122	637
Eastern Colorado.....	11	2	2,000			7	4,181	9	11	98	466
Eastern Iowa.....	5	1	250			5	920	5	5	52	222
Eastern Maine.....	4	2	925			2	702	3	5	49	312
Eastern Michigan.....	26	5	2,495			19	6,800	20	22	236	1,019
Eastern Montana.....	5					3	613	5	5	41	199
Eastern Oklahoma.....	7	1	175			5	191	7	8	62	337
Far West.....	16					16	8,841	16	20	242	1,312
Florida.....	8					4	339	8	8	75	322
Fremont.....	8	1	400			7	1,148	8	8	71	254
Galland Grove.....	9					9	1,498	9	9	106	394
Idaho.....	6	1	300			3	1,045	5	5	41	205
Independence Stake.....	4					4	4,334	4	4	194	1,491
Iowa-Lamoni Stake.....	16					15	4,441	14	14	301	1,512
Kansas.....	2					1	38	1	1	15	40
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	6					3	460	3	3	15	121
Kewanee.....	9	2	3,300			7	2,060	9	9	87	381
Kirtland.....	6					2	1,198	2	2	28	173
Little Sioux.....	12	1	1,800			12	11,673	12	12	134	886
Louisiana.....	1					1	31	1	1	4	35
Massachusetts.....	11	3	3,236			11	5,003	11	11	173	713
Minnesota.....	4	1	53			4	2,711	4	4	40	212
Mobile.....	5	2	145			5	807	5	5	63	235
Nauvoo.....	7					7	1,406	7	8	91	404
Nebraska.....	3					2	31	3	3	25	112
New York.....	6	1	1,600			5	1,454	6	6	56	250
New York and Philadelphia.....	10	4	9,919			8	11,219	10	10	173	1,107
Nodaway.....	5	2	160			3	525	5	5	45	227
North Dakota.....	6	1	150			3	570	5	5	28	145
Northeastern Illinois.....	11	2	500			9	3,905	11	13	126	535
Northeastern Kansas.....	8					5	1,176	5	5	68	311
Northeastern Missouri.....	3					3	304	3	3	44	167
Northeastern Nebraska.....	6					4	1,785	5	8	69	372
Northern California.....	12	1	600			11	3,173	11	13	146	468
Northern Michigan.....	18	2	375			9	980	18	23	222	749
Northern Wisconsin.....	3	2	2,225			3	872	3	3	41	169
Northwestern Kansas.....	3					1	20	1	1	6	29
Northwestern Ohio.....	6	2	1,700			3	653	5	5	40	162
Pittsburgh.....	9	2	542			6	2,047	9	9	96	456
Portland.....	4	1	500	1	350	3	225	4	4	60	188
Pottawattamie.....	7					5	2,135	6	7	87	508
St. Louis.....	15	2	450			14	3,047	14	14	149	713
Seattle and British Columbia.....	3					3	1,446	3	6	53	198
Southeastern Illinois.....	10	2	130			8	597	8	11	92	413
Southern California.....	8	1	645			8	3,171	8	10	79	437
Southern Indiana.....	5					2	240	4	4	37	138
Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana.....	15	2	3,400	1	1,000	10	5,146	13	14	156	656
Southern Missouri.....	12					8	311	8	9	52	269
Southern Nebraska.....	6	2	4,250			5	2,127	6	6	75	238
Southern Ohio.....	16	3	3,140			11	2,298	15	17	151	663
Southern Wisconsin.....	8	1	900			7	729	7	9	79	260
Southwestern Oregon.....	2	1	200			2	670	2	2	24	107
Southwestern Texas.....	4					3	1,020	3	3	27	133
Spokane.....	6			1	500	3	1,243	6	7	53	230
Spring River.....	13	2	785			12	3,742	11	16	188	1,024
Utah.....	5	2	4,180	1	500	2	2,180	2	2	27	90
Western Colorado.....	4					4	592	4	4	35	125
Western Maine.....	7					5	752	6	7	54	329
Western Michigan.....	11	2	805			9	2,198	10	13	176	576
Western Montana.....	4					4	565	4	5	26	93
Western Oklahoma.....	7	1	75			5	400	5	5	47	260
West Virginia.....	8	1	300			1	15	3	3	20	83
Youngstown-Sharon.....	5	2	700			5	1,049	5	5	52	192

## LITHUANIAN NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The Lithuanian National Catholic Church of America was organized by the Rt. Rev. S. B. Mickiewicz, and is in connection, though not ecclesiastically, with the Old Roman Catholic Church. It represents the emigration to the United States from the Baltic Provinces—Lithuanian, Polish, and Slavic—and includes a number of communities in general sympathy with the movement of the Old Catholic churches against the dogma of papal infallibility. In common with the Old Catholic churches, the Lithuanian Church accepts the first seven general councils and uses the Niceno-Constantinopolitan creed. The liturgy is Latin but the services are conducted for each race in its own language. The supreme ecclesiastical authority is vested in a synod. It maintains a seminary which prepares students for the priesthood of the church.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lithuanian National Catholic Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics

to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This church was reported for the first time in 1916 and claimed 7 organizations; a membership of 7,343—4,583 males and 2,760 females; 6 church edifices; church property valued at \$88,000, on which a debt of \$65,700 was reported; 1 parsonage valued at \$6,000; and 1 Sunday school, with 2 officers and teachers and 140 scholars.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$17,374, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age was 3,131, constituting 42.6 per cent of the 7,343 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

The only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination was Lithuanian.

The number of priests identified with the church was given as 3, of whom 2 sent in schedules reporting annual salaries averaging \$720.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lithuanian National Catholic Church...	7	7	7,343	7	4,583	2,760	6	6	6	\$88,000	
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	3,786	2	2,524	1,262	2	2	2	48,000	
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	3,557	5	2,059	1,498	4	4	4	40,000	

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lithuanian National Catholic Church...	7	6	\$65,700	1	\$6,000	7	\$17,374	1	1	2	140
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	34,300			2	10,550	1	1	2	140
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	4	31,400	1	6,000	5	6,824				

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.



## LUTHERAN BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The earliest Lutherans to settle in North America came from Holland to Manhattan Island in 1623 with the first Dutch colony. For some years they had great difficulty in establishing worship of their own, the Dutch authorities, ecclesiastical and civil, having received instructions "to encourage no other doctrine in the New Netherland than the true Reformed." A Lutheran pastor, the Rev. John Ernest Goetwater, was sent to this country in 1657 by the Lutheran consistory of Amsterdam to minister to two Lutheran congregations in New York and Albany, but he was not allowed to enter upon his ministrations, and after a few months was sent back to Holland by representatives of the Reformed faith. When the English took possession of New York, in 1674, the Lutherans were allowed full liberty of worship.

The first independent colony of Lutherans was established on the Delaware by Swedes who were sent over in 1638 by the prime minister of King Gustavus Adolphus. Reorus Torkillus, the first Lutheran minister to settle in the territory of the United States, arrived in 1639. He held Lutheran services in Fort Christina, and the first Lutheran church, a blockhouse, was built soon afterwards.

In 1643 the Rev. John Campanius, another Swedish Lutheran minister, arrived, and in 1646 built a Lutheran church at Tinicum, Pa., 9 miles southwest of Philadelphia. He also translated Luther's Catechism into the Indian language, antedating Eliot's Bible, though the latter was published first. In 1669 a block church was erected by the Swedes at Wicaco, now a part of Philadelphia, and about 1694 the first English Lutheran services were held in Germantown and in Philadelphia by Heinrich Bernhard Koester. The block church at Wicaco was superseded in 1700 by the Gloria Dei Church, which is still standing, as is also Trinity Church at Wilmington, Del., the corner stone of which was laid in 1698. The first German Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, that at Falckner's Swamp, Montgomery County, is thought to date from 1703, and the Rev. Daniel Falckner was its first pastor. In 1710 a large number of exiles from the Palatinate settled in New York and Pennsylvania, and in 1734 a colony of Salzburgers planted the Lutheran Church in Georgia. In 1728 the missionary, John Caspar Stoever, traveled from Germantown and the banks of the Delaware to the Susquehanna at York, and finally into Maryland, and organized German Lutheran congregations in the interior of Pennsylvania. But it was left to the Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who arrived in Philadelphia in 1742, and became the patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, to bring these primitive congregations into order, to infuse into them a sound piety and a true

church life, to provide them with good pastors, and to introduce schools for the education of the children. The sphere of Muhlenberg's activities included New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

By the middle of the eighteenth century Pennsylvania contained about 30,000 Lutherans of whom four-fifths were Germans and one-fifth Swedes. In 1748 Muhlenberg, with 6 other ministers and with lay delegates from congregations, organized the Synod, or Ministerium, of Pennsylvania, the first Lutheran synod in this country. In 1786 the second synod, the Ministerium of New York, was formed, and in 1803 the Synod of North Carolina; but it was not until 1818, with the organization of the Synod of Ohio, that the growth of the denomination became rapid.

The extraordinary growth of the Lutheran communion in this country is due primarily to immigration from Lutheran countries, a large proportion of American Lutherans being either German immigrants or the offspring of German immigrants. There are also large bodies from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland, and some from other European countries.

As Lutheran immigration increased there was a corresponding development of activity on the part of different synods in their efforts to reach all newcomers, the lead being taken by the Pittsburgh Synod, organized in 1843. As a result a number of independent synods were formed, each adapted to the peculiar condition of language, previous ecclesiastical relation, or geographic location. As, however, the churches came into closer fellowship, the distinctive features in many cases faded out of view and there were evident marked tendencies toward the elimination of the dividing lines. In some instances, especially among the smaller synods, the churches gradually became absorbed in the other synods. This has been the case in the Texas Synod, the Synod of Michigan, and the Immanuel Synod, while the Slovak Synod joined the Synodical Conference as a body. These movements for unions have resulted in the organization of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and in plans for the United Lutheran Church in America.

The National Lutheran Commission for soldiers' and sailors' welfare, which was organized to coordinate the many Lutheran efforts to serve the men "with the colors," has the full cooperation of the Lutheran bodies in the United States. It works through the general executive committee in the east section, and a special western committee in charge of the western part of the country. Chaplains are recommended for appointment and are equipped; camp pastors are sent where a large number of Lutheran boys are found; churches near camps are strengthened; a direct touch of the commission and the home church is maintained with those in service; and the whole church is mobilized

for service in the emergency. The Synodical Conference reserves the right to administer to its own members in spiritual matters, cooperating with other bodies in governmental and other external matters.

The Lutherans believe firmly in the separation of church and state, in keeping the church out of politics, and in loyalty to the United States. They bore their share in the war against Germany, and raised a million and a quarter dollars in two weeks for providing for the spiritual wants of the soldiers.

*Doctrine.*—The system of faith held by Lutherans is set forth in the Augsburg Confession. A number of other symbols, known as "Luther's Catechisms, Larger and Smaller," the "Apology of the Augsburg Confession," the "Smalcald Articles," and the "Formula of Concord," are regarded as setting forth more or less fully the doctrinal system in the Augsburg Confession, and the differences between the various bodies, so far as they are doctrinal in character, are based chiefly upon deductions made from these other symbols; all alike accept the Augsburg Confession. The special features of each body are given in the statement for that body.

The cardinal doctrine of the system is that of justification by faith alone. The doctrine second in importance is that the Word of God is the only rule and source of faith and life. The Word of God reaches the mind and soul through the preaching of the Law and the Gospel, which begets daily repentance and faith, the two true marks of a Christian life. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are not regarded as mere signs or memorials, but as channels through which God offers His grace.

The Lutheran system does not center in the doctrine of the sovereignty of God or in the doctrine of the church, but it centers in the gospel of Christ for fallen man. It is conservative in spirit, and holds to all the teachings and customs of the ancient Church that do not appear to it to be in conflict with the Scriptures. Its unity is a unity of doctrine, and its independence is an independence of government. Unity of government in the Lutheran Church, or in the Christian Church as a whole on earth, is a secondary matter to Lutherans, since the true unity is that of the invisible Church, to which belong all in every land and church who are true believers, and these are known to God alone. The visible Church exists in its work and office, and for the defense of the truth, but not as an object in itself. Lutherans believe in the real presence of the Lord's body in the sacrament, but they reject both transubstantiation, as held by the Roman Catholic Church, and consubstantiation, as attributed to them by some writers. They believe that the real body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the earthly elements in the Lord's Supper, and that these are received sacramentally and supernaturally. Infant baptism is practiced, and baptized per-

sons are regarded as having received from the Holy Spirit the potential gift of regeneration, and as members of the church, though full membership follows confirmation. The mode of baptism is considered of secondary importance.

In this connection it should be stated that as it is the custom of the Lutheran Church to receive into full membership only those who have been confirmed, and as confirmation is after arrival at the age of 13 years, no members under that age are reported for the Lutheran bodies.<sup>1</sup>

*Polity.*—The polity of the Lutheran Church is congregational in so far as the authority of ecclesiastical bodies over the local church is concerned; on the other hand, in its general organization, particularly for administrative or consultative purposes, it is rather representative, and any lay member of the congregation is eligible to election as a delegate to the synod to which the congregation belongs.

The organization of the local church includes primarily the congregation and a church council, consisting of the pastor and the church officers, who are usually elders and deacons, though in some cases they are deacons and trustees. The church officers are laymen and are elected for a term of years, varying according to state laws. The pastor is elected by the male voting members of the congregation, can be dismissed by the congregation without reference to general ecclesiastical authority, and frequently does not even have a vote except by virtue of his position in the congregation. Where there are elders and deacons, the elders care for the spiritual concerns of the congregation, while the deacons have charge of temporal affairs. Where there are deacons and trustees, the deacons have the care of spiritual matters, and the trustees of temporal affairs. In certain cases a board of trustees, aside from the elders and deacons, has charge of the property. Each church governs its own secular affairs according to its constitution.

Above the local church are conferences and synods of varying constitution and form, according to the different bodies. Some have no ecclesiastical authority, and are simply gatherings of churches for mutual consultation. Others have legislative authority committed to them, and their action is ordinarily recognized and approved by the churches. In general, however, each church retains its right of approval or disapproval, but in case of disapproval the higher body is at liberty to drop the church or the pastor, or both, from the rolls, or at least to advise this course.

Ordination to the Lutheran ministry is in general conducted by district synods at their annual meetings, although in exceptional cases it may be at another time and place by a committee appointed for the purpose. It follows examination of the can-

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

didate by a committee of the synod, which covers his scholastic attainments, his fitness for the office and his loyalty to the Lutheran Confessions, particularly the Augsburg Confession. Each minister is a member of the synod which ordained him, or of the synod in which he is a pastor, and is subject to its discipline. The Lutheran churches have a liturgical form of

worship and observe the various general festivals of the Christian Church year.

The denominations grouped under the name Lutheran in 1916 and in 1906 are listed in the table below with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. Changes since 1906 in certain synods have already been noted.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF LUTHERAN BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
LUTHERAN BODIES.										
1916.										
General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.....	1,846	370,715	1,813	\$24,271,797	\$2,376,634	812	\$2,386,790	1,810	30,657	311,501
United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.....	492	56,656	488	2,572,245	166,181	164	451,250	441	4,784	43,697
General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.....	2,389	540,642	2,330	32,108,091	4,530,425	980	4,187,578	2,385	33,954	307,595
Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of America.....	3,621	777,701	3,301	25,973,538	3,261,637	2,220	5,792,672	1,584	10,237	110,300
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America:										
Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod.....	362	29,893	255	1,128,488	72,713	58	185,500	298	1,571	14,011
Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.....	987	112,673	800	4,383,151	363,588	252	898,874	465	2,817	24,313
United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.....	1,391	176,084	1,210	5,990,280	324,818	352	1,157,375	873	5,723	44,042
Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.....										
Lutheran Synod of Buffalo.....	827	164,968	807	5,718,462	679,504	474	1,247,255	714	5,641	66,773
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Eielsen's Synod.....	42	6,128	41	244,163	32,750	27	54,150	23	176	1,524
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.....	20	1,206	8	23,500	900	.....	.....	11	36	245
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	977	180,793	879	4,057,635	250,214	481	1,127,225	808	3,546	38,120
Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in North America.....	101	14,544	93	394,809	44,934	56	148,352	68	263	2,981
Immanuel Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.....	14	1,830	12	35,450	1,360	2	4,000	11	68	435
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, or Suomi Synod.....	15	2,978	8	78,000	.....	5	16,750	9	85	669
Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian).....	134	18,881	92	368,771	45,953	22	55,330	203	1,362	9,752
United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	378	28,180	311	1,116,760	67,719	85	222,150	267	1,450	10,285
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church.....	192	17,324	173	696,780	45,088	90	235,470	178	1,012	7,777
Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish).....	64	7,933	41	125,091	15,790	3	12,000	54	192	2,077
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (Norwegian).....	47	6,664	34	64,942	1,467	.....	.....	27	112	1,109
Evangelical Lutheran Jehovah Conference.....	23	892	19	45,410	6,495	1	1,200	22	113	641
	6	831	7	17,800	4,600	3	4,400	4	37	492
1906.										
General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.....	1,734	270,221	1,720	16,875,429	1,593,778	688	1,815,250	1,696	26,288	225,948
United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.....	449	47,747	442	1,509,760	49,692	149	339,550	385	3,901	30,039
General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.....	2,146	462,177	2,106	22,394,618	2,944,683	797	2,607,237	2,110	28,845	254,882
Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of America.....	3,301	648,529	2,808	18,916,407	2,178,741	1,813	3,587,760	1,546	6,168	94,009
United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.....	1,177	185,027	1,018	3,668,588	166,203	246	651,370	995	5,109	43,714
Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.....	772	123,408	712	3,606,285	333,580	378	746,264	624	4,395	47,609
Lutheran Synod of Buffalo.....	33	5,270	34	130,000	10,314	20	36,400	14	58	626
Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod.....	272	33,268	226	682,135	55,205	51	103,149	218	1,101	8,995
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Eielsen's Synod.....	26	1,013	6	15,900	50	1	1,500	6	13	112
German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.....	25	2,440	18	30,050	1,000	14	10,850	18	57	808
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.....	828	110,254	705	2,327,093	116,505	406	627,853	640	2,449	27,642
Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	927	107,712	649	2,469,713	165,053	203	566,805	443	1,945	18,714
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan and Other States.....	55	9,697	53	184,700	12,775	35	51,050	39	239	2,462
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	92	12,541	70	248,700	37,514	42	72,200	64	231	2,983
Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in North America.....	14	2,101	14	32,350	998	2	2,300	13	49	498
Immanuel Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America.....	11	3,275	11	89,300	6,250	7	34,300	11	124	1,125
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, or Suomi Synod.....										
Norwegian Lutheran Free Church.....	105	12,907	50	151,345	19,550	16	28,750	108	571	4,515
United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	320	26,923	219	660,310	38,623	46	91,000	233	1,127	7,479
Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America.....	198	16,340	140	418,450	43,425	60	103,900	153	775	6,116
	59	12,141	31	219,300	60,700	10	33,100	12	13	585
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church.....										
Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish).....	66	10,111	43	95,150	12,500	2	2,000	60	272	2,144
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (Norwegian).....	68	8,170	37	62,856	1,200	1	2,000	27	78	1,038
Evangelical Lutheran Jehovah Conference.....	16	482	10	16,400	3,575	1	1,100	16	62	393
	9	735	12	21,550	7,550	6	6,300	10	21	350

## GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

While Lutheran communities were found in this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, it was not for another century that they were generally organized into churches or gathered into ecclesiastical bodies. The first synod was the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the second, the Ministerium of New York, and the third, the Synod of North Carolina,<sup>1</sup> each absolutely independent of the others, and jealous of its independence. The celebration, in 1817, of the tercentenary of the Reformation served to bring the various communities together, and, with the organization of the Synod of Ohio in 1818, and the Synod of Maryland and Virginia early in 1820, a demand arose for a general body to unify these different elements. A call was therefore issued for a convention at Hagerstown, Md., in the latter part of 1820. Representatives were present from the Ministeriums of Pennsylvania and New York, and from the Synods of North Carolina and of Maryland and Virginia. They were expected from the Synod of Ohio, but none came. A form of constitution was agreed upon for an organization to be called the "General Synod," and was referred to the participating synods for ratification. Committees were appointed to consider the establishment of a theological seminary and a missionary institution, and also to provide means for the care of poor ministers and ministers' widows and orphans.

The organization was established with a hopeful outlook, but unexpected opposition soon developed among the congregations, many of which looked upon all organization as a form of ecclesiastical tyranny. The reason for the absence of representatives of the Synod of Ohio from the convention at Hagerstown was stated to be a fear that uniform hymn books and liturgies would be introduced, contrary to an article in the Augsburg Confession; that delegates to the General Synod would usurp the rights of other ministers and thus infringe upon the freedom and parity of the ministry; that incorporation would follow, with the enforcement of resolutions by law; and that in the General Synod English would soon prevail, whereas in other places German must remain the dominant language. The German element of Pennsylvania also made earnest protest against the new organization.

A year later, at the first meeting of the synod, in Frederick, Md., only 10 delegates were present, representing the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Synods of North Carolina and of Maryland and Virginia. New York kept aloof entirely, and two years later the Ministerium of Pennsylvania withdrew, because its leaders were unable to overcome the opposition of the congregations in the rural districts,

influenced probably by a protest in the Reformed churches against a projected General Synod in that denomination. Ohio had elected delegates to this convention, but learning of the withdrawal of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, they did not attend. The result was that for a long time the General Synod remained practically confined to the 3 small synods of North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia, and West Pennsylvania, which had been formed from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania after the latter's refusal to enter the General Synod.

Nevertheless, relations between the different bodies were cordial; delegates were interchanged and many pastors and congregations which remained outside manifested their sympathy with the movements of the General Synod and contributed freely to them. This was in general the position of the Ministerium of New York, until, in 1837, it joined the General Synod. In 1834 the single Ministerium of Pennsylvania, with 26,882 communicants, was larger than the whole General Synod, which had only 20,249. Others joined from time to time, and in 1853 the Ministerium of Pennsylvania entered its fellowship. When the Civil War broke out, the General Synod embraced 23 synods and more than two-thirds of the Lutheran communicants in the United States. This war, however, occasioned the loss of the 5 southern synods.

Meanwhile the confessional question assumed greater and greater importance. In the General Synod the adoption of English as the language of worship proceeded with great rapidity, and the increasing fellowship with other denominations, which was one of its features, created a feeling on the part of many that it was not loyal to distinctive Lutheranism. The conservatism of many of its congregations was almost as strong as that of some of the older synods which stood aloof, yet on the other hand there was, in the General Synod, a very strong movement against what were considered rigid interpretations of Lutheran standards. In 1864 came the admission to the General Synod of the Franckean Synod, "which pressed 'new measures' to the extreme." The liberal tendency thus manifest in the organization of the General Synod was strongly opposed by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which refused to recognize the Franckean Synod. This refusal was interpreted as a virtual separation from the General Synod, and when the Pennsylvania delegates appeared in the convention of 1866 they were declined recognition until the situation should be clearly understood.

The matter thus came to a crisis and resulted, in 1866, in a call by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for a convention, at which the General Council was organized. The new organization gathered to itself those elements in the General Synod which were more con-

<sup>1</sup> See Lutheran bodies, p. 348.

servative, not so much in their individual beliefs, as in their conception of the mutual relations of persons and churches holding different beliefs. While the withdrawal of these synods was a serious loss, the General Synod was left, in greater harmony and freedom, to develop along its special lines, and since then its growth has been steady and substantial.

It has, however, never lost sight of its original purpose, to bring together the different Lutheran synods in the United States; and, as the conception of a broader fellowship, even union, of the church has developed, it has shared in the movements to that end. It is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is represented on the Advisory Committee of the World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order. It has welcomed the merging of three Lutheran bodies, akin in faith and origin, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America; and has had a prominent part in the action by which the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, are to form with itself the United Lutheran Church in America.

#### DOCTRINE.

In practice the General Synod is the most liberal of evangelical Lutheran bodies, freely affiliating with other churches of evangelical faith, while in doctrine it is increasingly conservative. The higher criticism is almost without a representative among its ministers. Justification by faith alone is preached with great emphasis. The two sacraments are regarded as true bearers of grace; the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ are received "sacramentally and supernaturally" in the Eucharist. Transubstantiation and consubstantiation are both rejected. A liturgical form of worship is used. The standard of faith is the Augsburg Confession, and the young people are carefully instructed in Luther's Smaller Catechism. The confessional basis of the General Synod, to which all its district synods are required to conform, is as follows:

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the fathers, the General Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and it receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of our Church as founded upon that Word.

#### POLITY.

While the polity of the General Synod is congregational, recognizing the sovereignty of the individual church in the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, in the synodical system that prevails, a measure of judicial and executive authority is conferred by the individual churches upon the district synods. These in turn convey cer-

tain representative powers to the General Synod, such as the preparation of all liturgies, hymn books, and catechisms, and the care of the general missionary and benevolent operations of the church.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the General Synod is carried on through the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Offerings are gathered for the cause through the district synods, by the apportionment system, and these funds are distributed according to the judgment of the board. The report for 1916 shows 275 missionaries employed in this work; 500 missions aided, and contributions amounting to \$250,000.

These missions are located in 29 states and the Dominion of Canada. Pennsylvania had the largest number, 52; Nebraska had 24; Illinois, 23; New York, 21; Ohio, 20; California, 19; and the remainder, except 1 in the Dominion of Canada, were scattered through the other 23 states. Most of the home mission churches of the General Synod are established in the larger cities, where they minister chiefly to the religious needs of the Lutheran portion of the foreign population, which is rapidly acquiring the use of the English language.

The Board of Foreign Missions operates in India, Africa, and South America. The India mission at Guntur, among the Telugus, was founded by J. C. F. Heyer in 1842 and has been most successful. The report for 1916 shows for the 3 fields 17 stations, occupied by 66 American missionaries and 975 native helpers; 679 congregations, with 19,809 communicants; 3 theological seminaries, with 35 students; 1 college, with 145 students; 7 secondary schools, with 1,895 scholars; and 401 primary and day schools, with 13,382 scholars. There were 5 hospitals, treating 10,907 patients, and 4 orphanages, with 56 inmates. The total amount contributed for the foreign field was \$145,252, the value of property was estimated at \$250,000, and there are endowments amounting to \$65,000.

In close harmony with the home and foreign boards is the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, first organized at Canton, Ohio, in 1879. Local societies have been organized into 23 synodical societies, and these in turn into a general society, which meets biennially. The affairs of the general society are in charge of an executive committee of 13 women, and all funds are disbursed through the general missionary boards of the church. At the convention of 1917 there were reported 1,389 auxiliaries; 797 women's societies, with 25,620 members; 260 young people's societies, with 6,997 members; and 332 children's bands, with 14,565 members. During the biennium \$181,070 was raised by the societies for missionary purposes.

The educational work of the General Synod is conducted by a board of education elected by the synod, by committees of district synods, and by a number of educational institutions connected with the synod and reporting to it. The board of education, whose financial receipts in 1916 were \$89,747, has for its chief work the aiding of the weaker institutions, such as Hartwick Seminary, Carthage College, Midland College, and the Western Seminary. The regular committees of the district synods raised during the year 1916 the sum of \$32,023 for ministerial education, making a total of \$121,770 given for educational purposes. Of the 11 institutions of the General Synod in the United States, the oldest is Hartwick Seminary, in New York, founded in 1797. The theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., was founded in 1826; the Pennsylvania College at the same place, in 1832; and Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, together with Hamma Divinity Hall, in 1845. They show a total of 2,544 students and 140 teachers. The value of school property is estimated at \$2,228,625, and there are productive endowments approximating \$1,429,371, making a total of \$3,657,996.

There are 6 orphanages and 3 institutions for the care of the aged, which together, in 1916, cared for 405 inmates. There is also a Deaconess Motherhouse and training school, in Baltimore, Md., which is governed by a board elected by the General Synod, with which 58 deaconesses and probationers are connected, and which has property valued at \$100,000. The first hospital of the General Synod is being established in New York City. The statistics for 1916 show 10 benevolent institutions, with 405 inmates; \$61,694 contributed; property valued at \$625,000; and an endowment of \$137,000.

Young people's societies are maintained in a majority of the congregations, some of them known as "Christian Endeavor Societies," and others as "Luther Leagues." There were 1,309 of these societies in 1916, with a total membership of 51,104, and their contributions for local expenses and benevolences amounted to \$70,004. The brotherhoods of the churches have now been federated and hold a meeting biennially in connection with the meeting of the General Synod. There are about 397 of these brotherhoods, with 16,200 members. They are active in all church work, but no reports have been made of their contributions. The parochial reports show that during the year \$106,451 was contributed by the churches for such "external objects" of benevolence as are not cared for by any of the boards of the church, and which can not be classified.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lutheran General Synod for 1916 are given, by states and synods, in the tables on pages 354 to 356; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,846	1,734	112	6.5
Members.....	370,715	270,221	100,494	37.2
Church edifices.....	1,813	1,720	93	5.4
Value of church property.....	\$24,271,797	\$16,875,429	\$7,396,368	43.8
Debt on church property.....	\$2,376,634	\$1,593,778	\$782,856	49.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	812	688	124	18.0
Value.....	\$2,886,790	\$1,815,250	\$1,071,540	59.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,810	1,696	114	6.7
Officers and teachers.....	30,657	26,288	4,369	16.6
Scholars.....	311,501	225,948	85,553	37.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$578,716	\$392,718	\$185,998	47.4
Domestic.....	\$433,464	\$319,546	\$113,918	35.6
Foreign.....	\$145,252	\$73,172	\$72,080	98.5

From this table it appears that the denomination reported an increase in every particular. Comparatively slight gains were made in number of organizations, church edifices, and Sunday schools, and larger gains in other particulars. The total number of organizations reported in 1916 was 1,846 as against 1,734 in 1906, a gain of 6.5 per cent, while the membership rose from 270,221 to 370,715, or 37.2 per cent. The value of church property increased from \$16,875,429 to \$24,271,797, or 43.8 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$2,376,634 was reported by 476 organizations in 1916, as against \$1,593,778 reported by 412 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 688 to 812, or 18 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$1,815,250 to \$2,886,790, or 59 per cent. There was an increase of 114, or 6.7 per cent, in Sunday schools; an increase of 4,369, or 16.6 per cent, in their officers and teachers; and an increase of 85,553, or 37.9 per cent, in their scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$392,718 in 1906 to \$578,716 in 1916, or 47.4 per cent, the larger proportional increase being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$4,342,251 were reported by 1,810 organizations. They cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 1,846 organizations, 1,617, with 322,742 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 229, with 47,973 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English, and of these, 83 organizations, with 10,987 members, used German only. The foreign languages used were Danish, German, and Slavic, the principal one being German, the use of which, alone or with English, was reported by 226 organizations and 47,580 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 33 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages, but an increase of 1,588 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,514. Schedules were received from 1,232, as shown, by states, in the next column:

Of the 1,232 ministers reported, 1,048 were in pastoral service and 184 were not in pastoral work. Of the latter, 103 were retired, 21 were engaged in denominational work, and 34 in educational and editorial work. The average annual salary reported by 994 ministers was \$1,120.

STATE.	Number from whom schedules were received.	MINISTERS: 1916.			Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,232	1,000	48	184	\$1,120
Alabama.....	1	1			
California.....	34	27	1	6	1,204
Colorado.....	13	9	2	2	1,122
Connecticut.....	3	1		2	1,200
Delaware.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	17	10	1	6	1,339
Florida.....	1			1	
Georgia.....	1			1	
Idaho.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	93	77	6	10	1,077
Indiana.....	47	42		5	995
Iowa.....	32	28	2	2	1,099
Kansas.....	47	30	5	12	975
Kentucky.....	11	11			1,205
Maryland.....	77	64	1	12	1,111
Massachusetts.....	1			1	
Michigan.....	9	8		1	1,195
Minnesota.....	1			1	
Missouri.....	13	9	2	2	1,305
Nebraska.....	99	81	3	12	950
New Jersey.....	36	33	1	2	1,100
New Mexico.....	5	3		2	1,080
New York.....	101	82	4	15	1,059
North Dakota.....	3	3			1,000
Ohio.....	131	98	4	29	1,205
Oklahoma.....	5	4		1	542
Oregon.....	2		1	1	
Pennsylvania.....	418	348	15	55	1,187
South Dakota.....	2				600
Tennessee.....	3	3			933
Texas.....	1	1			
Virginia.....	1	1			
Washington.....	2	1		1	1,200
West Virginia.....	13	12		1	1,160
Wisconsin.....	5	5			938
Wyoming.....	2	1		1	1,250

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—General Synod.....	1,846	1,846	370,715	1,651	142,164	191,589	1,804	27	1,813	1,811	\$24,271,797
New England division:											
Connecticut.....	2	2	509	2	228	281			2	2	22,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	126	126	27,574	115	11,213	14,851	124	2	125	125	2,306,625
New Jersey.....	35	35	8,406	34	3,366	5,002	33	1	33	33	500,860
Pennsylvania.....	748	748	165,394	645	62,422	83,682	740	2	741	742	9,981,512
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	200	200	39,503	188	15,230	21,571	198	2	199	198	2,763,800
Indiana.....	87	87	10,505	76	4,089	5,718	87		87	87	739,930
Illinois.....	125	125	23,678	119	9,963	13,031	122	1	122	123	1,400,925
Michigan.....	14	14	3,605	13	1,273	1,988	14		15	14	243,700
Wisconsin.....	10	10	1,392	8	438	562	9	1	9	9	51,800
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	36	36	7,457	33	2,659	3,808	36		36	36	484,950
Missouri.....	17	17	2,375	17	960	1,415	17		17	17	225,045
North Dakota.....	3	3	200	3	86	114	1	2	1	1	16,850
South Dakota.....	3	3	456	3	210	246	3		3	3	11,075
Nebraska.....	132	132	18,206	121	7,785	9,150	124	5	124	124	808,375
Kansas.....	52	52	6,780	50	2,869	3,747	49	3	49	49	425,050
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	126	126	33,555	110	11,530	15,763	125	1	128	126	2,036,150
District of Columbia.....	11	11	3,050	10	1,178	1,756	11		11	11	645,000
Virginia.....	2	2	641	2	320	321	2		4	2	21,000
West Virginia.....	28	28	3,854	21	1,354	2,006	27		27	27	300,600
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	18	18	3,845	15	1,345	1,756	16	2	16	17	283,700
Tennessee.....	8	8	769	6	267	406	8		8	8	59,100
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	5	5	636	4	254	222	5		5	5	75,200
Texas.....	3	3	164	3	95	69	3		3	3	14,500
Mountain division:											
Wyoming.....	2	2	68	2	34	34	2		2	2	4,500
Colorado.....	16	16	1,700	16	703	997	11	3	11	12	86,800
New Mexico.....	3	3	208	3	84	124	2	1	2	2	14,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	110	3	41	69	3		3	3	14,250
California.....	27	27	5,587	25	1,932	2,625	27		27	27	704,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	488	4	213	275	3	1	3	3	30,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, and Idaho.

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## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—General Synod.....	1,846	476	\$2,376,634	812	\$2,886,790	1,810	\$4,342,251	1,766	1,810	30,657	311,501
New England division:											
Connecticut.....	2	2	8,500	1	5,500	2	4,524	2	2	25	216
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	126	38	256,375	73	341,175	118	298,802	109	118	1,884	17,033
New Jersey.....	35	24	114,829	18	88,000	34	91,473	34	38	659	6,977
Pennsylvania.....	748	163	957,016	291	1,171,100	734	1,831,426	726	740	14,394	156,104
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	200	43	180,801	99	241,500	199	514,425	198	200	3,554	37,025
Indiana.....	87	17	75,036	35	88,625	87	154,689	83	83	1,190	9,599
Illinois.....	125	33	152,175	70	218,090	123	334,277	119	122	1,891	18,445
Michigan.....	14	5	36,800	6	31,800	14	32,806	13	13	250	2,788
Wisconsin.....	10	3	1,750	6	13,300	10	19,175	9	9	77	718
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	36	14	53,087	21	70,500	35	107,820	35	35	453	4,358
Missouri.....	17	5	27,700	6	13,250	16	29,408	17	17	194	1,708
North Dakota.....	3	1	9,850	.....	.....	3	5,015	3	3	34	318
South Dakota.....	3	1	800	2	4,000	3	4,607	3	3	12	153
Nebraska.....	132	23	51,030	72	158,750	130	212,688	122	125	1,089	9,758
Kansas.....	52	8	12,650	25	61,950	50	114,413	48	50	581	4,399
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	126	33	185,865	53	248,950	125	300,555	124	129	2,635	26,324
District of Columbia.....	11	8	48,200	3	40,000	11	60,407	11	11	260	2,733
Virginia.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,738	2	4	72	478
West Virginia.....	28	11	68,500	6	13,500	28	46,116	25	25	392	3,501
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	18	7	36,525	7	27,500	18	51,663	16	16	295	3,008
Tennessee.....	8	2	820	2	6,500	6	6,464	7	7	66	549
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	5	4	10,200	3	5,300	5	11,780	5	5	37	334
Texas.....	3	3	4,250	.....	.....	3	5,324	1	1	8	50
Mountain division:											
Wyoming.....	2	.....	.....	1	1,500	2	1,400	2	2	13	140
Colorado.....	16	6	12,430	5	13,000	16	21,953	15	15	158	1,067
New Mexico.....	3	1	750	2	6,500	3	6,455	3	3	26	239
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	2	5,240	.....	.....	2	2,250	3	3	22	210
California.....	27	18	57,455	5	16,500	27	66,368	27	27	344	2,949
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	1	8,000	.....	.....	4	4,230	4	4	42	320

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, and Idaho.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—General Synod.....	1,846	1,846	370,715	1,651	142,164	191,589	1,804	27	1,813	1,811	\$24,271,797
Allegheny.....	155	155	27,073	126	9,595	12,584	153	.....	153	153	1,582,900
California.....	29	29	5,727	27	1,992	2,705	28	1	28	28	716,500
Central Illinois.....	30	30	5,072	27	2,033	2,687	30	.....	30	30	341,200
Central Pennsylvania.....	94	94	13,538	84	5,474	6,819	93	1	93	93	690,125
East Ohio.....	73	73	13,215	67	4,978	6,993	73	.....	73	73	1,026,400
East Pennsylvania.....	149	149	41,691	139	16,276	22,499	148	1	149	148	3,061,710
German Nebraska.....	109	109	13,050	100	5,849	5,897	101	5	101	101	419,650
Iowa.....	30	30	5,324	29	2,142	3,109	29	1	29	29	454,650
Kansas.....	44	44	6,243	42	2,470	3,609	43	1	43	43	578,550
Maryland.....	130	130	37,640	112	13,088	17,949	129	1	134	130	2,718,650
Miami.....	54	54	10,949	53	4,035	5,967	53	1	54	53	868,500
Nebraska.....	53	53	8,434	50	3,479	4,831	50	3	50	50	486,600
New York.....	154	154	33,789	140	13,572	18,540	148	3	149	149	2,689,125
Northern Illinois.....	61	61	11,822	61	4,924	6,898	58	1	59	59	802,925
Northern Indiana.....	72	72	9,790	65	3,588	5,413	72	.....	73	72	681,330
Olive Branch.....	45	45	7,213	35	2,516	3,604	44	1	44	45	567,800
Pittsburgh.....	124	124	26,208	111	10,535	13,918	124	.....	124	124	1,541,105
Rocky Mountain.....	22	22	2,004	22	820	1,184	17	3	17	18	116,950
Southern Illinois.....	17	17	2,156	16	943	1,133	17	.....	17	17	72,545
Susquehanna.....	81	81	20,261	74	8,241	11,089	80	1	80	81	1,110,000
Wartburg.....	50	50	10,438	44	4,111	4,786	49	1	49	49	389,350
West Pennsylvania.....	157	157	38,585	126	13,328	18,062	155	.....	155	156	2,121,032
West Virginia.....	37	37	4,375	30	1,568	2,313	36	.....	36	36	322,600
Wittenberg.....	76	76	16,118	71	6,607	9,000	74	2	74	74	911,400



ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—General Synod .....	1,846	476	\$2,376,634	812	\$2,886,790	1,810	\$4,342,251	1,766	1,810	30,657	311,501
Allegheny.....	155	24	146,436	54	199,100	143	269,754	142	144	2,423	25,491
California.....	29	19	62,455	5	16,500	29	69,018	29	29	371	3,154
Central Illinois.....	30	3	18,100	19	62,840	29	65,295	30	30	455	3,943
Central Pennsylvania.....	94	4	8,750	32	91,950	94	125,973	93	94	1,556	13,533
East Ohio.....	73	13	89,850	46	71,600	73	193,907	73	73	1,204	12,875
East Pennsylvania.....	149	61	383,795	65	349,850	149	619,767	149	162	3,511	39,353
German Nebraska.....	109	18	24,225	62	124,750	108	128,654	98	99	475	4,433
Iowa.....	30	15	62,937	15	54,500	29	99,325	29	29	419	3,834
Kansas.....	44	14	35,150	20	55,950	42	124,067	41	42	608	4,686
Maryland.....	130	39	228,015	56	293,950	129	360,285	128	135	2,932	30,313
Miami.....	54	19	56,826	16	47,300	53	137,334	53	54	1,083	10,415
Nebraska.....	53	11	29,705	26	63,100	52	116,853	51	54	749	6,622
New York.....	154	54	345,844	88	417,675	145	358,141	133	143	2,308	21,621
Northern Illinois.....	61	23	113,675	29	106,900	60	222,936	60	63	1,158	11,425
Northern Indiana.....	72	16	87,186	29	91,025	72	124,333	69	69	1,027	8,707
Olive Branch.....	45	13	52,120	16	48,000	43	107,040	42	42	667	6,045
Pittsburgh.....	124	43	285,500	42	147,200	122	305,416	121	122	2,055	20,580
Rocky Mountain.....	22	8	16,270	7	20,200	21	31,761	21	21	208	1,509
Southern Illinois.....	17	.....	.....	9	20,450	16	15,251	16	16	172	1,633
Susquehanna.....	81	16	87,875	33	128,650	81	223,781	80	80	1,605	18,802
Wartburg.....	50	31	36,850	31	64,850	50	78,278	44	44	395	4,178
West Pennsylvania.....	157	27	92,320	68	266,350	157	321,727	157	157	3,517	40,320
West Virginia.....	37	12	68,750	7	13,500	37	52,405	32	32	434	3,551
Wittenberg.....	76	13	44,000	37	130,600	76	191,050	75	76	1,325	14,478

UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

HISTORY.

The Lutherans of the Southern states shared in the general convictions of the southern people as to the permanency of the rupture of the Federal Union, and believing the political separation from the northern bodies to be irrevocable, they considered it best to have a new general ecclesiastical organization. A few delegates in convention at Salisbury, N. C., in 1862, arranged the preliminaries, and a year later delegations from the synods of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Southwestern Virginia assembled at Concord, N. C., and formally organized the "General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Confederate States of America."

The doctrinal basis was declared to be the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and the Ecumenical creeds and the Augsburg Confession the exponents of this faith. Already there had grown up a general desire for a more pronounced adherence to the Augsburg Confession, and a clause allowing liberty of construction upon certain articles, although accepted at the time, was later rejected.

At the second annual meeting in 1864 a committee on domestic missions was appointed, but comparatively little else was done. The next year there was no meeting, and in 1866, the war having ended, and a new title being necessary to conform to the changed situation, the name "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod, South," was chosen. Questions of union with other bodies arose, but it was finally decided that the

wisest way to develop their own resources was not to renew organic relations with the General Synod. Negotiations were begun with the Tennessee Synod, and in 1868 a union was effected with the Holston Synod, and in 1872 with the Mississippi Synod. In 1886 the Tennessee Synod joined the body, which then became known as the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South." Fraternal relations have constantly existed with the General Synod, and also with the General Council, and a union of these three bodies is in process of formation under the title "The United Lutheran Church in America." This represents an ideal to which the different Lutheran bodies are rapidly tending, and the hope is expressed that it will become, in this country, an English speaking church.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The general type of Lutheranism represented by the United Synod is similar to that of the General Council, and its polity accords with that of other Lutheran bodies.

WORK.

The home missionary work is carried on through the executive committees of missions of the various synods and conferences connected with the United Synod and the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The report for 1916 shows 51 agents employed in the assistance of 84 churches, at an expense of \$30,811. Foreign work is carried on in Japan through the Board of Foreign Missions. The statistics for

1916 show 12 stations, with 7 American missionaries and 10 native helpers; 4 churches, with 673 members; contributions amounting to \$22,698; and property valued at \$98,000. There were 500 pupils in mission schools under the care of the synod.

The educational work of the synod in the United States includes 8 colleges and other literary institutions, and 1 theological seminary, with a total of 112 teachers and 1,284 students. The contributions for the support of these institutions during 1916 were about \$93,000, and the property value, including endowments of \$358,200, is estimated at \$1,113,220. There is an orphans' home, with 104 inmates, for which \$23,040 was contributed, and which has property valued at \$40,000, and an endowment of \$15,000. There are 225 young people's societies, with a membership of 6,056.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Synod in the South for 1916 are given, by states and synods, in the tables on the next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	492	449	43	9.6
Members.....	56,656	47,747	8,909	18.7
Church edifices.....	488	442	46	10.4
Value of church property.....	\$2,572,245	\$1,509,760	\$1,062,485	70.4
Debt on church property.....	\$166,181	\$49,692	\$116,489	234.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	164	149	15	10.1
Value.....	\$451,250	\$339,550	\$111,700	32.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	441	385	56	14.5
Officers and teachers.....	4,784	3,901	883	22.6
Scholars.....	43,697	30,039	13,658	45.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$169,549	\$140,005	\$29,544	21.1
Domestic.....	\$146,851	\$132,855	\$13,996	10.5
Foreign.....	\$22,698	\$7,150	\$15,548	217.5

From this table it appears that there has been an increase in each item for 1916, as compared with 1906. The number of organizations reported was 492 as against 449, a gain of 9.6 per cent, and the membership advanced from 47,747 to 56,656, or 18.7 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 46, or 10.4 per cent, and the value of church property advanced from \$1,509,760 to \$2,572,245, or 70.4 per cent. The number of churches reporting debt on church property

was 45 and the amount of debt \$166,181 as against \$49,692 in 1906. There were 164 churches reporting parsonages in 1916 as against 149 in 1906, an increase of 10.1 per cent, and the value of parsonages was \$451,250 in 1916 as against \$339,550 in 1906, an increase of 32.9 per cent. Sunday schools increased in number 56, or 14.5 per cent, and in scholars 13,658, or 45.5 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$140,005 to \$169,549, or 21.1 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$446,283, reported by 467 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 492 organizations, 488, with 55,513 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 4, with 1,143 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages and English. The foreign languages used in connection with English were German and Swedish, the leading one being German, reported by 3 organizations, with 813 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 1 in the number using foreign languages, with a membership of 590.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the synod was 259. Of these, 189 returned schedules as set forth in the table below. As will be seen the average annual salary reported by 153 of those in pastoral work was \$932. Of the 24 not in pastoral work, 12 were retired and 10 were engaged in educational and editorial work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	189	155	10	24	\$932
Alabama.....	1	1			
Arizona.....	1	1			
Florida.....	3	2		1	1,130
Georgia.....	11	10		1	1,196
Mississippi.....	4	1	2	1	
North Carolina.....	59	51	2	6	903
South Carolina.....	44	32	4	8	985
Tennessee.....	6	6			779
Virginia.....	57	48	2	7	887
West Virginia.....	3	3			800

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—United Synod, South.....	492	492	56,656	491	25,944	30,590	485	3	488	485	\$2,572,245
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	158	158	14,610	157	6,375	8,113	157	.....	157	157	727,850
West Virginia.....	9	9	799	9	329	470	.....	.....	9	9	49,000
North Carolina.....	154	154	19,450	154	9,011	10,439	150	2	151	150	753,740
South Carolina.....	103	103	14,788	103	7,041	7,747	103	.....	105	103	573,975
Georgia.....	26	26	3,739	26	1,667	2,072	25	.....	25	25	226,880
Florida.....	4	4	555	4	271	284	4	.....	4	4	48,300
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	26	26	2,039	26	925	1,114	25	1	25	25	156,400
Alabama.....	2	2	109	2	45	64	2	.....	2	2	3,500
Mississippi.....	10	10	567	10	280	287	10	.....	10	10	32,600

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—United Synod, South.....	492	45	\$166,181	164	\$451,250	467	\$446,283	438	441	4,784	43,697
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	158	7	57,850	47	160,850	144	117,339	138	139	1,557	12,728
West Virginia.....	9	1	3,355	4	10,000	9	6,172	7	7	53	467
North Carolina.....	154	16	26,407	58	136,200	151	145,902	142	142	1,535	16,560
South Carolina.....	103	10	40,200	35	95,300	100	114,524	99	99	1,095	9,796
Georgia.....	26	4	22,525	8	30,500	25	42,018	21	23	310	2,248
Florida.....	4	3	3,900	3	4,900	4	5,570	4	4	40	271
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	26	3	4,944	7	12,500	24	11,641	17	17	142	1,255
Alabama.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,443	2	2	12	93
Mississippi.....	10	1	7,000	2	1,000	8	1,674	8	8	40	279

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—United Synod, South.....	492	492	56,656	491	25,944	30,590	485	3	488	485	\$2,572,245
Georgia.....	31	31	4,223	31	1,896	2,327	30	.....	30	30	268,680
Holston.....	26	26	1,859	26	841	1,018	25	1	25	25	140,350
Mississippi.....	10	10	567	10	280	287	10	.....	10	10	32,600
North Carolina.....	75	75	11,413	75	5,339	6,074	74	1	74	74	505,740
South Carolina.....	86	86	11,791	86	5,622	6,169	86	.....	87	86	540,275
Southwest Virginia.....	71	71	5,578	71	2,415	3,163	70	.....	70	70	275,750
Tennessee.....	134	134	14,352	133	6,536	7,694	131	1	133	131	367,650
Virginia.....	59	59	6,873	59	3,015	3,858	59	.....	59	59	441,200

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—United Synod, South.....	492	45	\$166,181	164	\$451,250	467	\$446,283	438	441	4,784	43,697
Georgia.....	31	7	26,425	11	35,400	30	47,738	26	28	348	2,542
Holston.....	26	2	3,185	7	12,500	23	10,011	16	16	127	1,139
Mississippi.....	10	1	7,000	2	1,000	8	1,674	8	8	40	279
North Carolina.....	75	9	23,440	37	92,700	75	99,231	70	70	896	10,015
South Carolina.....	86	10	40,200	31	88,100	83	107,541	83	83	918	7,748
Southwest Virginia.....	71	6	10,014	18	54,550	61	52,206	63	64	624	5,183
Tennessee.....	134	8	3,417	33	74,200	129	65,557	117	117	1,116	10,999
Virginia.....	59	2	52,500	25	92,800	58	62,325	55	55	715	5,792

## GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

As the Swedish colony in Pennsylvania and Delaware owed its origin largely to the interest felt in the westward movement by King Gustavus Adolphus, so also it received from him much of the direction of its doctrinal development. The earliest governor of New Sweden was John Printz, who came over in 1643, with special instructions that divine service should be "zealously conducted according to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession \* \* \* that the youth be properly instructed and trained in the fear of the Lord, and Christianity be spread among the Indians." Later religious leaders, as Justus Falckner and John C. Stoeber, emphasized the same position, and it was still further impressed upon the Pennsylvania churches by their patriarch, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, in 1742 and later. On this doctrinal basis the original Lutheran foundation in America was so well laid, especially by Muhlenberg, that European rationalism at the end of the eighteenth century had little effect on the Lutheran congregations.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania, organized by Muhlenberg in 1748, the broad basis of which was indicated by the name it bore for many years—"The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of North America"—thus stood for a strong confessionalism, understanding by that term a recognition of the dominant authority of the confessions of the church, and particularly of the Augsburg Confession. Its churches were then chiefly German, and in view of the Unitarian influences which appeared to accompany the anglicizing tendencies manifest in the Ministerium of New York, it was natural that they should be anxious to retain their own language.

With the extension of settlement westward, missionary pastors in small synods and some of the leading men in the older synods came to realize the advantage of a general body, and a call was issued for a conference, which resulted in 1820 in the organization of

the General Synod.<sup>1</sup> Although the leaders in this unification movement were chiefly members of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, the general tone of its churches was not sympathetic. This was due largely to their great conservatism; to their love of synodical liberty and dislike of centralization of power, a dislike strongly prevalent to-day in the Lutheran churches; to a spirit of inertia and an instinctive resistance to the English New England theology; and later to opposition to the revival movement which swept over the United States in the third and fourth decades of the nineteenth century and entered into the General Synod, but which seemed to the men of the Ministerium contrary to the whole spirit of the Lutheran Church.

After two years of trial, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania formally withdrew from the General Synod, which, until the entrance of the New York Ministerium in 1837, included only four or five small synods. In 1853 the mother Pennsylvania body again cast in its lot with the General Synod, but the union itself became a cause of growing friction.

The reception into the General Synod of the Melancthon and Franckean synods in 1859 and 1864, respectively, created much opposition, and when it appeared to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania that its continuance in the General Synod depended upon its acceptance, if not its indorsement, of the Franckean Synod, that Ministerium issued a call to all synods and congregations in the United States and Canada which adhered to the Augsburg Confession to attend a convention at Reading, Pa., in December, 1866. At this convention the General Council was organized, and the "Principles of Faith and Church Polity," which have formed the constitutional law of the Council ever since, were adopted. This constitution is composed of nine articles containing the funda-

<sup>1</sup> See General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, p. 351.

mental principles of faith, and eleven articles on ecclesiastical power and church government, all based on the Lutheran confessions.

The first convention was held at Fort Wayne, Ind., in November, 1867, and 13 synods were represented. Two of the synods which participated, the Ohio and the (German) Iowa, were not entirely satisfied on the so-called "four points," namely, the admission into Lutheran pulpits of ministers teaching non-Lutheran doctrine, the admission of non-Lutheran communicants to Lutheran altars, the attitude toward religious associations not divinely instituted (secret societies), and toward the question of the Second Advent. Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan, all German synods, withdrew, one after another, on similar grounds. Then the Synod of Missouri, which had sent delegates to the preliminary convention, following the example of the General Council, organized the Synodical Conference in 1872, uniting those synods which had opposed the position taken by the General Council. That position, as finally expressed, was that "Lutheran pulpits are for Lutheran ministers only; Lutheran altars are for Lutheran communicants only; and exceptions to the rule belong to the sphere of privilege, not of right." With regard to secret societies, the General Council took a strong stand in opposition to them, but has not excommunicated members of these organizations.

The result has been that the General Council occupies what may be regarded as a medial position, compared with the General Synod and the Synodical Conference. On the one hand, the General Synod is considered to lay "more stress on a common fellowship with other present-day churches and less stress on what it regards as nonessentials in doctrinal principle, interchanges courtesies by delegates with evangelical denominations, and enacts no restrictive law against a general fellowship of ministers in the pulpit and of Christians at the altar." On the other hand, the Synodical Conference appears to lay "no stress on the historic continuity of the Lutheran Church in America; cuts itself off completely from the common Christianity of America; gives certain doctrines, as predestination, a new emphasis in the history of Lutheranism; and carries doctrinal principle to keen governmental conclusions, and, in theory, at least, to prompt discipline on all points of faith." The Synodical Conference is more German, and the General Synod is more English, than the General Council. All are equally American, and the polyglot elements in the General Council, including the Lutherans of Swedish extraction, are rapidly anglicizing. About two-thirds of all the Lutherans in the United States belong to these three general bodies. None of them have ever had any connection with the Lutheran State Churches of Germany, and still less with the Imperial Church of the Prussian Union. They are all

loyal to America and have entered heartily into this war for democracy.

The first decade of the General Council was a period of strife for its right to existence upon the specific basis which it had chosen, namely, that the "distinctive doctrines of the Lutheran Confession are fundamental doctrines, and that those who held them could not continue in organic association with those who rejected them." So far as unity is concerned, its fundamental doctrinal principle is that "the true unity of a particular church is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the sacraments," not necessarily in government or ceremony. Though this period was consumed in coming to a solid doctrinal understanding and to better acquaintance of eastern and western synods, which hitherto had been separate from and independent of each other, matters of church polity and the pressing needs of practical work claimed immediate attention.

In pursuance of this purpose, one of the first acts of the General Council was the preparation of adequate expositions of Lutheran doctrine in the English language, and of a common book of worship in English and German. As the basis for these they used the pure Lutheran liturgies of the sixteenth century, which in turn were based on the common service of the Christian Church of the West, handed down from very early times. This body of literature has exercised a unifying influence on the General Council, and indeed on the whole Lutheran Church in America. The General Council has also cooperated in a leading way in the issue of a standard common service for all Lutheran bodies in America.

For generations the Lutheran Church in America has sustained heavy losses, due to the fact that its various elements coming from many lands, speaking various languages, with different history and diverse customs, have found it difficult to adapt themselves to conditions of American religious life and at the same time maintain their unity. The General Council purposed that the different languages and nationalities should be firmly knit together in this new world, in the unity of the one and the same pure faith, and declared that no distinction of language must be allowed to interfere with the great work before the church in this country.

Since 1911 and 1913, many of the differences between the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South have been removed, and at the Quadri-Centennial of the Protestant Reformation it was proposed that these three bodies merge their membership and institutions into one "United Lutheran Church in America," with which all other Lutheran bodies, one in the faith, in this country, might be invited to unite. This great unification is now in process of preparation, and, if the proposed "Consti-

tution of the United Lutheran Church," already completed, be ratified by a sufficient number of synods, will go into effect.

#### DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal basis of the General Council is presented in the eighth and ninth articles of the Principles of Faith, as follows:

We accept and acknowledge the doctrine of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the canonical Scriptures. We reject the errors it condemns, and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the church of right belongs to that liberty.

In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction that the other confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Preeminent among such accordant pure and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by the great and necessary ends for which they were prepared, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the church, are these: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

#### POLITY.

The polity of the General Council, as that of other Lutheran bodies, is not fixed and essential. Forms of government and modes of worship are regarded as of secondary importance, not as essential principles. At the same time, it holds that those forms and customs which have been handed down from earlier Christian ages are not to be lightly cast aside, nor is the church to go "back to Christ" in any such way as to cut off all intervening history. What the church has handed down is to be retained, unless it is condemned by Scripture, or is obstructive of the efficiency of the church. The synodical and congregational polity has thus varied somewhat in type in different communities. The original Swedish type left no permanent impress, but the influence of the Dutch and German is very manifest.

The Lutheran Church in America is for the first time in its history working out into its polity, unhindered by any state connections, the democratic spiritual principles to which it owes its origin in the Reformation.

The congregation is the primary body, composed of the people and the pastor. Its internal affairs are administered by a church council composed of lay elders and deacons; or elders, deacons, and trustees; or deacons alone, and the pastor. For their administration, except the pastor as to his spiritual office, they are generally accountable to the congregation. The congregation possesses the right of representation, and the representatives convened in the synod have, within constitutional limitations, the powers of the congrega-

tions themselves. The judgments of the synod are the judgments of the church. The synods are subdivided into smaller geographic districts called conferences, and the president of the synod and the presidents of the conferences, elected annually by their respective bodies, exercise the office of oversight.

#### WORK.

For a number of years the General Council conducted its general missionary and educational work through the synods themselves, although the foreign missionary work was under the care of a single board from the beginning. The home missionary work was reorganized in 1880 on the basis of language; finally all the mission committees of the Council became boards, and the publication committee, a publication board, so that unification has been progressing for a number of years.

The home mission work, "which primarily has been, not an effort to proselyte from other creeds, but to gather and conserve the Lutherans of many tongues living in this country," was projected in 1867, and the following year Rev. W. A. Passavant presented an earnest plea for the Lutheran immigrants, then entering the great states of the West without any provision for the needs of their religious life. Since that time the home mission work has become very extensive, reaching out into almost every state in the Union. The report for 1916 showed 372 missionaries, 855 missions, and contributions for the support of the work amounting to \$477,096. The polyglot character of this work is indicated by the languages in which it is conducted—English, Swedish, German, Slovak, Lettish, Magyar, Slovenian, Italian, Danish, and Spanish.

The foreign mission work of the General Council is conducted by a central board through which all the district synods cooperate. The fields of operation are India, Burma, Japan, and, through a special board representing the Augustana Synod of the General Council, China and Africa. There is also a board which conducts missions in Porto Rico and in South America. The work in India has been materially increased through the world war, the General Council's board having assumed the care of a very large territory which had until the beginning of the war been cared for by the Brecklum Missionary Society of Germany. The report for 1916 showed 16 stations occupied in the foreign field; 78 American missionaries; 851 native helpers; 16 churches, with 95,646 members; 10 schools, including 3 theological seminaries and 1 college, with a total of 2,940 students; and 4 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 1,610 patients. The total amount contributed during the year for work in the foreign field was \$262,353, and the value of property devoted to the work was estimated at \$250,000.

The educational system maintained by the General Council is complete and thorough. There are 6 theological seminaries, the oldest and chief of which is the Philadelphia Seminary, founded in 1864, and these had together in 1916 an enrollment of 254 students. There are 9 colleges, with 2,480 students and 9 academies and women's colleges, with 1,107 students, making a total of 24 institutions and 3,841 students. The amount contributed for educational work during the year is estimated at about \$400,000. The value of property devoted to educational purposes is placed at \$15,131,753, and there are endowments amounting to \$5,609,296, making a total of \$20,741,049.

The parish department includes parochial schools, Sunday schools, and catechetical instruction. In every congregation there is at least one class receiving catechetical instruction extending over a term of from three to six months. There are also 710 parochial schools, with 27,000 pupils. The main work of religious instruction of those not prepared to enter a catechetical class is through the medium of the Sunday school, or Bible school, which, in the General Council, is strictly a teaching service, a place for religious training and instruction, where the congregation is at school.

In 1895 the General Council, as a pioneer, introduced into its educational work a thorough graded system of religious instruction. This system is used in the 2,551 schools of the denomination, which care for 301,172 pupils. It includes a primary department, with 5 grades; an intermediate department, with 6 grades; and a senior department for adults. In the primary and intermediate departments, matter and method are both graded to the developing mind of the child, upon sound pedagogical principles. Classes are advanced annually, and a diploma is awarded to pupils who are promoted on evidence of satisfactory completion of the previous year's work. There is also a system of awarding diplomas for the completion of teacher-training courses. The Christian kindergarten is maintained in some parishes. Because of the strictly educational character of the Sunday-school work, it is associated in general with the other educational departments.

One of the departments on which the General Council lays special emphasis is the Inner Mission, which has for its field benevolent and relief work and social service. The Inner Mission has for its foremost agency the deaconess. The deaconess system originated with Rev. W. A. Passavant, and lays special stress upon the various phases of hospital, nursing, teaching, and other charity service. Four of the 9 deaconess mother houses in this country belong to the General Council. They have 166 consecrated sisters, or deaconesses, and property worth \$825,000. They maintain 12 hospitals, valued at \$1,700,000, and caring for 16,000 patients annually. In addition to these deaconess institutions, the General Council supports

18 orphans' homes, valued at \$1,400,000, and caring for 1,200 orphans; 14 homes for the aged, with 482 inmates, and a property valuation of \$600,000; and 6 homes for defectives, with property valued at \$286,000, and 349 inmates. An important phase of the Inner Mission work is the maintenance of hospices or homes for young men and women in large cities. These have increased rapidly in number during the last 10 years, and are now established in most leading American cities. Immigrant and seamen's missions are also maintained in nearly all seaports, while city missionaries are supported by the various synods, their duty being primarily to minister to the inmates of hospitals and other institutions which desire their services. Well-organized "home-finding societies" are also maintained.

Altogether, the report for 1916 shows 54 philanthropic institutions, with 18,031 inmates, property valued at \$4,811,000, and contributions amounting to \$303,650.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for 1916 are given, by states and synods, on pages 364 to 366, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,389	2,146	243	11.3
Members.....	540,642	462,177	78,465	17.0
Church edifices.....	2,330	2,106	224	10.6
Value of church property.....	\$32,108,091	\$22,394,618	\$9,713,473	43.4
Debt on church property.....	\$4,530,425	\$2,944,683	\$1,585,742	53.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	980	797	183	23.0
Value.....	\$4,187,578	\$2,607,237	\$1,580,341	60.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	2,385	2,110	275	13.0
Officers and teachers.....	33,954	28,345	5,109	17.7
Scholars.....	307,595	254,882	52,713	20.7
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,443,099	\$367,500	\$1,075,599	292.7
Domestic.....	\$1,180,746	\$323,255	\$852,491	259.7
Foreign.....	\$262,353	\$39,245	\$223,108	568.5

The above table shows that the denomination reported an increase in every particular. The number of organizations increased from 2,146 in 1906 to 2,389 in 1916, or 11.3 per cent. The membership as reported in 1916 was 540,642 as against 462,177 in 1906, a gain of 17 per cent. The number of church edifices rose from 2,106 to 2,330, or 10.6 per cent, and the value of church property from \$22,394,618 to \$32,108,091, or 43.4 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$4,530,425 was reported by 876 organizations in 1916, as against \$2,944,683 reported by 732 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 797 to 980, or 23 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$2,607,237



to \$4,187,578, a gain of 60.6 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased from 2,110 to 2,385, or 13 per cent, and the number of scholars from 254,882 to 307,595, or 20.7 per cent. There was a large advance, also, in contributions for missions and benevolences, from \$367,500 in 1906 to \$1,443,099 in 1916, the larger proportional increase being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,630,234, reported by 2,343 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 2,389 organizations, 811, with 173,144 members, reported services conducted in English only; and 1,578, with 367,498 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English; and of these, 525 organizations, with 82,352 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages used was 8, the principal ones being Swedish used alone or with English by 1,055 organizations, with 186,286 members, and German used by 501 organizations with 177,468 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows an increase of 5 in the number of languages reported; a decrease of 459 organizations, with 104,049 members, using foreign languages only; and an increase of 451 organizations, with 49,979 members, reporting foreign languages with English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,664. Schedules were received from 1,327, distributed, by states, in the following table.

Of the 1,327 ministers reported, 1,203 were in pastoral work and 124 not in pastoral work. An average annual salary of \$1,316 was reported by 1,157 pastors. Of those not in pastoral work, 45 were on the retired list, 30 in denominational work, and 35 in educational and editorial work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,327	1,162	41	124	\$1,316
California.....	16	13	.....	3	1,079
Colorado.....	10	9	.....	1	1,122
Connecticut.....	35	33	.....	2	1,118
Delaware.....	3	2	.....	1	1,550
District of Columbia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	2	4	.....	1	1,100
Idaho.....	4	.....	.....	.....	965
Illinois.....	111	84	3	24	1,259
Indiana.....	24	23	1	.....	1,002
Iowa.....	44	40	1	3	1,147
Kansas.....	25	22	.....	3	1,052
Maine.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	21	18	2	1	1,291
Michigan.....	23	22	1	.....	1,042
Minnesota.....	116	104	.....	12	1,507
Missouri.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,600
Montana.....	5	5	.....	.....	1,240
Nebraska.....	37	31	2	4	1,134
New Hampshire.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	54	50	.....	4	1,088
New York.....	159	139	9	11	2,138
North Carolina.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
North Dakota.....	12	12	.....	.....	1,070
Ohio.....	58	56	1	1	1,150
Oklahoma.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	8	7	.....	1	914
Pennsylvania.....	457	394	19	44	1,221
Rhode Island.....	7	7	.....	.....	1,176
South Dakota.....	13	12	1	.....	1,061
Tennessee.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,200
Texas.....	19	14	.....	5	881
Utah.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	16	14	1	1	1,106
West Virginia.....	4	4	.....	.....	1,115
Wisconsin.....	33	32	.....	1	1,191
Wyoming.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—General Council.....	2,389	2,386	540,642	2,062	208,274	252,414	2,279	38	2,330	2,274	\$32,108,091
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	4	4	274	3	89	125	4		4	4	32,800
New Hampshire.....	2	2	537	2	246	291	2		2	2	24,900
Vermont.....	3	3	544	1	52	60	3		3	3	13,500
Massachusetts.....	37	37	8,209	27	3,257	3,700	31	4	31	33	471,087
Rhode Island.....	9	9	2,783	8	1,156	1,388	9		10	9	125,054
Connecticut.....	54	54	14,971	50	5,808	6,405	51	1	52	50	748,696
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	193	192	73,581	165	26,079	34,117	184	3	185	184	6,032,446
New Jersey.....	76	76	19,680	65	5,460	7,139	70	1	71	70	1,301,032
Pennsylvania.....	774	774	206,280	680	79,740	99,548	745	13	755	740	12,326,276
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	122	122	23,456	119	10,499	12,137	119		120	119	1,328,700
Indiana.....	52	52	6,209	52	2,906	3,303	51	1	51	51	451,100
Illinois.....	132	132	42,726	118	17,614	21,745	129	1	131	129	2,340,721
Michigan.....	79	79	11,823	57	4,020	4,834	76		76	75	479,173
Wisconsin.....	89	89	13,439	64	5,136	6,395	87	1	90	87	748,984
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	342	342	58,833	279	21,735	23,697	322	2	340	322	2,416,038
Iowa.....	83	83	14,289	79	6,575	7,380	78	1	78	78	664,250
Missouri.....	6	6	890	5	381	484	6		7	6	95,100
North Dakota.....	38	38	2,954	35	1,353	1,444	31	6	33	32	179,665
South Dakota.....	31	30	2,852	25	1,133	1,124	30		30	30	159,850
Nebraska.....	46	46	9,261	39	3,831	3,986	45		46	45	462,060
Kansas.....	45	45	8,651	37	3,822	4,150	45		49	44	368,650
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	2	2	940	2	376	564	2		2	2	60,000
West Virginia.....	5	5	1,330	5	563	767	5		5	5	95,794
Florida.....	4	4	137	4	67	70	4		4	4	11,750
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Alabama.....	3	3	74	3	32	42	2	1	2	2	5,000
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Texas.....	27	27	3,518	24	1,480	1,610	25	2	27	23	205,360
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	7	7	830	7	406	424	7		8	7	79,673
Idaho.....	11	11	743	8	326	340	11		11	11	43,650
Wyoming.....	4	3	84	3	39	45	3		3	3	8,650
Colorado.....	15	15	1,853	14	813	1,034	15		15	15	122,600
Utah.....	5	5	257	5	92	165	4	1	6	4	24,500
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	44	44	3,699	36	1,100	1,327	40		40	42	269,300
Oregon.....	23	23	2,162	20	889	1,067	21		21	21	180,000
California.....	18	18	2,234	18	1,027	1,207	18		18	18	191,782
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	539	3	172	300	4		4	4	40,850

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—General Council.....	2,389	876	\$4,530,425	980	\$4,187,578	2,343	\$5,630,234	2,179	2,385	33,954	307,595
New England division:											
Maine.....	4	2	3,030	1	3,000	4	3,875	4	4	16	128
New Hampshire.....	2	1	1,100	1	5,000	2	4,507	2	2	32	165
Vermont.....	3	1	2,200	.....	.....	3	3,474	3	3	30	159
Massachusetts.....	37	23	116,442	10	40,407	37	83,129	35	39	545	4,054
Rhode Island.....	9	4	19,898	6	27,150	9	45,822	9	12	163	978
Connecticut.....	54	34	155,303	26	127,300	54	157,398	52	61	695	5,134
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	193	105	998,651	105	630,600	190	809,217	188	230	4,477	46,160
New Jersey.....	76	57	287,825	41	200,100	76	197,570	73	89	1,241	12,061
Pennsylvania.....	774	245	1,578,942	276	1,294,075	765	1,829,932	721	771	14,166	139,941
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	122	32	128,640	51	143,650	119	200,719	115	116	1,632	14,204
Indiana.....	52	10	68,730	22	55,750	52	64,205	47	48	457	3,390
Illinois.....	132	72	362,401	74	373,625	129	543,626	124	132	2,466	22,235
Michigan.....	79	27	59,738	23	77,240	75	101,700	64	70	838	5,351
Wisconsin.....	89	42	218,184	29	98,400	85	155,150	76	85	881	7,333
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	342	100	268,472	117	382,966	337	601,387	306	335	2,987	22,396
Iowa.....	83	18	33,149	51	179,350	83	183,558	72	76	780	5,476
Missouri.....	6	3	14,175	4	15,400	6	8,388	3	4	45	391
North Dakota.....	38	10	17,014	12	38,870	38	43,461	29	31	164	1,165
South Dakota.....	31	12	10,920	11	43,500	30	34,485	27	30	159	1,048
Nebraska.....	46	9	19,000	32	147,300	46	180,905	44	46	528	3,310
Kansas.....	45	4	18,600	26	108,200	41	121,224	39	47	411	3,358
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	2	.....	.....	2	10,000	2	9,776	2	3	56	445
West Virginia.....	5	2	3,500	3	18,000	5	24,765	5	5	94	798
Florida.....	4	2	2,875	1	2,000	3	2,441	3	3	12	46
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	3	1	500	1	2,700	3	397	2	2	9	79
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	27	3	1,883	13	38,645	27	33,890	22	24	143	1,339
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	7	4	18,200	4	14,700	7	12,448	7	7	61	390
Idaho.....	11	3	3,909	4	11,500	9	13,047	7	7	48	342
Wyoming.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,345	3	3	12	78
Colorado.....	15	4	2,740	8	20,400	14	22,469	13	13	108	767
Utah.....	5	.....	.....	2	7,000	5	1,905	2	2	18	74
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	44	26	52,492	8	22,700	42	64,677	39	42	338	2,370
Oregon.....	23	7	24,935	8	16,850	21	24,872	20	22	152	1,071
California.....	18	10	25,827	8	31,200	18	37,687	17	17	162	1,112
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	3	11,150	.....	.....	3	6,783	4	4	28	257

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—General Council.....	2,389	2,386	540,642	2,062	208,274	252,414	2,279	38	2,330	2,274	\$32,108,091
Augustana.....	1,167	1,165	204,417	966	81,951	91,852	1,106	18	1,148	1,105	10,453,916
Chicago.....	64	64	9,883	64	4,398	5,485	63	1	63	63	664,555
District Synod of Ohio.....	96	96	19,046	96	8,800	10,246	93	.....	93	93	1,001,200
English Synod of the Northwest.....	47	47	12,102	47	5,034	7,068	45	2	45	45	783,435
Ministerium of New York.....	151	150	62,791	119	18,810	24,453	145	1	147	145	4,349,307
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	581	581	168,492	506	64,185	80,926	558	10	565	555	9,597,064
New York and New England.....	60	60	20,965	55	7,740	10,620	55	2	55	55	2,098,220
Pacific.....	21	21	2,044	20	845	1,064	18	.....	18	18	192,900
Pittsburgh.....	193	193	39,384	180	15,825	19,868	189	2	189	188	2,940,994
Texas.....	9	9	1,518	9	686	832	7	2	7	7	26,500

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—General Council.....	2,389	876	\$4,530,425	980	\$4,187,578	2,343	\$5,630,234	2,179	2,385	33,954	307,595
Augustana.....	1,167	406	1,268,705	478	1,890,218	1,135	2,489,105	1,024	1,124	11,448	84,555
Chicago.....	64	23	147,430	31	99,590	64	96,500	58	59	769	7,097
District Synod of Ohio.....	96	23	104,340	42	123,450	94	156,687	90	91	1,307	11,675
English Synod of the Northwest.....	47	34	271,363	14	54,000	47	148,554	47	49	846	8,688
Ministerium of New York.....	151	75	494,495	99	539,000	148	521,945	146	195	3,502	33,820
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	581	213	1,320,645	192	908,925	576	1,463,826	546	586	11,521	117,507
New York and New England.....	60	43	619,545	22	162,000	60	321,812	59	63	1,542	17,066
Pacific.....	21	10	46,567	9	16,550	20	32,798	20	22	164	1,272
Pittsburgh.....	193	49	257,335	88	388,700	190	391,084	182	188	2,819	25,425
Texas.....	9			5	5,145	9	5,923	7	8	36	490

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

In the early part of the nineteenth century an effort was made by King Frederick William III of Prussia to unite the Lutheran and Reformed churches. To him it seemed an easy matter to combine "the two slightly divergent confessions," but with the study of the sources of confessional divergence which naturally followed, and particularly in the attempt to furnish a uniform liturgy for both bodies, old convictions were intensified, and lines of demarcation which had been gradually fading out of sight were revived. Many of the Lutherans refused absolutely to recognize the union, formed separate congregations, and carried on an active controversy against what they believed to be a gross form of ecclesiastical tyranny.

During the following 20 years the situation grew more strained, and as Lutheran immigration to the United States began, several of these communities removed to this country. The first company, under the leadership of the Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, landed in Baltimore in 1838, and settled in Fort Wayne, Ind. A second, under the leadership of the Rev. Martin Stephan, of Dresden, landed at New Orleans in 1839, and soon after established themselves in Missouri. A third, under the leadership of the Rev. J. A. A. Grabau, of Erfurt, settled at or near Buffalo, N. Y., in 1839.

One of the six clergymen who came over with the Missouri colony, the Rev. C. F. W. Walther, proved as effective a leader in the West as Muhlenberg had earlier proved in the East. Among the important questions that came up before the community were: Did the colonists constitute Christian congregations, with authority to call ministers; what was the relation of the clergy to the church, and did the ultimate authority rest with the ordained clergy or with the congregations; what was the relation of acceptance of the confessions to the personal piety and church standing of the individual? Walther held firmly to

the rights of the congregation, both in the ordination of its clergy and in its authority over them. On account of the strong pietistic influences of his early life, he emphasized also the necessity of absolute accord to the confessions of the Lutheran Church. To meet the peculiar needs of the situation, one of his first steps was the establishment of Concordia Seminary in a log house at Altenburg, Mo., its teachers receiving as compensation only their board, and working with the people for the enlargement of the church. In 1844 he began to publish a religious periodical, the *Lutheraner*, which became the exponent of the stricter interpretation of Lutheran doctrine and ritual.

Meanwhile the Fort Wayne community had grown, and Wyneken, on a trip to Europe for his health, had secured the cordial interest and support of Pastor Löhle, of Neuendettelsau. On returning to America he became acquainted with the *Lutheraner*, and the two communities entered into hearty mutual relations. Other congregations also manifested their sympathy, and in 1847, 12 congregations, 22 ministers, and 2 candidates for the ministry united in forming the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States." Under the constitution adopted, only those ministers whose congregations had entered into membership with the synod, and the lay delegates representing those congregations, were entitled to suffrage. All the symbolical books were regarded as "the pure and uncorrupted explanation and statement of the Divine Word." All mingling of churches and faiths was disapproved. Purely Lutheran books were to be used in churches and schools. A permanent, not a temporary or licensed, ministry was affirmed, and at the same time freedom of the individual church was recognized, the synod having no authority over it.

Soon, however, there grew up conflicts with other Lutheran bodies. The Buffalo Synod, which had been organized in 1845, had developed what seemed to the Missourians a very strong ecclesiasticism, emphasizing

the power of the clergy as against that of the congregation. Other controversies arose with the churches in Iowa. Walther maintained that every doctrine of Holy Scripture was a confessional matter, that there could be no doctrine of Holy Scripture on which absolute unanimity was not essential. The Iowans held that there were certain subjects that were "open questions," and with regard to which difference of opinion might be tolerated. Among these were the doctrine of the ministry, eschatological opinions concerning the millennium, the first resurrection, the conversion of Israel, and the antichrist. The discussion resulted in the formation of the independent Iowa Synod.

Under the leadership of Walther the Missouri doctrine gained acceptance, and as one synod after another was formed on the same general basis, it seemed advantageous to effect some form of union. At the time of the organization of the General Council in 1866, several of these synods were invited to participate, but those who held the stricter doctrine could not accept the position taken by the new body. The next few years emphasized anew the advantage of union, and in 1872, in Milwaukee, Wis., the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of America was formed. Representatives of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, the Synod of Ohio, the Synod of Wisconsin, the Synod of Minnesota, the Synod of Illinois, and the Norwegian Synod were present and effected the organization. The Synod of Illinois was later absorbed by the Missouri Synod; the Synod of Ohio and the Norwegian Synod withdrew in 1881, because of doctrinal differences; but other synods were added, so that at present the Synodical Conference comprises the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States—by far the largest and strongest of the conference—the synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska; and a new organization, the Slovak Synod of Pennsylvania, which has been recently admitted. Each one of these synods conducts its own synodical and church work independently of the others. Their basis of union is not so much a matter of a common ecclesiastical organization as of a common church life, and particularly of doctrinal purity.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Conference recognizes but one standard, to which there must be absolute accord, namely, the Holy Scriptures as interpreted by the Formula of Concord of 1580, including a text and commentary upon the three ecumenical creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian—and upon the five Lutheran Confessions—the Augsburg Confession, the

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, and the Larger and Smaller Luther Catechisms. This unwavering confessionalism is the most treasured possession of the Conference, and to its faithful adherence to this policy it attributes its remarkable growth.

#### POLITY.

In polity the Synodical Conference is pronouncedly congregational, the central representative body not being intended primarily for purposes of government. Thus it happens that a few congregations, though fully acknowledged as members of the ecclesiastical denomination, are not members of the Conference, which concerns itself distinctively with the establishment and maintenance of colleges, normal schools, and charitable institutions and with the administration of missions. Its foremost duty is, however, the preservation of the Word of God in its purity.

In the Synodical Conference, the German language is used predominantly, although many congregations have services in English; and during the last decades, many English congregations and missions have been organized. It has always taken an antagonistic stand against the State Church of Germany.

#### WORK.

In general, the missionary work of the Synodical Conference is conducted by boards elected by the various synods composing the Conference. There is a Negro Mission, doing successful work in the Southern states, under the joint control of the various boards. In 1916 it had 37 organized congregations and 19 mission stations; 61 pastors and assistants; 34 Sunday schools, with 2,254 scholars; 2 colleges; and 31 parochial schools, with 2,493 scholars; and the amount expended for this work was \$48,317.

The Missouri Synod carries on home mission work in the 23 districts composing the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. In 1916 it had 657 pastors and assistants engaged in this work in 1,733 mission stations, at an expense of \$31,834. In addition, it maintains missions among the Esthonians, Finns, Letts, Poles, Lithuanians, and Italians, at a cost during the year 1916 of \$7,413. Other missionary activities are a mission among the Jews of New York, a deaf and dumb mission, missions among the Indians in Wisconsin, and immigrant missions at the ports of New York, Philadelphia, and Galveston.

The synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska carry on home mission work in the states under their jurisdiction, and a mission among the Indians of Arizona.

A summary of the home mission work of the Synodical Conference as reported for 1916 shows 657 missionaries, 1,733 churches and missions cared for, and contributions to the amount of \$87,564; for educational work, contributions amounting to \$340,000; and for philanthropic work, \$684,130.

The foreign missionary work is carried on by the Missouri Synod, mainly in India, and in Brazil and the Argentine Republic, South America. The report for 1916 shows, for these countries, a total of 123 stations and 50 preaching places; 18 missionaries and 50 native helpers; 50 schools, with 1,800 pupils; 1,378 baptized Christians; and contributions to the amount of \$21,278. The synod has also a number of missions in China and Cuba, 1 in London, England, and 1 in Copenhagen, Denmark. It contributes also, annually, about \$6,000 toward the support of the work of the Saxon Free Church in Germany, and also to the work of the Evangelical Synod of Australia, in New Zealand.

The educational interests of the Synodical Conference are represented by 23 schools. Of these, 2 theological seminaries, 10 colleges, 4 high schools, 2 teachers' seminaries, and 1 deaf-mute institute are under the control of the Missouri Synod, and 1 theological seminary, 1 college, 1 high school, and 1 women's seminary, belong to the synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska. The total number of students and pupils reported for these schools in 1916 was 3,110. In addition, there are a large number of parochial schools which are conducted directly by the congregations. The value of property devoted to educational purposes, not including the parochial schools, is estimated at \$2,701,000.

The charitable institutions of the Conference include 15 hospitals, 13 orphanages, and 8 homes for the aged. There are also 11 children's Home-Finding Societies, and in 6 cities—Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Milwaukee, and New York—hospices are conducted by a young people's organization, called the Walther League. The report for 1916 shows a total of 12,048 patients treated in the hospitals and 1,518 inmates in the orphanages and homes for the aged; the value of their property was \$1,923,926, with an endowment of about \$60,000.

The Synodical Conference has 2 large publishing concerns, the Concordia Publishing House, at St. Louis, Mo., and the Northwestern Publishing House, at Milwaukee, Wis. There are 2 official publications. In addition, 10 papers and magazines are published by the Missouri Synod, and 5 by the synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska. There

are also several semiofficial publications in different parts of the country.

The number of young people's societies is estimated at 1,500, with a membership of 50,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference for 1916 are given, by states and synods, on pages 370 to 372; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906 <sup>1</sup>	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	3,621	3,360	261	7.8
Members.....	777,701	660,670	117,031	17.7
Church edifices.....	3,301	2,899	402	13.9
Value of church property.....	\$25,973,538	\$19,135,707	\$6,837,831	35.7
Debt on church property.....	\$3,261,637	\$2,239,441	\$1,022,196	45.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	2,220	1,823	397	21.8
Value.....	\$5,792,672	\$3,620,860	\$2,171,812	60.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,584	1,558	26	1.7
Officers and teachers.....	10,237	6,181	4,056	65.6
Scholars.....	110,300	94,594	15,706	16.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,138,972	\$649,747	\$489,225	75.3
Domestic.....	\$1,111,694	\$635,726	\$475,968	74.9
Foreign.....	\$27,278	\$14,021	\$13,257	94.6

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1906 include the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America, united since 1906 with this denomination.

From this table it appears that the denomination reported a considerable increase in every respect. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 3,621 as against 3,360 in 1906, an increase of 7.8 per cent. The membership, including members reported by preaching stations which were not listed as separate organizations, rose from 660,670 to 777,701, or 17.7 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 402, or 13.9 per cent; and the number of organizations reporting parsonages by 397, or 21.8 per cent. The value of church property advanced from \$19,135,707 in 1906, to \$25,973,538 in 1916, a gain of 35.7 per cent. Debt on church property, as reported by 1,078 organizations in 1916, amounted to \$3,261,637 as against \$2,239,441, reported by 865 organizations in 1906. The number of Sunday schools increased by 26, or 1.7 per cent, and the number of scholars increased from 94,594 in 1906 to 110,300 in 1916, a gain of 16.6 per cent. The contributions for missions and benevolences, as reported, advanced from \$649,747 in 1906 to \$1,138,972 in 1916, or 75.3 per cent, the chief advance in amount being for domestic work, though the larger percentage of increase was for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$6,721,599 were reported by 3,339 organizations, and cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 3,621 organizations, 361, with 49,118 members, reported services conducted in English only; and 3,260, with 728,583 members, reported services conducted in foreign languages alone or with English; and of these, 968 organizations, with 190,795 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages used was 7. The principal language was German, used alone or with English by 3,192 organizations, with 714,562 members, and in connection with other foreign languages and English by 3,200 organizations, with 718,454 members. Including the organizations of the Slovak Synod for 1906, this shows a decrease of 4 in the number of foreign languages used, a decrease of 1,524 organizations, with 278,080 members, reporting the use of foreign languages only, and an increase of 1,578 organizations, with 366,283 members, reporting foreign languages and English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 2,918. Schedules were received from 2,466, distributed, by states, in the following table.

Of the 2,466 ministers, 2,399 were in pastoral work and 67 not in pastoral work, most of these latter being on the retired list. The number engaged in pastoral work only was 2,334, and of these, 2,325 reported an average annual salary of \$755.

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STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	2,466	2,334	65	67	\$755
Alabama.....	9	6	.....	3	778
Arizona.....	2	1	1	.....	900
Arkansas.....	12	12	.....	.....	684
California.....	56	48	3	5	799
Colorado.....	15	14	1	.....	694
Connecticut.....	16	16	.....	.....	918
Delaware.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia.....	2	2	.....	.....	956
Florida.....	4	4	.....	.....	710
Georgia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	8	7	1	.....	586
Illinois.....	285	277	6	2	746
Indiana.....	96	83	8	5	707
Iowa.....	119	117	1	1	776
Kansas.....	72	70	2	.....	664
Kentucky.....	4	4	.....	.....	825
Louisiana.....	23	22	1	.....	709
Maine.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	15	14	1	.....	830
Massachusetts.....	14	14	.....	.....	1,017
Michigan.....	186	178	4	4	728
Minnesota.....	246	231	6	9	745
Mississippi.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	141	133	5	3	725
Montana.....	16	16	.....	.....	707
Nebraska.....	188	177	3	8	731
Nevada.....	2	2	.....	.....	840
New Hampshire.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	23	21	.....	2	891
New Mexico.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	117	111	6	.....	909
North Carolina.....	10	6	1	3	848
North Dakota.....	41	39	1	1	685
Ohio.....	69	69	.....	.....	862
Oklahoma.....	29	29	.....	.....	632
Oregon.....	17	14	.....	3	626
Pennsylvania.....	41	41	.....	.....	964
Rhode Island.....	2	2	.....	.....	915
South Dakota.....	61	60	1	.....	721
Tennessee.....	4	4	.....	.....	825
Texas.....	58	58	.....	.....	600
Utah.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	6	6	.....	.....	773
Washington.....	24	22	1	1	685
West Virginia.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	420	392	11	17	765
Wyoming.....	5	5	.....	.....	692

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Synodical Conference.....	3,621	3,620	777,701	3,183	314,103	352,988	3,176	173	3,301	3,151	\$25,973,538
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	155	2	60	95	1	2	2	14	203,460
Massachusetts.....	18	17	4,971	14	1,877	2,537	14	1	16	2	15,500
Rhode Island.....	3	3	487	3	197	290	2	2	2	19	258,700
Connecticut.....	21	21	5,588	19	2,515	2,766	19	2	22	124	2,334,375
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	131	131	36,819	122	14,644	20,433	120	3	124	27	220,550
New Jersey.....	31	31	5,616	29	2,120	3,154	26	3	29	52	1,211,390
Pennsylvania.....	59	59	14,490	55	6,069	6,639	54	4	57	92	1,199,206
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	96	96	30,233	93	13,145	14,667	91	2	93	120	1,445,811
Indiana.....	123	123	38,309	116	16,704	19,040	121	1	124	347	4,430,269
Illinois.....	366	366	121,342	328	48,909	54,902	348	9	364	233	1,720,550
Michigan.....	261	261	67,001	230	27,806	29,919	236	3	250	575	4,548,269
Wisconsin.....	654	654	177,547	534	65,414	72,367	595	18	606	328	1,840,310
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	403	403	75,726	330	29,414	31,589	327	23	332	164	883,325
Iowa.....	178	178	27,550	166	12,337	13,111	164	3	167	177	1,097,850
Missouri.....	184	184	45,313	156	18,099	20,706	170	2	177	101	191,179
North Dakota.....	118	118	8,972	104	3,918	4,039	81	20	81	79	311,810
South Dakota.....	132	132	11,544	115	5,157	5,282	102	8	103	207	963,455
Nebraska.....	239	239	31,234	205	13,141	13,244	206	7	215	103	387,325
Kansas.....	118	118	15,081	106	6,909	7,104	105	6	116	24	308,181
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	28	28	4,792	27	1,995	2,715	24	3	25	2	53,000
District of Columbia.....	2	2	582	2	223	359	2	2	2	9	59,200
Virginia.....	13	13	1,117	12	457	484	9	4	10	5	3,300
West Virginia.....	5	5	239	5	124	115	4	1	5	24	45,575
North Carolina.....	32	32	2,558	28	980	1,262	22	1	26	5	37,800
Florida.....	6	6	590	6	257	333	5	1	5	6	51,700
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	6	6	1,381	6	577	804	6	.....	7	5	52,200
Tennessee.....	5	5	733	5	322	411	5	.....	7	12	33,157
Alabama.....	12	12	1,334	12	552	782	12	.....	15	15	100,670
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	17	17	2,516	16	1,231	1,250	15	.....	18	23	149,950
Louisiana.....	25	25	7,429	24	3,014	4,396	23	1	24	43	95,975
Oklahoma.....	52	52	3,899	50	1,823	1,893	43	4	43	76	223,015
Texas.....	87	87	10,294	87	4,986	5,308	76	9	77	17	82,975
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	32	32	4,033	29	1,718	1,996	16	11	16	7	6,800
Idaho.....	12	12	902	9	379	376	7	2	7	6	21,000
Wyoming.....	10	10	704	9	369	325	6	3	7	19	104,250
Colorado.....	26	26	2,738	24	1,124	1,352	20	3	25	2	1,550
New Mexico.....	2	2	301	2	139	162	2	.....	2	1	2,500
Arizona.....	2	2	96	2	45	51	1	1	1	2	16,000
Nevada.....	2	2	444	2	192	252	2	.....	2	26	95,100
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	30	30	2,740	27	1,250	1,406	26	1	26	16	66,300
Oregon.....	16	16	2,337	15	974	1,031	16	.....	17	50	482,556
California.....	57	57	7,582	52	2,769	3,827	48	6	50	5	16,450
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	382	5	168	214	5	.....	6		

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Georgia, Mississippi, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Utah.

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Synodical Conference.....	3,621	1,078	\$3,261,637	2,220	\$5,792,672	3,339	\$6,721,599	1,370	1,584	10,237	110,300
New England division:											
Maine.....	2					2	830	1	1	1	20
Massachusetts.....	18	12	33,624	9	45,540	16	39,985	16	17	226	1,738
Rhode Island.....	3			2	9,500	3	4,340	3	3	22	199
Connecticut.....	21	15	49,950	11	49,800	20	61,072	18	18	131	1,420
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	131	67	454,702	80	288,238	124	430,209	104	136	1,406	14,725
New Jersey.....	31	22	49,868	13	54,700	30	60,123	28	36	342	3,005
Pennsylvania.....	59	33	122,034	35	152,400	56	158,553	44	45	491	4,537
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	96	33	133,190	63	222,950	93	291,741	51	58	469	5,005
Indiana.....	123	27	63,867	93	290,200	122	342,218	28	30	198	2,473
Illinois.....	366	198	666,193	277	832,321	355	1,147,584	142	152	1,332	15,953
Michigan.....	261	75	262,606	172	440,790	240	528,262	88	94	545	6,466
Wisconsin.....	654	180	517,429	374	1,064,385	590	1,116,365	241	263	1,268	16,458
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	403	78	128,252	234	574,430	358	556,586	88	98	483	5,296
Iowa.....	178	24	36,520	131	338,728	177	360,557	61	63	194	2,127
Missouri.....	184	60	355,542	136	316,000	164	376,331	65	70	1,018	9,927
North Dakota.....	118	24	22,540	48	80,843	104	78,053	33	37	83	910
South Dakota.....	132	23	22,111	59	105,150	113	108,419	42	55	134	1,209
Nebraska.....	239	45	55,870	160	315,050	214	365,631	37	43	106	1,263
Kansas.....	118	16	14,546	79	128,000	112	167,028	25	28	90	1,072
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	28	15	62,997	15	49,757	26	49,835	21	25	328	2,516
District of Columbia.....	2	1	6,500	2	13,000	2	5,513	2	2	35	288
Virginia.....	13	3	780	5	15,500	11	9,783	5	5	32	368
West Virginia.....	5					5	668	2	2	4	46
North Carolina.....	32	4	5,200	3	14,100	28	17,430	27	31	143	1,887
Florida.....	6	2	14,400	3	7,600	6	3,872	4	4	22	201
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	6	2	2,450	4	19,500	6	12,903	4	4	22	254
Tennessee.....	5	2	1,190	4	15,000	5	9,744	5	6	27	421
Alabama.....	12	4	1,280	6	8,250	12	10,166	10	14	68	907
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	17	4	2,170	9	15,900	15	19,341	8	8	50	526
Louisiana.....	25	9	9,369	13	32,375	23	44,648	19	26	264	2,407
Oklahoma.....	52	13	8,475	24	32,700	49	32,223	10	16	25	236
Texas.....	87	18	21,101	57	76,665	84	89,096	25	29	100	985
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	32	9	17,050	6	14,200	30	19,750	15	26	76	871
Idaho.....	12	3	725	6	5,900	8	6,055	3	10	19	158
Wyoming.....	10	2	2,600	5	7,800	8	5,611	4	6	21	191
Colorado.....	26	11	28,856	9	19,500	23	33,429	9	11	54	521
New Mexico.....	2	1	350	2	1,150	2	1,279	2	3	3	48
Arizona.....	2	1	400			2	1,324	2	3	11	75
Nevada.....	2	1	6,000	1	2,000	2	3,040	2	6	1	151
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	30	11	20,100	19	30,200	26	28,066	16	23	60	555
Oregon.....	16	6	4,250	14	19,500	16	21,939	7	15	32	373
California.....	57	24	56,550	30	79,250	54	100,157	48	55	263	2,307
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5			2	3,500	3	1,840	5	7	25	205

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Georgia, Mississippi, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Utah.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Synodical Conference.....	3,621	3,620	777,701	3,183	314,103	352,988	3,176	173	3,301	3,151	\$25,973,538
Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.....	2,970	2,969	618,797	2,650	253,577	286,594	2,600	143	2,708	2,596	21,873,759
Michigan.....	54	54	9,971	50	4,212	4,171	51	2	52	51	278,830
Minnesota.....	141	141	28,857	119	10,468	11,806	116	12	117	116	669,675
Nebraska.....	20	20	3,187	19	1,471	1,476	18	1	18	18	88,955
Wisconsin.....	397	397	108,346	309	40,098	45,158	358	11	367	336	2,767,834
Slovak.....	39	39	8,543	36	4,277	3,783	33	4	39	34	294,485



## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Synodical Conference.....	3,621	1,078	\$3,261,637	2,220	\$5,792,672	3,339	\$6,721,599	1,370	1,584	10,237	110,300
Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States...	2,970	909	2,793,564	1,854	4,734,537	2,759	5,734,542	1,131	1,319	8,868	94,134
Michigan.....	54	14	39,650	39	98,500	53	80,660	23	25	144	1,803
Minnesota.....	141	21	28,235	73	198,500	123	167,703	46	55	302	3,059
Nebraska.....	20	4	3,423	18	36,200	20	35,239	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	397	106	337,005	218	648,035	347	643,659	170	185	923	11,304
Slovak.....	39	24	59,760	18	76,900	37	59,796	.....	.....	.....	.....

## NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

The general movement in the Lutheran bodies toward union of different synods has resulted in the organization of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. In 1905 Hauge's Synod took up the question of union with the other Norwegian Lutheran bodies—the Synod for the Norwegian Church, the United Norwegian Church, and the Lutheran Free Church. The Norwegian Synod and the United Church responded cordially. The Free Church expressed its sympathy, but under its organization, lacking the corporate unity of the other bodies, it could not as a

body enter the proposed organization. Definite action approving a suggested plan of union was adopted by each body, and there was a joint meeting of the three bodies at St. Paul, Minn., June 9, 1917, at which the union was formally adopted, to take effect on July 1 following.

As this union, however, went into effect subsequent to the period covered by this report, it was impracticable to present the statistics for the united body, and hence the statements and statistics for each of the constituent bodies are presented separately.

## HAUGE'S NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD.

## HISTORY.

Toward the close of the eighteenth century there was a great religious awakening in Norway, largely the result of the work of a layman, Hans Nielsen Hauge (born 1771), sometimes called "The Reformer of Norway." He was not a dissenter from the Lutheran State Church, but, recognizing the gradual decline of spiritual life, felt called upon to preach. For about nine years he worked as an itinerant lay preacher, and though he encountered strong opposition on every hand, he also achieved marked success. His followers, called "Vakte" (awakened), or Haugeans, included a large number of lay preachers. A considerable element of this community was found in the Norwegian immigration to the United States, and among the lay preachers was Elling Eielsen, who became a popular preacher among the immigrants. Under his leadership was organized, in 1846, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and he was elected its president.

With the growth of this synod there appeared an increase of liberal sentiments and a desire to change some of the more rigid features of the constitution. Accordingly a revision was adopted in 1875, and approved by a majority of the churches in 1876. The name chosen by the reorganized body was "Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod." A minority, how-

ever, led by Eielsen, retained the old constitution, and a separate organization.<sup>1</sup>

As indicated above, the union of this body with two other Norwegian Lutheran bodies in the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America was consummated in 1917.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the synod accepts the ecumenical creeds, the Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Smaller Catechism. Pontoppidan's epitome is accepted and recognized as a true development of the five parts of Luther's Smaller Catechism and of the fundamental teachings of the synod.

In polity the synod rests on the sovereignty of the individual congregations, each of which elects one or two delegates to the synod's meeting. These elected delegates, together with the pastors, constitute the synodical conference, in which the individual congregations vest the judicial and executive authority. The synod is divided into 10 districts, each having a president whose duty it is to oversee the district and render a yearly report to the presidents of the synod, who again report to the synod. Laymen are privileged to participate in the public services, which are gen-

<sup>1</sup> See Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Eielsen's Synod, p. 388.

erally of a liturgical character. Pastors are ordained and churches are dedicated by the president of the synod, who has general oversight of the entire work of the churches.

## WORK.

The home missionary work of Hauge's Synod is under the care of the Home Mission Board, and extends over the entire western part of the United States. Some of the congregations are found in the large cities, but most of them are located in the newly settled districts of the Western states, on Indian reservations, and in Canada. The special work of the board has been to help the new settlers to organize congregations and to supply them with pastors. The report for 1916 shows 15 agents employed, 25 churches aided, and contributions amounting to \$22,000.

For some years the synod contributed to the foreign missionary work of the State Church in Norway, but in 1891 it established its own mission in China and sent out 3 missionaries. The work has grown until in 1916 there were in the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh 4 stations and 20 outstations, occupied by 21 missionaries and 98 native helpers; 10 churches, with 2,600 members; 1 theological seminary, with 30 students; 2 colleges and academies, with 190 students and pupils; about 1,250 pupils in mission schools; and 1 hospital, treating about 8,000 patients. The synod also supports the Zion Mission for Israel, the Orient Mission for Mohammedans in India, and contributes to the Indian Mission to the Santals. The total amount contributed for the foreign work was \$28,000, and the value of property is estimated at \$20,000.

The synod maintains a college in Jewell, Iowa, and in Red Wing, Minn., a seminary with college and theological departments, which in 1916 together had 325 students. This property was valued at \$350,000 and contributions to the educational work amounted to \$21,000.

There are an orphan's home and a home for the aged, with about 90 inmates, and property valued at \$115,000. The contributions for this work in 1916 amounted to about \$8,000.

The young people have organized 175 societies, with a membership of about 3,500, mostly connected with the Luther League.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of Hauge's Norwegian Synod for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 374 and 375; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	362	272	90	33.1
Members.....	29,893	33,268	-3,375	-10.1
Church edifices.....	255	226	29	12.8
Value of church property.....	\$1,128,488	\$682,135	\$446,353	65.4
Debt on church property.....	\$72,713	\$55,205	\$17,508	31.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	58	51	7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$185,500	\$103,149	\$82,351	79.8
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	298	218	80	36.7
Officers and teachers.....	1,571	1,101	470	42.7
Scholars.....	14,011	8,995	5,016	55.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$79,000	\$72,584	\$6,416	8.8
Foreign.....	\$51,000	\$45,584	\$5,416	11.9
	\$28,000	\$27,000	\$1,000	3.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

It is to be remembered that these statistics cover the period before the 3 synods united in the Norwegian Church of America, and represent the situation in this particular synod as compared with the situation in 1906.

In number of organizations the synod has grown from 272 in 1906 to 362 in 1916, or 33.1 per cent. Similarly, in number of church edifices, number of churches reporting parsonages, and Sunday schools there has been a considerable increase. The membership, however, has fallen from 33,268 in 1906 to 29,893 in 1916, showing a loss of 10.1 per cent. The value of church property increased heavily, from \$682,135 to \$1,128,488, a gain of 65.4 per cent. The debt on church property, as reported by 57 organizations in 1916, amounted to \$72,713, while in 1906, 54 organizations reported a debt of \$55,205. Although the average debt per organization thus increased considerably, indebtedness as related to value of church property decreased. There was an increase of 7 in the number of churches reporting parsonages, and an increase of \$82,351, or 79.8 per cent, in the value of parsonages. Sunday schools increased from 218 to 298, or 36.7 per cent, and their scholars from 8,995 to 14,011, or 55.8 per cent. Contributions for general missions and benevolences increased from \$72,584 to \$79,000, or 8.8 per cent, the greater increase being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$270,914, reported by 284 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 362 organizations, 99, with 6,672 members, reported services conducted in English only; 263,

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with 23,221 members, used Norwegian alone or with English, and of these, 95 organizations, with 7,660 members, used Norwegian only. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 94 organizations, with 15,637 members, reporting the use of Norwegian only, and an increase of 101 organizations, with 6,581 members, reporting Norwegian in connection with English.

As shown by the following table, the number of ministers in the denomination from whom schedules were received was 129, of whom 123 were in pastoral work, including 10 assistant pastors; the 113 regular pastors reported annual salaries averaging \$1,014.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	129	113	10	6	\$1,014
Idaho.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	11	11			1,056
Iowa.....	14	11	1	2	1,173
Kansas.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	1	1			
Minnesota.....	40	35	2	3	1,055
Montana.....	1	1			
Nebraska.....	1	1			
North Dakota.....	27	25	2		872
South Dakota.....	21	15	5	1	1,015
Wisconsin.....	11	11			1,061

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hauge's Norwegian Lutheran Synod.....	362	362	29,893	252	10,508	11,031	249	16	255	253	\$1,128,488
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	17	17	2,350	13	612	720	16		16	16	138,300
Wisconsin.....	30	30	2,735	17	955	1,066	21		21	21	123,700
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	109	109	10,048	73	3,619	3,974	77		79	78	362,098
Iowa.....	33	33	4,197	25	1,480	1,439	27	1	28	28	133,700
North Dakota.....	103	103	5,799	71	2,089	2,167	53	10	53	54	163,885
South Dakota.....	55	55	3,950	42	1,345	1,330	46	4	49	47	184,755
Nebraska.....	3	3	327	3	207	120	3		3	3	10,700
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	8	8	206	4	64	71	2	1	2	2	1,600
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	281	4	137	144	4		4	4	8,850

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Idaho, Michigan, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hauge's Norwegian Lutheran Synod.....	362	57	\$72,713	58	\$185,500	284	\$270,914	269	298	1,571	14,011
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	17	6	29,600	6	23,000	16	43,695	15	16	219	2,548
Wisconsin.....	30	5	8,275	5	15,500	20	18,332	22	23	131	1,110
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	109	17	16,358	17	54,600	82	66,995	82	91	476	3,775
Iowa.....	33	4	3,100	10	35,500	30	39,951	29	30	218	1,970
North Dakota.....	103	18	10,980	6	16,000	72	37,294	72	77	302	2,655
South Dakota.....	55	6	4,200	12	32,900	53	56,084	37	49	161	1,520
Nebraska.....	3			1	5,000	3	3,450	3	3	23	187
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	8	1	200			4	1,232	5	5	14	79
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			1	3,000	4	3,881	4	4	27	167

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Idaho, Michigan, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hauge's Norwegian Lutheran Synod....	362	362	29,893	252	10,508	11,031	249	16	255	253	\$1,128,488
Chicago.....	32	32	3,756	18	965	1,180	25	.....	25	25	208,300
Iowa.....	47	47	5,586	33	1,950	1,949	39	1	40	40	190,600
Madison.....	32	32	3,553	23	1,249	1,298	27	.....	30	27	145,750
Mayville.....	40	40	2,674	26	944	977	24	.....	24	24	94,350
Missouri Slope.....	16	16	744	13	348	303	5	3	5	7	12,445
North Minnesota.....	46	46	3,321	31	1,239	1,420	34	.....	35	34	96,548
Red Wing.....	43	43	3,966	30	1,602	1,739	26	.....	26	27	140,500
Rocky Mountain.....	10	10	336	6	129	138	5	1	5	5	6,950
South Dakota.....	42	42	3,134	33	1,060	1,030	36	3	37	36	160,845
Turtle Mountain.....	54	54	2,818	39	1,022	1,099	28	8	28	28	72,400

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hauge's Norwegian Lutheran Synod....	362	57	\$72,713	58	\$185,500	284	\$270,914	269	298	1,571	14,011
Chicago.....	32	10	37,275	10	37,500	24	53,650	29	31	329	3,460
Iowa.....	47	7	4,600	11	38,500	42	47,284	37	40	272	2,360
Madison.....	32	6	7,450	10	35,800	27	30,108	23	32	125	1,304
Mayville.....	40	8	4,730	5	14,000	28	19,473	30	32	144	1,329
Missouri Slope.....	16	1	500	.....	.....	13	4,572	10	13	31	220
North Minnesota.....	46	5	858	5	8,600	35	16,513	36	38	167	1,085
Red Wing.....	43	5	7,700	7	18,000	30	26,594	31	36	184	1,594
Rocky Mountain.....	10	1	200	.....	.....	6	3,663	8	8	31	172
South Dakota.....	42	5	3,650	9	31,100	41	51,761	30	32	149	1,304
Turtle Mountain.....	54	9	5,750	1	2,000	38	17,296	35	36	139	1,183

SYNOD FOR THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

HISTORY.

The Norwegian population in the United States during the first half of the nineteenth century was comparatively small. The great majority of the newcomers had been members of the State Church of Norway, and differed from the earlier Norwegian colonists, represented in Hauge's and Eielsen's synods, and who, though in doctrinal accord with the State Church, approved the use of laymen as preachers.

The first congregation of adherents of the State Church was organized at Muskego, Wis., in September, 1843. Their first pastor was a Dane, the Rev. C. L. Claussen, who came to the settlement to labor as a schoolmaster, and was ordained by a minister of the Buffalo Synod in October of that year. A church edifice was built and dedicated in 1845, the first Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. As the number of congregations and pastors increased, there were various attempts at synodical organization; but it was not until 1853 that 7 clergymen and 42 lay delegates, representing 28 congregations among the

Norwegian immigrants in southern Wisconsin, formed the body known as the Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The synod grew rapidly and, until 1890, was the largest body of Norwegian churches in the country. In that year the organization of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church left it second in point of membership.

As indicated on page 372, the union of this body with two other Norwegian Lutheran bodies in the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America was consummated at St. Paul, Minn., June 9, 1917.

DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the synod recognizes the "Holy Word of God revealed in the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the only source and rule of faith and conduct," and accepts the symbolical books or confessions of the State Church of Norway as giving a pure and unadulterated presentation of the doctrines contained in the Scriptures. The Bible, the sacrament of baptism, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are recognized as the channels of grace.

## POLITY.

In polity the synod is in accord with other Lutheran bodies, recognizing the sovereignty of the individual congregation. The synod, a triennial body, has only advisory jurisdiction; but for the purpose of closer fellowship and supervision, it is divided into four districts. In each district there is an annual meeting in which each parish is represented by the pastor and one lay delegate from each congregation constituting the parish.

## WORK.

In view of the great immigration from Norway, as well as the migration from the older Norwegian centers in America into new sections of the country, the synod has directed its missionary energies chiefly to the work of supplying the spiritual needs of the Norwegian population by gathering them into congregations, and has done this principally through the home mission boards of the four districts. It conducts a seamen's mission at San Francisco, and contributes to similar enterprises in Brooklyn, N. Y., Boston, Galveston, Seattle, and other seaports. In New York City and other places it has special missions for immigrants, and in Chicago, a city mission. It also carries on work in Alaska and among the Indians of Wisconsin, and contributes to the Lutheran Colored Mission in the South, belonging to the Lutheran Synodical Conference. In close association with this general evangelistic department is the work of the Church Extension Board, which contributed \$6,478.

During 1916 there were employed in the various departments of domestic mission work 96 persons who aided or cared for 150 churches; and the total amount contributed was \$42,217.

The foreign missionary work of the synod is carried on in China, and, in connection with the Schreuder Missionary Society (although its organization is separate), among the Zulus in South Africa. The report for 1916 shows, for China, 3 stations and 8 out-stations, occupied by 14 missionaries and 31 native helpers; 3 organized churches, with 104 members; 6 schools, with 132 pupils; and 2 dispensaries, treating about 5,000 patients. In the South Africa field, there were 16 missionaries and 137 native helpers; 8 churches, with over 5,000 members; 53 schools, with 1,375 pupils; and 14 orphanages, with 262 inmates. The total amount contributed for the work in both fields during 1916 was \$27,690. The value of mission property in China is \$34,200, and there is an endowment of \$5,300. The mission property in South Africa, valued at \$50,000, stands in the name of the society in Norway.

The synod lays great stress upon religious education, and in 1916 reported 12 colleges and academies, with 1,500 students, and 500 parochial schools, with 15,156

pupils. The total amount contributed for educational work was \$60,111. The school property is valued at \$710,000, and there is an endowment of \$250,000. The higher schools give both religious and secular instruction. Most of the lower schools, which are principally in session during the vacation of the public schools, are almost exclusively religious in their character.

The philanthropic work of the synod is represented by 3 hospitals, and 10 orphanages and homes, with a total of 625 inmates. The amount contributed during 1916 for this purpose was \$25,000, and the property value is estimated at \$130,000.

There are about 300 young people's societies, with a membership of about 8,000.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Synod for the Norwegian Lutheran Church for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 377 and 378; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	987	927	60	6.5
Members.....	112,673	107,712	4,961	4.6
Church edifices.....	800	649	151	23.3
Value of church property.....	\$4,383,151	\$2,469,713	\$1,913,438	77.5
Debt on church property.....	\$363,588	\$165,053	\$198,535	120.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	252	203	49	24.1
Value.....	\$898,874	\$566,805	\$332,069	58.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	465	443	22	5.0
Officers and teachers.....	2,817	1,945	872	44.8
Scholars.....	24,313	18,714	5,599	29.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$155,018	\$126,698	\$28,320	22.4
Domestic.....	\$127,328	\$122,695	\$4,633	3.8
Foreign.....	\$27,690	\$4,003	\$23,687	591.7

The table shows an increase since 1906 of 60, or 6.5 per cent, in number of organizations, and of 151, or 23.3 per cent, in number of church edifices. The membership rose from 107,712 in 1906 to 112,673 in 1916, showing a gain of 4.6 per cent. The value of church property increased heavily, as did also the debt on church property. In 1906 the debt reported by 145 organizations was \$165,053; in 1916 this had risen to \$363,588, reported by 167 organizations. There was an increase of 49, or 24.1 per cent in the number of churches reporting parsonages, and an increase of \$332,069, or 58.6 per cent, in the value of parsonages. Sunday schools reported a gain of 22, or 5 per cent, in number, and 5,599, or 29.9 per cent, in scholars. Contributions for general and benevolent purposes advanced \$28,320, or 22.4 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$836,923, reported by 939 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 987 organizations, 67, with 3,976 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 920, with 108,697 members, used foreign languages. The languages used were German and the Scandinavian languages, of which the principal one was Norwegian used alone or with English by 899 organizations, with 106,760 members, and by 904 organizations, with 107,010 members, in connection with Danish and English. Norwegian alone was reported by 333 organizations, with 35,167 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 268 organizations, with 29,584 members, using foreign languages only, and an increase of 286 organizations, with 31,888 members, reporting foreign languages and English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the synod was 447. As shown by the following table, 363 made report, all but 9 being in pastoral work, and 347 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,051.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	363	349	5	9	\$1,051
California.....	7	7			914
Colorado.....	2	2			850
Idaho.....	2	2			650
Illinois.....	15	14		1	1,238
Iowa.....	29	25	2	2	1,208
Massachusetts.....	3	3			1,450
Michigan.....	4	4			628
Minnesota.....	112	108	3	1	1,060
Missouri.....	1	1			
Montana.....	9	9			787
Nebraska.....	5	5			900
New Jersey.....	3	3			1,000
New York.....	9	9			1,042
North Dakota.....	56	56			1,016
Ohio.....	1	1			
Oregon.....	3	3			1,018
South Dakota.....	22	22			1,033
Texas.....	5	4		1	992
Washington.....	20	19		1	903
Wisconsin.....	55	52		3	1,111

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Synod for Norwegian Lutheran Church..	987	987	112,673	921	51,176	53,559	783	89	800	798	\$4,383,151
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	3	501	3	221	280	2	1	2	2	33,500
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	1,440	5	485	511	6		6	6	117,000
New Jersey.....	3	3	614	2	232	232	3		3	3	47,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	394	4	181	213	3	1	3	3	12,000
Illinois.....	19	19	3,161	16	1,234	1,558	16		18	16	216,900
Michigan.....	13	13	1,077	12	496	542	10	1	10	11	22,800
Wisconsin.....	135	135	23,555	118	10,420	10,808	125	1	133	125	755,707
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	314	314	39,211	288	17,559	18,591	270	17	273	277	1,518,960
Iowa.....	57	57	10,263	56	4,953	5,089	55	1	56	55	396,250
North Dakota.....	204	204	15,042	199	7,098	7,380	140	25	140	147	565,625
South Dakota.....	74	74	6,533	74	3,202	3,331	58	8	61	59	302,250
Nebraska.....	13	13	1,223	10	490	545	11		11	11	36,600
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	9	9	1,511	9	766	745	7	2	7	7	41,860
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	51	51	2,203	51	1,249	954	21	25	21	20	62,800
Idaho.....	3	3	79	2	39	28	2		2	2	6,000
Colorado.....	5	5	211	5	97	114	1		1	1	2,400
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	50	50	3,725	46	1,603	1,796	35	4	35	35	149,699
Oregon.....	10	10	863	9	384	359	7	1	7	7	16,600
California.....	10	10	886	9	390	414	9	1	9	9	70,200
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	181	3	77	69	2	1	2	2	9,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Kansas, Missouri, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod for Norwegian Lutheran Church..	987	167	\$363,588	252	\$898,874	939	\$836,923	429	465	2,817	24,313
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	1	8,000			3	15,446	3	3	32	224
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	4	26,500	2	7,200	6	17,757	6	8	127	1,196
New Jersey.....	3	2	14,200	2	9,500	3	6,516	3	5	88	547
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4					4	2,616	2	2	14	94
Illinois.....	19	7	40,260	7	32,100	18	27,646	15	17	206	2,182
Michigan.....	13	1	150	4	6,300	12	4,250	10	10	31	273
Wisconsin.....	135	24	40,613	48	177,425	129	129,792	54	58	371	3,357
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	314	52	146,315	74	299,661	301	283,253	142	155	953	8,317
Iowa.....	57	4	3,500	25	114,100	57	83,862	21	23	138	1,114
North Dakota.....	204	34	30,350	37	113,850	200	128,615	66	70	320	2,518
South Dakota.....	74	8	4,713	20	67,800	65	43,626	23	23	107	935
Nebraska.....	13			6	10,500	13	14,144	3	3	30	296
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	9			4	8,438	9	16,215	6	6	25	175
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	51	6	8,462	3	7,800	46	10,052	13	15	66	470
Idaho.....	3	1	2,000	1	3,000	2	1,100	2	2	8	52
Colorado.....	5	1	400	1	1,500	5	1,578	2	2	8	64
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	50	14	22,805	12	28,000	44	31,424	40	44	198	1,647
Oregon.....	10	3	1,420	4	7,200	9	5,000	7	7	28	255
California.....	10	3	9,600	2	4,500	9	12,818	9	10	54	547
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	2	4,300			4	1,213	2	2	13	50

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Kansas, Missouri, and Virginia.

#### UNITED NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

##### HISTORY.

This body was constituted in 1890 by the union of three synods, namely, the Norwegian Augustana Synod, organized in 1860; the Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran Conference, organized in 1870; and the Norwegian Anti-Missouri Brotherhood, organized in 1887. The last body separated from the Norwegian Synod because they could not accept its views respecting the doctrine of predestination. The union of these three bodies was due to a movement to bring together, as far as possible, all Norwegian Lutherans in one body and this movement culminated in the union, in 1917, of this body with Hauge's Synod and the Synod of the Norwegian Lutheran Church under the name of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

##### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the United Church confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the revealed Word of God, and therefore the only source and rule of faith, doctrine, and life. It has adopted as its doctrinal symbols the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian creeds, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Smaller Catechism.

##### POLITY.

In polity the United Church is democratic; the congregations are sovereign bodies, elect their own

ministers, and have a right to depose them. The synod, composed of the ministers and representatives from the congregations, is mainly consultative and advisory in character. For supervising purposes the church is divided into 53 districts, each with a "visitor" whose duty it is to inspect every congregation in the district in the course of 3 years. The president of the church convenes and presides over its meetings, provides for the ordination of theological candidates, inspects the work of the visitors, and assists the churches to secure ministers.

##### WORK.

The home missionary work of the United Norwegian Church is directed by a committee and superintendent. Its object is to preach the gospel and organize congregations among the poorer classes in the large cities, and among new settlers in the country. Special attention is given to the spiritual and temporal needs of immigrants, work in the slums, and general philanthropic assistance of the unfortunate. The report for 1916 showed 148 persons employed, 106 churches assisted, and contributions amounting to \$78,443.

The foreign missionary work is under the care of a special committee, and is carried on in Madagascar and China. The report for 1916 shows for both of these fields 120 stations, occupied by 41 missionaries



and 224 native helpers; 120 organized churches, with 3,753 communicants; 3 theological seminaries, with 125 students; 2 colleges and academies, with 120 students; and 48 primary and day schools, with 1,274 pupils. There was 1 hospital, treating 385 patients, and 3 orphanages, with 74 inmates. The total contributions for the foreign work amounted to \$156,599. The value of property was \$292,924, and there were endowments amounting to \$74,626.

In its educational work in the United States in 1916, the church reported 12 schools of higher grade, including 1 theological seminary, 1 college, 9 academies, and 1 normal school, with a total of 2,407 students. There were also 1,218 parochial schools, with 41,037 pupils. The amount contributed for all educational purposes was about \$60,000. The value of property was given as \$1,715,856, and there is an endowment of \$422,724.

This church also reported 7 hospitals in the United States, treating approximately 6,000 patients, and 7 homes and orphanages, with 526 inmates. The amount contributed for the support of these institutions was \$40,652. The value of property is estimated at \$641,813, and there is an endowment amounting to \$79,030.

There were in 1916 Luther Leagues, Christian Endeavor societies, and other young people's societies, numbering in all 861, with a membership of about 30,000.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 380 and 381; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,391	1,177	214	18.2
Members.....	176,084	185,027	-8,943	-4.8
Church edifices.....	1,210	1,018	192	18.9
Value of church property.....	\$5,990,280	\$3,668,588	\$2,321,692	63.3
Debt on church property.....	\$324,818	\$166,203	\$158,615	95.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	352	246	106	43.1
Value.....	\$1,157,375	\$651,370	\$506,005	77.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	873	995	-122	-12.3
Officers and teachers.....	5,723	5,109	614	12.0
Scholars.....	44,042	43,714	328	0.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$335,604	\$366,055	-\$30,361	-8.3
Foreign.....	\$179,095	\$308,625	-\$129,530	-42.0
	\$156,599	\$57,430	\$99,169	172.7

\* A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has gained in number of organizations, in church edifices, and in parsonages, but has suffered a loss in

membership, in number of Sunday schools, and in contributions for missions and benevolences. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 1,391, as against 1,177 in 1906, a gain of 18.2 per cent, but the membership fell from 185,027 in 1906 to 176,084 in 1916, showing a loss of 4.8 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 192, or 18.9 per cent, and the value of church property increased from \$3,668,588 to \$5,990,280, or 63.3 per cent. Debt on church property in 1916 amounted to \$324,818, as reported by 210 organizations, as against \$166,203, reported by 167 organizations, in 1906. There was an increase of 106, or 43.1 per cent, in number of churches reporting parsonages, and a corresponding increase of \$506,005, or 77.7 per cent, in value of parsonages. There was a loss of 122, or 12.3 per cent, in number of Sunday schools, but there was a gain of 614 in number of officers and teachers and of 328 in number of scholars. The contributions for missions and benevolences fell from \$366,055 in 1906 to \$335,694 in 1916, showing a loss of 8.3 per cent. The loss was entirely in contributions for domestic work, contributions for foreign work having advanced from \$57,430 to \$156,599, a gain of 172.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,431,715, reported by 1,356 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 1,391 organizations, 12, with 3,711 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 1,379, with 172,373 members, used foreign languages. Of these, 530 organizations, with 55,405 members, used foreign languages only. The foreign languages reported were German and the Scandinavian languages, of which the principal one was Norwegian, used alone or with English by 1,368 organizations, with 171,474 members, and in connection with other Scandinavian languages and English, by 1,371 organizations, with 171,595 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 277 organizations, with 64,397 members, reporting foreign languages only in church services, and an increase of 520 organizations, with 56,101 members, using foreign languages and English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 598. As shown by the following table, 499 sent in schedules and all but 50 were in pastoral work, the average annual salary reported by 433 being \$1,124. The largest number of ministers was in Minnesota, 150. North Dakota reported 83, Wisconsin 73, Iowa 44, and South Dakota 43.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.	STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.			Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.					Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	499	433	16	50	\$1,124	Montana.....	22	21	1	.....	\$1,257
California.....	6	5	.....	1	1,130	Nebraska.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	2	2	.....	.....	850	New Hampshire.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	3	3	.....	.....	1,212	New York.....	5	4	.....	1	1,525
Illinois.....	24	22	1	1	1,279	North Dakota.....	83	77	3	3	1,033
Iowa.....	44	42	.....	2	1,213	Oregon.....	8	6	1	1	1,133
Kansas.....	2	2	.....	.....	600	Pennsylvania.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,050
Maine.....	1	1	.....	.....	667	South Dakota.....	43	41	1	1	1,058
Michigan.....	6	6	.....	.....	667	Virginia.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	150	114	6	30	1,155	Washington.....	22	15	3	4	975
						Wisconsin.....	73	67	.....	6	1,152

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
United Norwegian Lutheran Church.....	1,391	1,391	176,084	1,319	80,710	82,994	1,190	106	1,210	1,208	\$5,990,280
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	5	720	4	224	296	5	.....	5	4	111,000
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	36	36	6,336	34	2,761	3,264	34	.....	35	34	335,253
Michigan.....	18	18	1,958	16	834	899	16	.....	16	16	44,000
Wisconsin.....	226	226	45,931	211	21,132	21,264	215	7	221	214	1,227,819
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	367	367	52,855	350	24,648	24,904	339	14	343	342	1,655,417
Iowa.....	114	114	19,331	111	8,877	9,861	114	.....	115	114	719,790
North Dakota.....	308	308	23,940	286	10,873	10,920	245	31	250	248	982,010
South Dakota.....	161	161	15,786	156	6,936	7,114	118	26	120	124	495,457
Nebraska.....	5	5	326	5	170	156	5	.....	5	5	10,700
Kansas.....	5	5	344	4	168	161	3	2	3	3	9,700
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	61	61	2,893	59	1,475	1,363	26	21	27	33	89,355
Idaho.....	10	10	501	10	254	247	9	.....	9	9	19,900
Colorado.....	4	4	184	4	99	85	2	1	2	2	3,200
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	44	44	2,734	43	1,293	1,383	38	3	38	39	137,169
Oregon.....	15	15	1,022	15	475	547	12	.....	12	12	59,985
California.....	5	5	620	5	286	334	4	.....	4	4	34,625
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	603	6	205	196	5	1	5	5	54,900

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Norwegian Lutheran Church.....	1,391	210	\$324,818	352	\$1,157,375	1,356	\$1,431,715	806	873	5,723	44,042
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	3	31,900	1	20,000	5	11,637	5	6	161	1,322
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	36	11	60,258	12	46,500	35	78,140	32	37	322	3,048
Michigan.....	18	3	2,000	8	12,400	18	10,716	13	14	91	552
Wisconsin.....	226	34	49,645	71	259,200	223	246,666	150	169	1,060	8,467
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	367	49	77,717	100	346,850	363	440,496	203	214	1,629	12,944
Iowa.....	114	15	17,863	48	169,525	114	213,289	84	95	690	4,966
North Dakota.....	308	55	52,211	53	145,450	296	211,726	138	146	738	5,588
South Dakota.....	161	9	4,655	34	97,800	157	131,233	81	87	479	3,551
Nebraska.....	5	1	374	2	4,325	5	4,325	2	2	18	120
Kansas.....	5			2	3,700	4	2,850	3	3	23	158
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	61	7	4,550	5	13,300	55	28,426	29	30	114	682
Idaho.....	10	1	500	3	7,000	10	3,595	6	6	28	173
Colorado.....	4					4	1,461	4	4	20	81
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	44	12	16,225	9	18,850	43	23,752	35	38	217	1,657
Oregon.....	15	6	2,620	2	4,000	12	13,104	12	12	54	279
California.....	5	2	3,500	1	4,000	5	5,633	4	5	33	177
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	2	800	1	4,000	7	4,666	5	5	46	277

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wyoming.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

HISTORY.

At a meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1804, a plan was presented which provided for traveling missionaries to meet the needs of the rapidly growing western communities. Three such missionaries were appointed, who covered a great extent of territory and laid the foundations of synods in Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. As a result of the work in Ohio eight pastors, members of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, who were engaged in missionary work in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, met together with three lay delegates, in October, 1812, in Washington County, Pa., and organized a special conference of the general body with which they were connected. They applied for and received honorable dismissal from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and having thus become independent, they reorganized at a convention held in September, 1818, at Somerset, Ohio, under the name of the General Conference of Evangelical Lutheran Ministers of Ohio and Adjacent States. In 1825 a more strictly ecclesiastical title was adopted, namely, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

The new synod was cordially invited to participate in the formation of the General Synod, but representatives from it, though expected, failed to attend. Subsequently delegates did attend, but the synod, declining to become identified with the General Synod, remained independent. In the year 1831, on grounds wholly of a practical nature, it was divided into two districts, Eastern and Western, to which a third, the First English, was added in 1836.

The general body was incorporated by a special act of the Ohio Legislature in 1847, and continued to extend its borders until it now includes 10 districts in the United States, together with a district in Canada, centered at Winnipeg. In the course of the doctrinal discussions of its early years several small synods were formed from it, some of which entered the General Synod. In 1872 it participated in the formation of the Synodical Conference, without, however, losing its independent character, inasmuch as that conference is a union of synods for the preservation and propagation of doctrine and faith rather than for cooperation in the work and government of the church. When the Missouri Synod and some other members of the Synodical Conference adopted the Calvinistic doctrine of predestination in 1881, the Joint Synod of Ohio severed its relations with them, and since then has had no formal connection with other Lutheran organizations. In 1896 it was reorganized under the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, and at that time became a delegate body. While maintaining its independence, it has cultivated a spirit of fellowship toward all cognate bodies which in good faith subscribe to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. Of late years it has grown rapidly through extension of its home missionary work. From its early history the Joint Synod of Ohio has been a German-English organization. While in some districts English has been the predominant language, and in others German, both are more or less used in all, and at the conventions they are by statute placed on an equal footing.

The Joint Synod is now composed of 12 districts—10 situated in the United States, 1 in Canada, and 1 in Australia.

## DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal basis of the synod, from the time of its early organization until 1847, was Luther's Catechism and the Augsburg Confession. Since that year an unreserved subscription to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church in their entirety has been the condition of membership in its ministry; and all candidates for the ministry and for theological professorships are required to accept the faith as set forth in the Book of Concord as a correct exposition of the teachings of the Bible. It is thus in general accord with the more conservative Lutheran synods, standing between the General Council and the Synodical Conference.

## POLITY.

In polity the synod is both congregational and presbyterian. It is congregational in that the individual congregation is considered the highest judicatory in the affairs of the church, the district synod and the general synod having authority only in such matters as are intrusted to them by the congregations. In all the constitutions setting forth synodical rights and duties, this sovereignty of the congregations is jealously guarded. The polity is presbyterian in that the decision of the district synod and the general synod is final in all questions referred to them. The system of delegation to the latter body is as follows: Ten parishes, including their pastors, constitute an electoral precinct, which is entitled to one clerical and one lay delegate; besides these, all theological professors, the presidents and deans of educational institutions, and the chairmen of the different directory boards attend the meetings as advisory members without the right to vote. The district synods meet annually; the general synod, biennially.

## WORK.

The home mission work is under the care of a general missionary committee organized in 1884, and is carried on largely among the immigrant Germans. The report for 1916 shows 120 missionaries, working in about 25 states of the Union; 192 churches aided; and contributions amounting to \$55,265.

The foreign missionary work is carried on by a board appointed by the synod in conjunction with the Hermannsburg Missionary Society, of Hanover, Germany, which labors in Africa and India; and for this work the synod contributes about \$15,000 annually. It has property in these fields valued at \$25,000.

In 1916 the synod owned and controlled 6 schools in Ohio, Minnesota, Washington, and Nebraska. Of these, 3 had collegiate or academic and theological

departments, and 1 was a normal school. The total attendance was 530, the appropriation for their support, aside from revenues from tuition, endowment funds, etc., was \$51,337; and the total property value, including endowments amounting to \$145,534, was \$497,534. The synod has also 286 parochial schools with an attendance of 9,857 pupils. The amount contributed for the support of these schools in 1916 was \$686,183, and the value of property used for this purpose is estimated at \$370,863.

There is 1 hospital maintained, and there are 3 homes for orphans and aged people, with 143 inmates. The amount contributed in 1916 for the support of these institutions was \$14,300, and the value of their property is placed at \$150,000. There is also a board of aid for the support of disabled ministers and teachers and their families, for which there was contributed \$7,958.

The Book Concern of the synod, with a plant valued at \$125,000, is located in Columbus, Ohio. Besides general literature, it publishes 2 theological monthlies, 2 church weeklies, and 4 papers for the young.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 384, 385, and 386; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	827	772	55	7.1
Members.....	164,968	123,408	41,560	33.7
Church edifices.....	807	712	95	13.3
Value of church property.....	\$5,718,462	\$3,606,285	\$2,112,177	58.6
Debt on church property.....	\$679,504	\$333,580	\$345,924	103.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	474	378	96	25.4
Value.....	\$1,247,255	\$746,264	\$500,991	67.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	714	624	90	14.4
Officers and teachers.....	5,641	4,395	1,246	28.4
Scholars.....	66,773	47,609	19,164	40.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$135,902	\$63,600	\$72,302	113.7
Domestic.....	\$120,902	\$57,000	\$63,902	112.1
Foreign.....	\$15,000	\$6,600	\$8,400	127.3

From this table it appears that the denomination has reported an increase in every particular. The gain in number of organizations, church edifices, and Sunday schools has been moderate, but at a higher rate in number of parsonages, at a still higher rate in membership, value of property, and Sunday school scholars, and highest of all in the amount of contributions. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 827, as against 772 in 1906, a gain of 7.1 per cent, and the membership rose from 123,408 to 164,968, or

33.7 per cent. There was an increase of 95, or 13.3 per cent, in number of church edifices and of 96, or 25.4 per cent, in number of churches reporting parsonages. The value of church property advanced from \$3,606,285 to \$5,718,462, an increase of 58.6 per cent, and the debt on church property advanced from \$333,580, as reported by 192 organizations in 1906, to \$679,504, as reported by 219 organizations in 1916. The number of Sunday schools increased by 90, or 14.4 per cent, and the number of scholars from 47,609 to 66,773, or 40.3 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$63,600 to \$135,902, an increase of 113.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,256,673, reported by 806 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 827 organizations, 257, with 34,956 members, reported services conducted in English only and 379, with 104,819 members, used foreign languages with English; and 191 organizations, with 25,193 members, used foreign languages only. The languages used were German, Norwegian, and Slavic, the principal one being German, used alone or in connection with English, by 568 organizations, with 129,433 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 36 in the number of organizations reporting foreign languages alone or with English and an increase of 91 organizations in the number reporting English only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 567. Schedules were received from 514, distributed, by states, as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	514	469	9	36	\$849
Alabama.....	1	1			660
California.....	3	2		1	720
Colorado.....	5	5			1,350
District of Columbia.....	2	2			658
Idaho.....	5	4	1		831
Illinois.....	20	20			744
Indiana.....	31	29		2	725
Iowa.....	17	17			840
Kansas.....	5	5			690
Kentucky.....	1	1			807
Louisiana.....	2	2			801
Maryland.....	16	15		1	698
Michigan.....	28	28			700
Minnesota.....	46	39	2	5	679
Mississippi.....	1	1			990
Missouri.....	4	4			822
Montana.....	2	2			1,072
Nebraska.....	14	11		3	700
New York.....	4	4			737
North Carolina.....	1	1			797
North Dakota.....	16	14	2		1,260
Ohio.....	166	145	2	19	735
Oregon.....	6	5		1	
Pennsylvania.....	27	27			
South Dakota.....	7	6		1	
Tennessee.....	1			1	
Texas.....	11	11			
Virginia.....	1	1			
Washington.....	21	17	2	2	
West Virginia.....	6	6			
Wisconsin.....	44	44			

From this table it appears that 478 ministers were in pastoral work and 36 not in pastoral work. Of the latter, 16 were on the retired list, 13 engaged in educational and editorial work, and 4 in denominational service. The number of pastors reporting full salaries was 466, and the average annual salary was \$849.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Joint Synod of Ohio.....	827	826	164,968	744	65,170	75,228	773	20	807	776	\$5,718,462
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	4	4	1,145	4	445	700	4		4	4	103,000
Pennsylvania.....	37	37	9,372	35	4,102	4,966	37		38	37	554,276
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	241	241	59,309	207	21,157	25,400	241		245	241	2,463,795
Indiana.....	44	43	9,570	42	4,233	5,037	42		45	42	300,776
Illinois.....	23	23	7,744	21	3,516	4,038	23		26	23	193,000
Michigan.....	35	35	13,031	30	3,669	4,210	35		35	35	352,200
Wisconsin.....	94	94	19,181	87	8,591	9,494	88	2	94	88	467,325
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	67	67	14,073	66	6,517	6,811	65	2	71	65	319,830
Iowa.....	21	21	3,890	19	1,752	1,828	21		22	21	138,500
Missouri.....	3	3	273	3	104	169	3		3	2	14,500
North Dakota.....	46	46	3,623	42	1,633	1,710	37	2	37	37	66,540
South Dakota.....	12	12	962	12	472	490	11		15	11	31,325
Nebraska.....	15	15	2,454	13	916	948	12	1	12	14	49,105
Kansas.....	16	16	1,544	13	628	645	15		17	15	27,010
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland.....	28	28	4,198	24	1,170	1,522	26	1	27	26	170,680
District of Columbia.....	2	2	560	2	262	298	2		2	2	42,500
Virginia.....	4	4	313	4	144	169	4		4	4	2,800
West Virginia.....	15	15	1,790	14	743	915	15		15	15	143,700
North Carolina.....	9	9	887	2	146	181	9		9	9	13,550
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Alabama.....	2	2	82	2	29	53	1		1	1	2,200
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Louisiana.....	3	3	818	3	300	518	3		3	3	15,000
Texas.....	25	25	2,523	25	1,245	1,278	17		17	17	48,950
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	4	4	345	4	181	164	1	2	1	1	1,200
Idaho.....	8	8	450	8	226	224	5	3	5	6	6,600
Colorado.....	9	9	1,090	8	513	511	7	1	7	7	16,650
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	44	44	4,461	42	1,989	2,287	38	4	41	38	138,700
Oregon.....	11	11	961	7	363	467	8	1	8	9	28,500
California.....	2	2	181	2	61	120	1	1	1	1	3,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	138	3	63	75	2		2	2	2,750

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Joint Synod of Ohio.....	827	219	\$679,504	474	\$1,247,255	806	\$1,256,673	687	714	5,641	66,773
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	37,600	4	20,900	4	14,741	4	4	67	607
Pennsylvania.....	37	15	45,475	20	94,700	37	96,911	35	36	451	5,716
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	241	50	231,767	152	472,175	237	536,701	225	230	2,663	31,898
Indiana.....	44	12	30,975	31	79,750	44	68,921	37	39	330	3,544
Illinois.....	23	6	19,100	18	56,100	23	52,801	18	20	115	1,528
Michigan.....	35	15	70,209	28	93,500	35	90,651	29	30	321	4,455
Wisconsin.....	94	29	82,725	46	118,400	94	95,345	56	56	269	3,269
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	67	17	39,345	47	91,990	66	75,087	47	48	210	2,106
Iowa.....	21	9	8,117	14	28,600	21	28,046	19	23	102	1,067
Missouri.....	3	1	500	2	4,000	3	3,222	3	3	22	177
North Dakota.....	46	6	4,050	13	20,300	42	22,513	37	39	119	1,110
South Dakota.....	12	1	2,100	7	11,200	12	9,508	8	8	15	222
Nebraska.....	15	1	1,825	10	15,740	15	24,889	12	13	42	529
Kansas.....	16	3	500	9	11,550	14	9,907	14	14	68	655
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	28	12	26,646	11	24,550	26	26,704	28	29	318	3,640
District of Columbia.....	2	1	8,000			2	6,607	2	2	26	257
Virginia.....	4	1	1,690	2	1,800	4	1,078	3	3	24	249
West Virginia.....	15	3	27,400	7	12,300	15	13,097	14	14	97	1,058
North Carolina.....	9	2	2,300	5	3,600	9	2,993	4	4	22	315
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	2	1	238			1	400	1	1	2	25
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	3	2	7,200	2	4,700	3	4,412	3	3	40	433
Texas.....	25	7	8,565	8	15,400	25	13,680	25	27	77	1,010
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4	1	400			2	1,143	2	3	7	87
Idaho.....	8	2	250	3	4,000	8	3,735	7	8	11	116
Colorado.....	9	2	550	2	3,600	9	8,363	9	10	40	554
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	44	13	18,477	23	44,000	43	33,683	35	36	152	1,676
Oregon.....	11	2	2,050	8	10,400	7	6,080	5	5	21	283
California.....	2	1	1,450	1	2,000	2	2,041	2	3	7	57
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			1	2,000	3	3,354	3	3	13	130

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Joint Synod of Ohio.....	827	826	164,968	744	65,170	75,228	773	20	807	776	\$5,718,462
Concordia.....	56	56	5,948	45	1,995	2,555	52	1	53	52	182,080
Eastern.....	50	50	14,037	46	5,805	6,978	50		51	50	831,150
English.....	117	117	19,553	106	7,355	9,751	117		118	117	994,951
Kansas-Nebraska.....	43	43	5,361	37	2,161	2,273	37	2	39	38	107,265
Minnesota.....	155	155	23,279	148	10,750	11,194	140	6	151	140	549,595
Northern.....	107	107	37,130	91	11,662	13,524	107		109	107	1,255,200
Texas.....	29	29	3,387	29	1,566	1,821	21		21	21	66,150
Washington.....	65	65	6,053	59	2,639	3,098	52	9	55	54	177,300
Western.....	92	91	21,588	78	8,282	9,535	90		95	90	857,346
Wisconsin.....	113	113	28,632	105	12,955	14,469	107	2	115	107	697,425

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Joint Synod of Ohio .....	827	219	\$679,504	474	\$1,247,255	806	\$1,256,673	687	714	5,641	66,773
Concordia .....	56	14	34,136	22	30,750	53	36,294	48	49	420	4,728
Eastern .....	50	21	87,150	35	152,600	50	157,181	47	48	579	7,334
English .....	117	26	117,809	52	148,125	114	216,450	112	112	1,369	16,258
Kansas-Nebraska .....	43	7	3,375	23	34,390	41	46,441	38	40	162	1,915
Minnesota .....	155	33	50,512	83	155,290	148	140,871	118	126	453	4,604
Northern .....	107	27	150,202	86	290,900	106	275,401	95	103	1,133	14,080
Texas .....	29	10	16,003	10	20,100	29	18,492	29	31	119	1,468
Washington .....	65	18	22,227	35	60,400	60	45,539	49	52	191	2,132
Western .....	92	24	86,565	66	177,900	92	168,661	81	82	782	9,172
Wisconsin .....	113	39	111,525	62	176,300	113	151,343	70	71	433	5,082

## LUTHERAN SYNOD OF BUFFALO.

## HISTORY.

Among the Lutherans who withdrew from the State Church of Prussia after the attempt to unite the Lutheran and the Reformed bodies was a company called "Old Lutherans," or "Separatists," under the leadership of the Rev. John A. A. Grabau, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, at Erfurt. He had been deposed from office and imprisoned for a year on account of his decided opposition to the union, and this, together with the general conditions of the time, led the company to apply to King Frederick William III for permission to emigrate to America. This was granted, and they arrived in New York in 1839, and the majority settled in the city of Buffalo and its neighborhood. As the number of churches increased, Grabau, with three other pastors, organized, in 1845, the Buffalo Synod, or "Synod of the Lutheran Church emigrated from Prussia."

For a time the synod was in conflict with other Lutheran synods, particularly the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States,<sup>1</sup> on the subjects of doctrine, the church, the ministry, and ordination. As a consequence of this discussion, a number of ministers and congregations of the Buffalo Synod withdrew in 1866. Some of them joined the Missouri Synod; others remained separate for a time, then gradually entered other synods. Those who remained faithful to the principles adopted by the Synod of Buffalo at its organization henceforth continued their denominational work under great difficulties.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrinal basis of the synod is that of the Lutheran Church of the sixteenth century, and its chief object from the beginning has been the maintenance of pure doctrine. It receives officially and

unqualifiedly all the doctrinal symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in their entirety. In worship it is liturgical, and although uniformity is not prescribed, it is generally observed.

In polity the synod is in accord with other Lutheran bodies. The individual congregations administer their own affairs through the agency of a church council and in congregational meetings. Matters that can not be adjusted there are brought before the ministerium, or conference, and finally before the synod. The church emphasizes discipline, and excommunicates those who are impenitent after they have been found guilty of misconduct or of breach of church regulations. The synod upholds the principle laid down in its constitution that membership in secret societies can not be approved, but deals with each case individually, and leaves it to the Christian conscience of the pastors and the congregations to decide whether and how long a member who has joined a secret order is to be classed as a member of the congregation.

## WORK.

The home missionary work of the synod is confined to the establishment of new churches and to the aiding of poor ones. In 1916, 2 new churches were organized and 4 others aided, at an expense of approximately \$1,800. The foreign missionary work consists in assisting the mission of the Hanover Lutheran Free Church in South Africa, and the amount contributed in 1916 for this purpose was \$782.

The synod has its own theological school, the Martin Luther Seminary, at Buffalo, which in 1916 had 4 instructors, 8 students, and property valued at \$12,000. The amount contributed by the congregations for its support was \$1,855. There were 18 parochial schools, with 500 pupils. A fund of \$6,000 is maintained for the benefit of the widows of ministers and teachers. The congregations contribute

<sup>1</sup> See Synodical Conference, p. 366.

also to the support of the St. John's Orphan Asylum and the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged, both at Buffalo.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lutheran Synod of Buffalo for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	42	33	9	(1)
Members.....	6,128	5,270	858	16.3
Church edifices.....	41	34	7	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$244,163	\$130,000	\$114,163	87.8
Debt on church property.....	\$32,750	\$10,314	\$22,436	217.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	27	20	7	(1)
Value.....	\$54,150	\$36,400	\$17,750	48.8
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	23	14	9	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	176	58	118	(1)
Scholars.....	1,524	626	898	143.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$4,437	\$3,230	\$1,207	37.4
Domestic.....	\$3,655	\$2,580	\$1,075	41.7
Foreign.....	\$782	\$650	\$132	20.3

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it is seen that there has been an increase in the synod in every particular. The number of organizations reported was 42 in 1916 as against 33 in 1906, and the membership advanced from 5,270

to 6,128, showing a gain of 16.3 per cent. The number of church edifices reported was 41, an increase of 7; the value of church property was \$244,163, a gain of 87.8 per cent over 1906; and a debt on church property of \$32,750 was reported by 14 organizations. Similarly, the number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 20 to 27, and the value of parsonages from \$36,400 to \$54,150, an increase of 48.8 per cent. There was an increase of 9 in Sunday schools, as in organizations, and an increase of 898, or 143.5 per cent, in Sunday school scholars. Contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes advanced from \$3,230 to \$4,437, or 37.4 per cent.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$68,952, reported by 41 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 42 organizations, 5, with 30 members, reported services conducted in English only; 23, with 3,503 members, used German and English; and 14 organizations, with 2,595 members, used German only. In 1906 there were no organizations reporting the use of English only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the synod was 38, from 23 of whom schedules were received. The 21 pastors reporting full salaries received an average of \$720 per year.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran Synod of Buffalo.....	42	42	6,128	37	2,619	2,980	40	1	41	39	\$244,163
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	22	22	3,050	20	1,286	1,533	22	.....	22	21	145,043
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	408	1	210	198	1	.....	1	1	12,000
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	3	298	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	3	5,800
Michigan.....	5	5	642	5	306	336	5	.....	6	5	29,020
Wisconsin.....	6	6	1,299	6	607	692	5	.....	5	5	36,300
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	5	5	431	5	210	221	4	1	4	4	16,000



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran Synod of Buffalo.....	42	14	\$32,750	27	\$54,150	41	\$68,952	23	23	176	1,524
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	22	8	25,500	13	30,500	22	43,744	12	12	84	787
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	1,500			1	3,737	1	1	17	143
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3			3	3,200	3	3,900				
Michigan.....	5	2	4,000	4	6,950	5	6,771	2	2	22	128
Wisconsin.....	6	1	300	4	9,000	6	8,247	5	5	41	286
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	5	2	1,450	3	4,500	4	2,553	3	3	12	180

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, EIELSEN'S SYNOD.

## HISTORY.

The first Norwegian colony in America was founded at Rochester, N. Y., in October, 1825, as the outcome of the efforts of a Norwegian immigrant, Kling Petersen, who arrived in America in 1821, and the first one in the West was established on Fox River, in Illinois, in 1834-1837. The great movement of Norwegian immigration did not begin until some years later, and these scattered communities, destitute of pastoral care, suffered much from lack of church organization. The first attempt to gather them into churches was made by some lay preachers who had been connected with the revival movement of preceding years initiated in Norway by Hans Nielsen Hauge.<sup>1</sup> Among them was Elling Eielsen, who landed in 1839 and was ordained in October, 1843, by the Rev. F. A. Hoffman, a German Lutheran pastor near Chicago.

Three years later he and representatives from the other congregations held a conference on Jefferson Prairie, in Wisconsin, and organized the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Eielsen's Synod, the first Norwegian Lutheran synod in this country. As immigration increased, the Norwegian Synod was organized in 1853, while many immigrants joined the Franckean Synod, the Scandinavian Augustana Synod, and the Danish Norwegian Conference. The growth of Eielsen's Synod was thus comparatively slow, partly, it was claimed, because of its insistence upon proof of conversion for admission to membership. Later, discussions arose in the synod over doctrinal questions, some of the clergy being in favor of admitting to church membership any applicant who accepted the Christian faith unconditionally and led a moral life. At the annual meeting in June, 1875, a revised constitution along these lines was presented. The next year it was adopted by a large majority, and the name was changed to Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The new constitution was ratified

<sup>1</sup> See Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod, p. 372.

by a majority of the individual congregations, but a few ministers, among them Eielsen, together with a small number of the congregations, clung to the old organization with its constitution and name. Eielsen, who had been the president of the first synod was re-elected president of the small synod after the separation, and held the office until his death, in 1883. The growth of the synod has been very slow since 1876.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine Eielsen's Synod is in accord with the "pure Lutheran faith and doctrine as derived from the Bible, the Word of God, together with the Apostles' Creed and the Augsburg Confession."

In polity the synod is in accord with other Lutheran bodies. Individual congregations conduct their own affairs, elect officers and teachers, and call ministers. The synod meets annually, and all male members of the church have a right to vote and take part in its meetings. The synod acts through a board of trustees and a church council, each composed of seven members. The council superintends the doctrine and discipline of the church and the department of its members, especially ministers, officers, and teachers. The trustees have general care of the temporal affairs. The synod also has fall and winter conferences, which, however, have only advisory powers. In case any congregation is too small or too poor to support a minister, a minister or itinerant preacher is sent to it by the synod.

## WORK.

The missionary work of the synod is under the superintendence of the church council, with the aid of the Home Mission Board. In addition to the work among new settlements, an Indian mission is maintained in Wisconsin. During 1916 it employed 6 missionaries, aided 12 churches, and raised about \$2,000 for the conduct of the work. No foreign missionary work is carried on by the synod as such, but con-

tributions to the amount of \$2,500 were made by individual members and congregations toward work in foreign countries.

For the education of the children 9 parochial schools are supported during a part of the year by individual churches. These report 112 pupils. There was also a Bible school maintained in 1916, with 6 pupils. The amount contributed for educational purposes was about \$500, and the value of property used for this work is estimated at \$10,000.

The synod has no philanthropic institutions of its own, but aid to the amount of about \$500 was rendered to outside institutions.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of Eielsen's Synod for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that while there has been somewhat of a reduction in the number of organizations—20 in 1916 as against 26 in 1906—the membership has increased from 1,013 to 1,206, showing a gain of 19.1 per cent. There were 2 more church edifices, and the value of church property advanced from \$15,900 to \$23,500, an increase of 47.8 per cent. A debt on church property, amounting to \$900, was reported by 2 organizations. One church reported a parsonage in 1906, but none was reported in 1916. There was an advance of 5 in the number of Sunday schools and of 133, or 118.8 per cent, in the number of scholars. The total contributions for missions and benevolences increased \$1,673, or 43.7 per cent,

though a decrease of 21.6 per cent is shown in contributions for domestic work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	20	26	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	1,206	1,013	193	19.1
Church edifices.....	8	6	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$23,500	\$15,900	\$7,600	47.8
Debt on church property.....	\$900	\$50	\$850	( <sup>2</sup> )
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	
Value.....		\$1,500	-\$1,500	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	11	6	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	36	13	23	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	245	112	133	118.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$5,500	\$3,827	\$1,673	43.7
Domestic.....	\$3,000	\$3,827	-\$827	-21.6
Foreign.....	\$2,500		\$2,500	

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$7,030, reported by 15 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 20 organizations, 1, with 43 members, reported services conducted in English only; 8, with 555 members, used Norwegian and English; and 11, with 608 members, used Norwegian only. In 1906 there were no organizations reporting the use of English only in church services.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 6, from 4 of whom schedules were received, showing 2 in pastoral work, and 1 receiving a full annual salary of \$1,000.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Eielsen's Synod.....	20	20	1,206	20	606	600	8	8	8	8	\$23,500
East North Central division:											
Wisconsin.....	3	3	184	3	90	94		1			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	8	8	396	8	200	196	4	3	4	4	7,700
Iowa.....	5	5	305	5	155	150	2	3	2	2	9,000
South Dakota.....	4	4	321	4	161	160	2	1	2	2	6,800

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Eielsen's Synod.....	20	2	\$900	15	\$7,030	10	11	36	245
East North Central division:									
Wisconsin.....	3			2	1,355	2	3	6	25
West North Central division:									
Minnesota.....	8	1	200	4	750	4	4	17	105
Iowa.....	5	1	700	5	2,950	2	2	5	60
South Dakota.....	4			4	1,975	2	2	8	55

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA AND OTHER STATES.

## HISTORY.

The situation of the Lutheran churches in America appealed strongly to many of the pastors in Europe. Among them none was more interested than the Rev. Wilhelm Löhe, pastor at Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, who had come into relations with the Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, the leader of the Lutheran community at Fort Wayne, Ind.<sup>1</sup> He entered heartily into Wyneken's plans for the development of the churches, founded a society to carry on missionary work, and began to educate men for the ministry, with a special view to service in America. Coming to realize the impracticability of providing the entire supply of ministers from Europe, he was instrumental in founding a theological seminary at Fort Wayne, and when the scarcity of parochial school teachers menaced the schooling of Lutheran children, he took steps to establish a teachers' seminary. A conference, at Neuendettelsau, with Walther, the leader of the Missouri Synod, led to the cordial endorsement by Wyneken of the organization of that body, and to such cooperation in educational matters that quite a number of the graduates of his school entered the Missouri Synod.

Among those who came to America under Löhe's auspices was the Rev. G. Grossmann, who established the first Lutheran normal school in North America at Saginaw, Mich., in 1852. When he began his work he was questioned regarding his views as to the doctrines which had been under special discussion between the Missouri Synod and Löhe, and it soon appeared that there was wide divergence between his views and those approved by the synod. Grossmann was supported by another Neuendettelsau pastor, the Rev. J. Deindorfer, and both were disciplined by the local pastor. It became evident that further cooperation was impracticable, and in order to avoid hostilities in the same territory, Grossmann, Deindorfer, a few students, and a small number of the colonists left Saginaw in 1853 and migrated to Iowa. Gross-

mann established his seminary in Dubuque, while Deindorfer and the colonists settled at St. Sebald, about 60 miles west of Dubuque. The next year they were joined by two men from Neuendettelsau, and these four organized in August, 1854, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.

For some years the synod met with difficulties. The few congregations found it impossible to support the seminary, and in 1857 it was removed from Dubuque to St. Sebald, where a part of its support could be derived from a farm. Largely under the influence of two brothers, Sigmund and Gottfried Fritschel, teachers in the seminary, the synod grew, and after 10 years it had 42 ministers, 16 in Iowa, 6 in Wisconsin, 4 in Illinois, 2 in Missouri, 4 in Ohio, 5 in Michigan, 1 in Kentucky, and 4 in the Dakotas. At the time of the Silver Jubilee (1879) the ministers numbered 132, and 25 years later the secretary reported 473 pastors, 868 congregations, and 90,598 communicants.

During the early seventies the controversy with the Missouri Synod over the "open questions" was carried on somewhat more bitterly, and factions arose within the Iowa Synod which menaced its existence; but at the meeting of the synod in Madison, Wis., in 1875, a definite platform was adopted which reaffirmed the former position of the synod, and received the approval of the great majority of the ministers and of almost all the churches. Although 20 ministers, together with a few congregations, left the synod, from that time it increased in strength. Its extension over so large a territory soon caused its division into districts, which in 1894 numbered 6. In 1895 the majority of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas joined the Iowa Synod as its Texas district, more recently enlarged by the addition of some of the remaining churches of the old synod. An eighth district has since been formed by dividing the large northern district.

In its early history the synod used the German language in its church work to a considerable degree, but of late years the use of English has increased notably. A number of congregations of native-born Americans

<sup>1</sup> See Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of America, p. 366.

have been formed, a church paper in English is published, and a full set of graded Sunday school lessons in English has been prepared by the synod.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Iowa Synod has always accepted the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the only true rule by which all teachers and doctrines are to be measured and judged, and the whole of the symbolical books of the Lutheran Church, as contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, as the pure and genuine exposition and interpretation of the Divine Word. As a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church it is therefore willing to have fellowship with all other Lutheran Church bodies which acknowledge the same doctrinal symbols. At the same time the synod acknowledges that there are "open questions"—that is, doctrines which are not articles of faith, and upon which the salvation of men does not depend—and maintains that a difference in such doctrines among teachers of the church should not hinder fellowship of pulpit and of altar. It is not to be understood, however, that the Iowa Synod holds that open questions are doctrines in themselves doubtful and uncertain, and regarding which one could teach what he believes regardless of his acceptance of the Scriptures, but it asserts that difference of opinion regarding open questions is to be tolerated and not made the cause of disrupting the church. Among these open questions it includes: The doctrine that the ministerial office is originally vested in the individual members of the invisible church in their spiritual priesthood and by them individually conferred upon the ministers of the church through their vocation to the holy office; eschatological opinions regarding the millennium, so far as consistent with Article XVII of the Augsburg Confession; the first resurrection; the conversion of Israel; and the antichrist.

This emphasis upon the recognition of open questions arises from the desire to cultivate church fellowship among all Lutheran churches which accept all the confessions of the church, although they may differ regarding exegetical, historical, and dogmatical questions which do not belong to the fundamental sphere of the articles of faith. On the other hand, the synod opposes all tendencies toward union which disregard the confessions of the church and which demand pulpit and altar fellowship with those who differ as to the fundamental articles of faith.

#### POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization of the Iowa Synod is based upon the fundamental principle that the local church, however small, has all the ecclesiastical power that is given to the church "principally and immediately." According to this, the synod has no governmental powers other than those which have been conferred upon it by the individual congregations, and it

can assume no more than advisory power in regard to congregational affairs. Among the powers conferred by the congregations upon the synod is the general oversight of the congregations and pastors, and this it exercises by regular visitation. It strenuously enforces whatever in the church order is *juris divini* (of divine law). In regard to the ministry it recognizes no system of license, or of a call to the pastorate for a certain time; but acknowledges, as a rule, only such calls as follow an election on the part of the congregation, are proposed by the president of the district synod and ratified by him, and are affirmed by ordination and installation on the part of the synod. The annual conventions of the district synods are composed of the pastors as representatives of the ministry, and of one lay delegate from every congregation belonging to the synod. The membership of the general synod, which meets every three years, includes one ministerial and one lay delegate for every six ministers and six parishes. A standing committee represents the general synod during the time between its conventions.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the Iowa Synod was carried on for 28 years almost entirely by the personal labors of the pastors, but as it extended, an organized agency became essential. In 1882 a board for home missionary work was created, and in 1896 it was decided to form, in addition to the general board, a board of home missions in each district. There is also a church extension board which works in cooperation with the home mission board. During 1916 these various boards supported or assisted 76 missionaries and aided 122 churches or missions, and the contributions for the work amounted to \$28,171.

Missionary work was at first carried on among the American Indians as foreign work, but the murder of the principal missionary by some Crow Indians in 1860, and the Indian uprising during the Civil War stopped the enterprise. Since then the contributions for foreign missions have been given toward the support of a number of Lutheran societies, including those of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in America, and of Herrmannsburg and Leipzig in Germany. Since the beginning of the foreign missionary work in New Guinea by the Society of Neuendettelsau, a large share of the contributions have been sent to that country. The various contributions have shown a steady, though not always uniform, increase—from \$2,996 in 1897 to \$24,514 in 1916.

The educational work of the synod is carried on through a theological school, a college, and a teachers' seminary and academy, all in Iowa; a college in South Dakota, and 1 in Texas, and an academy in Nebraska. These, together, in 1916 reported 47 teachers and 544 students. There were also 601 parochial schools, attended by 17,663 pupils. The

amount contributed by the churches for the support of the 6 regular schools was \$42,328, and there was an additional income from endowments amounting to \$2,823, making a total income of \$45,151. The value of property was estimated at \$535,000, and the endowment amounted to \$69,724.

The congregations of the synod support 3 orphanages, 2 of which have departments for the care of the aged. These institutions in 1916 had 367 inmates. There is also a hospital in which 749 patients were treated. The contributions for the support of these institutions during the year amounted to \$138,204, the estimated value of the property is \$235,500, and there is an endowment of \$20,000. The Wartburg Publishing House, in Chicago, owned by the synod, has property estimated to be worth \$50,000, and issues 6 periodicals. The support of superannuated ministers and teachers is provided for through a special fund, the contributions to which amounted in 1916 to \$6,197. There are 207 young people's societies, with a membership of 10,194. There are also 298 congregational aid societies, with 21,655 members, for rendering assistance in case of sickness or death.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 393 and 394; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	977	828	149	18.0
Members.....	130,793	110,254	20,539	18.6
Church edifices.....	879	705	174	24.7
Value of church property.....	\$4,057,635	\$2,327,093	\$1,730,542	74.4
Debt on church property.....	\$250,214	\$116,505	\$133,709	114.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	481	406	75	18.5
Value.....	\$1,127,225	\$627,853	\$499,372	79.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	808	640	168	26.3
Officers and teachers.....	3,546	2,449	1,097	44.8
Scholars.....	38,120	27,642	10,478	37.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$233,217	\$63,829	\$169,388	265.4
Domestic.....	\$208,703	\$54,108	\$154,595	285.7
Foreign.....	\$24,514	\$9,721	\$14,793	152.2

From this table it appears that the denomination has gained during the decade, though not greatly. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 977, as against 828 in 1906, showing a gain of 18 per cent, and the membership advanced from 110,254 to 130,793, an increase of 18.6 per cent. There was an increase of 174, or 24.7 per cent, in number of church edifices and an increase of \$1,730,542, or 74.4 per cent,

in the value of church property. Debt on church property amounting to \$250,214 was reported in 1916 by 162 organizations, as against \$116,505 reported by 140 organizations in 1906. There was an increase of 75, or 18.5 per cent, in the number of churches reporting parsonages and an increase of \$499,372, or 79.5 per cent, in the value of parsonages. Sunday schools increased from 640 to 808, or 26.3 per cent, and Sunday school scholars from 27,642 to 38,120, or 37.9 per cent. Contributions for general missions and benevolences increased greatly, from \$63,829 to \$233,217, the greater proportion going to domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Expenditures amounting to \$1,089,874 were reported by 957 organizations, and cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 977 organizations, 168, with 7,124 members, reported services conducted in English only; 351, with 66,464 members, used German and English; and 458, with 57,205 members, used German only. As compared with the report for 1906, there was very nearly the same number of organizations in 1916 using German alone or with English, but a large increase in the number using English only in church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 526. As shown by the following table, 521 sent in schedules, of whom 485 were in pastoral work and 36 not in pastoral work, the majority of the latter being on the retired list. The average annual salary reported by 482 ministers was \$807.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	521	484	1	36	\$807
Arkansas.....	1	1			
California.....	1			1	
Colorado.....	12	11		1	795
Florida.....	1	1			
Idaho.....	2	2			700
Illinois.....	56	51		5	874
Iowa.....	118	103	1	14	830
Kansas.....	15	15			750
Louisiana.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	24	22		2	689
Minnesota.....	31	31			886
Missouri.....	10	10			588
Montana.....	4	4			674
Nebraska.....	52	46		6	787
North Dakota.....	27	27			746
Ohio.....	21	20		1	947
Oklahoma.....	4	4			639
Oregon.....	1	1			
South Dakota.....	28	27		1	836
Texas.....	63	60		3	729
Utah.....	1			1	
Washington.....	2	2			918
Wisconsin.....	46	45		1	882

LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Synod of Iowa.....	977	977	130,793	945	61,435	64,681	845	68	879	847	\$4,057,635
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	38	38	8,752	38	4,124	4,628	38	1	39	38	342,700
Illinois.....	80	80	14,038	78	6,615	7,163	76	1	77	76	511,500
Michigan.....	49	49	6,607	44	2,822	2,915	45	1	45	45	225,400
Wisconsin.....	91	91	17,657	83	7,775	8,684	84	3	87	84	604,835
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	58	58	8,209	57	3,959	4,174	54	3	55	54	242,000
Iowa.....	163	163	26,781	159	12,503	13,307	150	5	156	149	855,105
Missouri.....	21	21	2,052	21	1,059	993	19	2	19	19	63,600
North Dakota.....	93	93	6,103	93	3,034	3,069	70	5	75	71	175,350
South Dakota.....	84	84	6,282	81	2,925	2,899	69	11	71	70	157,875
Nebraska.....	68	68	8,205	64	3,965	3,845	65	1	67	65	304,775
Kansas.....	30	30	2,945	27	1,380	1,447	23	3	31	23	58,600
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	2	2	186	2	94	92	1	1	1	1	4,000
Oklahoma.....	10	10	695	10	354	341	8	2	8	8	12,300
Texas.....	144	144	19,187	143	9,333	9,643	117	13	122	117	391,395
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	21	21	394	21	213	181	5	14	5	5	2,300
Idaho.....	3	3	235	3	118	117	3	3	3	3	11,200
Colorado.....	14	14	1,754	13	818	816	12	2	12	12	39,700
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	339	3	170	169	3	1	3	3	35,500
Oregon.....	2	2	95	2	51	44	1	1	1	1	2,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	277	3	123	154	2	1	2	3	17,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Florida, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Synod of Iowa.....	977	162	\$250,214	481	\$1,127,225	957	\$1,089,874	769	808	3,546	38,120
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	38	11	34,300	24	68,300	38	74,582	29	32	282	2,591
Illinois.....	80	13	27,376	50	151,000	80	127,215	62	65	387	3,903
Michigan.....	49	13	15,547	22	50,550	49	40,104	38	41	218	1,994
Wisconsin.....	91	30	76,589	45	134,800	91	110,868	68	69	389	3,852
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	58	3	9,600	29	78,000	58	56,276	44	48	209	2,143
Iowa.....	163	21	30,504	108	293,400	161	247,093	138	142	741	6,975
Missouri.....	21	4	1,400	11	20,700	18	18,085	9	10	22	381
North Dakota.....	93	20	4,545	28	41,500	88	50,774	83	84	176	3,131
South Dakota.....	84	10	2,400	28	55,700	82	49,056	64	66	177	2,012
Nebraska.....	68	4	4,600	48	83,975	68	158,444	55	56	161	2,046
Kansas.....	30	3	400	15	19,800	29	28,157	24	24	64	906
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	2	2	1,150	1	2,000	2	553	1	1	7	44
Oklahoma.....	10	2	6,800	5	6,800	10	5,265	7	7	13	146
Texas.....	144	17	15,645	60	106,150	144	99,050	116	127	586	6,594
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	21	1	150	1	450	15	2,334	11	13	31	263
Idaho.....	3	3	4,050	3	3,991	3	3,991	3	4	13	140
Colorado.....	14	6	19,958	4	8,600	13	9,652	10	12	36	702
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	1	3,500	1	3,500	3	3,130	3	3	8	110
Oregon.....	2	2	2,000	2	2,000	2	1,136	2	2	5	23
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	2,000	1	2,000	3	4,109	2	2	21	164

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Florida, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Synod of Iowa.....	977	977	130,793	945	61,435	64,681	845	68	879	847	\$4,057,635
Dakota.....	228	228	16,391	225	8,002	7,991	171	33	180	174	452,625
Eastern.....	88	88	15,482	83	6,996	7,616	84	1	85	84	580,100
Iowa.....	81	81	13,916	79	6,540	6,816	74	2	77	73	450,300
Northern.....	80	80	11,459	79	5,501	5,908	76	2	77	76	350,605
Southern.....	108	108	18,157	105	8,377	9,159	99	3	101	99	662,000
Texas.....	145	145	19,272	144	9,374	9,687	118	13	123	118	395,895
Western.....	145	145	15,935	137	7,706	7,596	129	10	139	129	474,475
Wisconsin.....	102	102	20,181	93	8,939	9,968	94	4	97	94	691,635

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Synod of Iowa.....	977	162	\$250,214	481	\$1,127,225	957	\$1,089,874	769	808	3,546	38,120
Dakota.....	228	36	11,371	76	138,225	215	137,067	183	189	461	6,281
Eastern.....	88	25	51,847	46	118,850	88	117,190	68	74	514	4,699
Iowa.....	81	9	12,058	53	143,700	80	132,248	63	66	341	3,310
Northern.....	80	7	11,720	43	125,000	79	91,274	67	69	311	2,986
Southern.....	108	16	33,776	68	201,700	108	158,674	84	87	546	5,215
Texas.....	145	17	15,645	60	106,150	145	100,410	117	128	593	6,644
Western.....	145	20	27,708	82	137,800	140	223,411	109	114	300	4,257
Wisconsin.....	102	32	86,089	53	155,800	102	129,600	78	81	480	4,728

## DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The first considerable immigration to this country from Denmark began about 1864, at the close of the war with Germany which resulted in the loss of the Schleswig-Holstein provinces. It was, however, several years before the mother church in Denmark began to send missionaries across the Atlantic to care for the spiritual interests of the immigrants. In 1871 and 1872 five pastors came over, and in the summer of 1872 these ministers, together with a few laymen, met at Neenah, Wis., and organized, under the name of "Kirkelig Missions Forening," what is now called the "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." At the same meeting it was decided to publish a church paper, and the Rev. A. Dan, of Racine, was elected its first editor. The organization grew slowly as Danish settlements were formed, and wherever they were able to support a minister one came to live among them.

At first the several divisions of the Danish Church, "Hojkirkelige," "Grundtvigianere," and "Indre Mis-

sion" were all represented and worked together harmoniously. In 1894, however, it became evident that differences of opinion were being more strongly emphasized, and 19 pastors, 37 congregations, and about 3,000 communicant members withdrew and organized the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Somewhat later this body united with the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association to form the United Danish Lutheran Church in America. The original organization, which retained 35 pastors, 53 congregations, and about 5,000 communicant members, continued to grow, although the three parties were still represented in its membership, and is known as the "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

It has been a rule of the church to conduct the services in the Danish language. This was necessary at first, as the people did not understand English, and it is still true that, while nearly all Danish-Americans understand a sermon in the Danish language, quite a number would not understand the service if it were conducted in English.



DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church makes no attempt at forming new standards, but is in entire conformity with the Lutheran Church of Denmark. It accepts the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian creeds, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of 1530, and Luther's Smaller Catechism, as the basis of its belief.

All the rites and services are conducted in accordance with the Service Book and Ritual for the Danish People's Church, with such modifications as circumstances may require. The modifications are always made under direction of the church, as no pastor has the right, without permission, to alter either service book or ritual. The administration of the sacraments and the ministry is "accomplished only by rightly presented and ordained Lutheran ministers."

POLITY.

In polity the church is distinctly democratic. Every congregation has the right to conduct its own affairs and to elect its pastor by a majority vote of the members. Applicants for admission to the ministry are examined by a board, and, if approved, are installed by a minister of the church who has been previously elected as ordinator. So long as the minister has a good moral standing and maintains the constitution, the church has no power whatever to remove him.

Once a year the pastors and congregations (the latter represented by delegates) meet in convention to discuss and decide any question that may be brought before the meeting, either by the churches or by the board of directors, which, composed of five persons, is elected every second year, and is charged with the duty of carrying out the resolutions of the convention. There is no compulsory assessment within the church or congregations, and the only ties that unite the people are mutual interest in the religious work to be carried out, and harmony as to doctrine and polity. Under these conditions the board of directors has not infrequently been unable, for lack of money, to carry out resolutions passed by the convention.

WORK.

The home missionary work of this denomination has developed as the Danish immigration has increased, but it is not yet very extensive. The report for 1916 shows 18 missionaries employed in the care of 25 churches and missions, and about \$2,000 contributed for the conduct of this work.

The church carries on no foreign missionary work of its own. Whatever money is contributed to foreign missions—amounting in 1916 to \$2,000—has been given to the Lutheran Church of Denmark for its own fields, chiefly at Santalistan, India.

The church emphasizes education. The report for 1916 shows 5 schools of high grade, including the college and theological seminary at Des Moines, Iowa, with a total of 496 students. In view of the extensive use of the Danish language in the homes and in church services, it has been deemed desirable to teach the children in their mother tongue. Accordingly, the church has educated teachers for parochial schools, and during the year supported 83 such schools, with an attendance of 2,456 pupils. The contributions for educational work in 1916 amounted to \$13,678, and the value of property is estimated at \$265,000. The church maintains 4 homes and orphanages, with 97 inmates. The amount contributed for this work during the year was \$14,591, and the value of property was \$125,000. There are 56 young people's societies, with a membership of 2,561.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Danish Lutheran Church for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 396 and 397; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	101	92	9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	14,544	12,541	2,003	16.0
Church edifices.....	93	70	23	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$394,809	\$248,700	\$146,109	58.7
Debt on church property.....	\$44,934	\$37,514	\$7,420	19.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	56	42	14	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$148,352	\$72,200	\$76,152	105.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	68	64	4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	263	231	32	13.9
Scholars.....	2,981	2,983	-2	-0.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$32,269	\$10,696	\$21,573	201.7
Domestic.....	\$30,269	\$10,500	\$19,769	188.3
Foreign.....	\$2,000	\$196	\$1,804	920.4

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a general increase in the denomination. The number of organizations reported was 101 in 1916 as against 92 in 1906, and the membership advanced from 12,541 to 14,544, or 16 per cent. Similarly, church edifices increased by 23, while the value of church property advanced from \$248,700 to \$394,809, or 58.7 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$44,934 was reported by 27 organizations. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased by 14, and the value of parsonages advanced from \$72,200 in 1906 to \$148,352 in 1916, or 105.5 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased slightly, but there was a slight decrease in the number of scholars.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$10,696 in 1906 to \$32,269 in 1916, or 201.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$105,356, reported by 97 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 101 organizations, 2, with 105 members, reported services conducted in English only; 11, with 1,549 members, used Danish and English; 88 organizations, with 12,890 members, used Danish only. The proportion in 1916 of Danish speaking organizations was practically the same as in 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 71. Schedules were received from 52 of

these, distributed, by states, in the following table. The 43 pastors reported an average annual salary of \$803.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	52	43	5	4	\$803
California.....	3	2	1		850
Colorado.....	1	1			
Connecticut.....	2	1		1	800
Illinois.....	5	4		1	1,050
Iowa.....	8	6		2	1,021
Michigan.....	5	4	1		683
Minnesota.....	7	6	1		614
Montana.....	1	1			
Nebraska.....	8	7	1		786
New York.....	2	2			1,000
North Dakota.....	1	1			
Oregon.....	1	1			
South Dakota.....	1	1			
Texas.....	1	1			
Washington.....	2	2			750
Wisconsin.....	4	3	1		837

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Danish Lutheran Church.....	101	101	14,544	92	6,402	6,829	90	4	93	90	\$394,809
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	90	2	49	41	1	1	1	1	496
Connecticut.....	4	4	763	4	373	390	3	1	3	3	18,200
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	590	4	260	330	3		3	3	34,000
New Jersey.....	3	3	480	1	10	10	2	1	2	2	17,000
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	7	7	1,273	7	607	666	6		6	6	72,800
Michigan.....	11	11	1,381	11	623	758	11		12	11	34,713
Wisconsin.....	6	6	816	6	396	420	6		6	6	24,200
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	8	8	1,613	8	805	808	8		8	8	31,850
Iowa.....	14	14	3,085	14	1,466	1,619	13		13	13	49,400
North Dakota.....	3	3	71	3	35	36		1		1	1,200
South Dakota.....	6	6	615	5	289	276	6		7	5	19,500
Nebraska.....	14	14	1,589	14	783	806	13		13	13	44,400
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	5	513	3	57	56	5		5	5	13,000
California.....	8	8	758	6	349	361	7		8	7	13,150
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	907	4	300	252	6		6	6	20,900

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Oregon, and Texas.

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Danish Lutheran Church .....	101	27	\$44,934	56	\$148,352	97	\$105,356	65	68	263	2,981
New England division:											
Massachusetts .....	2					2	955				
Connecticut .....	4	2	2,729	1	3,000	4	3,447	2	2	9	71
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	4	3	13,000	2	8,000	4	4,827	3	3	11	155
New Jersey .....	3	1	3,075	1	5,000	2	1,236	1	1	4	80
East North Central division:											
Illinois .....	7	3	5,300	5	18,400	7	10,033	4	4	27	275
Michigan .....	11	2	2,905	6	16,352	11	9,200	10	11	44	393
Wisconsin .....	6	2	3,200	4	9,700	6	6,320	4	4	23	255
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	8	3	2,500	8	18,300	8	16,104	6	7	27	501
Iowa .....	14	3	6,300	9	29,900	14	17,896	11	11	40	507
North Dakota .....	3			1	1,600	3	1,488	2	2	3	23
South Dakota .....	6			2	8,000	6	3,915	3	4	10	111
Nebraska .....	14	1	600	6	12,400	14	13,549	7	7	25	260
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	5	3	1,425	2	3,900	4	4,605	4	4	10	102
California .....	8	2	2,250	3	5,100	6	4,498	5	5	13	104
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	2	1,650	6	8,700	6	7,283	3	3	17	144

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Oregon, and Texas.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Danish Lutheran Church .....	101	101	14,544	92	6,402	6,829	90	4	93	90	\$394,809
First .....	14	14	2,123	11	692	771	10	3	10	10	73,696
Second .....	9	9	1,279	9	574	705	9		10	9	30,213
Third .....	12	12	2,125	12	1,002	1,123	11		11	11	99,300
Fourth .....	14	14	2,686	14	1,294	1,392	13		13	13	44,400
Fifth .....	14	14	1,536	14	775	761	11	1	11	11	36,850
Sixth .....	8	8	1,530	7	741	739	8		9	8	32,300
Seventh .....	16	16	1,864	15	841	868	15		15	15	49,900
Eighth .....	8	8	758	6	349	361	7		8	7	13,150
Ninth .....	6	6	643	4	134	109	6		6	6	15,000

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Danish Lutheran Church .....	101	27	\$44,934	56	\$148,352	97	\$105,356	65	68	263	2,981
First .....	14	7	19,454	5	19,000	13	11,665	7	7	32	351
Second .....	9	2	2,905	6	16,352	9	7,963	8	9	36	328
Third .....	12	4	8,300	8	27,600	12	16,527	9	9	54	550
Fourth .....	14	3	6,300	8	25,900	14	16,321	10	10	37	452
Fifth .....	14	5	3,700	9	16,200	14	11,263	9	9	24	474
Sixth .....	8			5	16,800	8	14,276	4	6	23	261
Seventh .....	16	1	600	9	15,900	16	16,870	8	8	28	290
Eighth .....	8	2	2,250	3	5,100	6	4,498	5	5	13	104
Ninth .....	6	3	1,425	3	5,500	5	5,973	5	5	16	171

## ICELANDIC EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

Icelandic immigration to America began about the year 1870. The first company settled in Milwaukee, Wis., and it was there that the first Icelandic Lutheran services in the United States were held, by the Rev. Jon Bjarnason, in August, 1874. He was educated in Iceland, came to this country in 1873, was engaged as professor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, and was afterwards editor of a Norwegian paper published in Minneapolis. In 1877 he moved to a settlement on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, at that time the largest Icelandic colony on the continent. In 1875 a congregation had been organized in Shawano County, Wis., by the Rev. Paul Thorlaksson, a graduate of the college in Iceland, who had received his theological training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Mo. This colony was comparatively small, and, as it decreased from year to year, the services were discontinued and he removed to the settlement by Lake Winnipeg and labored there with Bjarnason. A few years later Thorlaksson removed to Pembina County, N. Dak., and was instrumental in establishing one of the largest and most prosperous settlements of Icelanders in America. Bjarnason remained at Lake Winnipeg until the spring of 1880, and then traveled through the Icelandic settlements in Manitoba and Minnesota, establishing church organizations wherever possible. Other preachers came over later, and in January, 1885, delegates from the various congregations met at Mountain, N. Dak., to organize a general synod. The first regular meeting was held in Winnipeg in June of that year. Most of the settlements were at that time in their infancy, and the outlook seemed far from promising, but the church has prospered and is already taking its place in the ranks of the American Lutheran bodies, with which it agrees in doctrine and polity.

## WORK.

For many years the lack of men and funds was a serious handicap in the home mission work and the other activities of the synod. Icelanders were scattered in many settlements in Minnesota, North Dakota, Utah, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and on the Pacific coast, but it was not until 1893 that a man could be commissioned to give his whole time to traveling through these comparatively unoccupied fields. Since, a board of home missions has been established and the home missionary work is carried on through it. The report for 1916 shows 4 missionaries employed in the assistance of 18 churches, for which work \$2,000 was contributed. Foreign missionary work is carried on in Japan, where there is 1 station and 1 missionary; the amount contributed for this field was \$1,000.

The synod early began a movement for the founding of an educational institution, which resulted in the establishment of Jon Bjarnason Academy, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where in 1916 there were 31 pupils; \$5,000 was contributed for educational purposes, and the amount of endowment is \$62,000. The denomination conducts a home which cares for 25 inmates; \$3,000 was contributed for this purpose, and the property is valued at \$10,000. There are 15 young people's societies, with a membership of 800.

Almost immediately upon the organization of the synod in 1885 the publication of a monthly journal was begun, and later a periodical devoted to the interests of the Sunday schools was established.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	14	14	.....	.....
Members.....	1,830	2,101	-271	-12.9
Church edifices.....	12	14	-2	(?)
Value of church property.....	\$35,450	\$32,350	\$3,100	9.6
Debt on church property.....	\$1,360	\$998	\$362	36.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	2	2	.....	.....
Value.....	\$4,000	\$2,300	\$1,700	73.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	11	13	-2	(?)
Officers and teachers.....	68	49	19	(?)
Scholars.....	435	498	-63	-12.7
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$6,000	\$2,200	\$3,800	172.7
Domestic.....	\$5,000	\$2,200	\$2,800	127.3
Foreign.....	\$1,000	.....	\$1,000	.....

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The above table shows that the number of organizations remained the same during the decade, while the number of church edifices decreased by 2. The membership, reported in 1906 as 2,101, fell to 1,830 in 1916, a decrease of 12.9 per cent. The value of church property advanced somewhat and also the debt on church property, which, as reported by 2 organizations, amounted to \$1,360 in 1916. Sunday schools decreased in number from 13 to 11 and Sunday school scholars from 498 to 435, or 12.7 per cent. The contributions for missions and benevolences increased, however, those for foreign work appearing for the first time in 1916, and those for domestic work being raised from \$2,200 to \$5,000, or 127.3 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$4,720, reported by 12 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

All of the 14 organizations, with 1,830 members, reported services conducted in Danish alone or with English, 11, with 1,542 members, using Danish only.

The situation appears practically the same as in 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination in the United States was given as 5, but only 1 sent in a schedule. A considerable number, both of churches and of ministers, are in Canada and are not included in this report.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting.	Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Male.	Female.		Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Icelandic Lutheran Synod.....	14	14	1,830	8	470	518	12	1	12	12	\$35,450
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3	3	466	3	213	253	3		3	3	13,200
North Dakota.....	9	9	1,221	3	180	199	8		8	8	20,850
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	143	2	77	66	1	1	1	1	1,400

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Icelandic Lutheran Synod.....	14	2	\$1,360	2	\$4,000	12	\$4,720	10	11	68	435
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3			1	2,000	2	783	1	1	10	80
North Dakota.....	9	1	1,200	1	2,000	8	3,192	7	7	46	250
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	1	160			2	745	2	3	12	105

IMMANUEL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

HISTORY.

A number of Lutheran ministers and churches, desiring to secure greater freedom of church life than was possible in some of the synods, met in Wall Rose, Pa., in 1885 and organized the Immanuel Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. The movement, however, did not seem to gather strength. A number of churches withdrew to other synods; others, although on the roll of the synod, declared themselves independent, and it was finally decided to disband in 1917.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

While agreeing in doctrine with the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church, this synod differs from others in its attitude toward other religious bodies. It acknowledges other denominations as sister churches, and while it appreciates agreement with its own

doctrines it is not indifferent to doctrines from which it differs. In regard to the secret-society question, also, the synod is more liberal than some other Lutheran synods, welcoming all who are willing to join the church and cooperate with it, whether or not members of a secret society.

In polity it is in general accord with other Lutheran synods.

WORK.

The principal general activity of the synod is its home missionary work. In this, 3 ministers were employed in 1916 who cared for 2 churches, besides doing general evangelistic work, at a total expense of \$1,750. In order to secure a ministerial supply, young men who have had a good education, but are unable to finish their theological course in a seminary, are assisted privately. A course of theological study has been arranged for them in their homes, and when they are able to pass a satisfactory examination they are

ordained. At present 2 students are thus being assisted in their preparation for the ministry.

Emphasis is also placed upon Sunday school and parochial school work. The synod has 10 parochial schools with 853 pupils, and in some of the churches the pastor is also the teacher of the parochial school. No benevolent institutions are maintained, but assistance is given to those of other Lutheran bodies as far as possible. Nearly every church has a women's aid society, the total membership being about 750, and there are also 9 young people's societies with 450 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Immanuel Lutheran Synod for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that the numerical strength of the Immanuel Synod in 1916 was considerably less than in 1906. Each item showed a decrease, except the number of organizations, which increased from 11 to 15, and the contributions for missions and benevolences, which increased from \$850 to \$1,750, or 105.9 per cent. The losses of 9.1 per cent in membership and of 40.5 per cent in Sunday school scholars are especially significant of the decline in the denomination's strength during the decade. Many of the organizations have identified themselves with other synods, as is indicated in the text above.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	15	11	4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	2,978	3,275	-297	-9.1
Church edifices.....	8	11	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$78,000	\$89,300	-\$11,300	-12.7
Debt on church property.....		\$6,250	-\$6,250	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	5	7	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$16,750	\$34,300	-\$17,550	-51.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	9	11	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	85	124	-39	-31.5
Scholars.....	669	1,125	-456	-40.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,750	\$850	\$900	105.9
Domestic.....	\$1,750	\$850	\$900	105.9
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup>A minus sign (-) denotes decrease. <sup>2</sup>Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$13,905, reported by 13 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 15 organizations, 4, with 100 members, reported services conducted in English only; 1, with 11 members, used French only; 9, with 2,787 members, German alone or with English; and 1, with 80 members, Norwegian only. In 1906, German was the only foreign language reported.

The number of ministers reported on the rolls of the denomination was 23, but of these only 11 sent in schedules, 6 of them reporting annual salaries averaging \$830.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran—Immanuel Synod.....	15	15	2,978	14	1,317	1,581	8	1	8	8	\$78,000
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	502	2	222	280	2		2	2	19,000
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	2	1,342	2	651	691	2		2	2	34,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	60	2	30	30					
South Dakota.....	2	2	40	2	20	20	1		1	1	2,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	1,034	6	394	560	3	1	3	3	22,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran—Immanuel Synod.....	15			5	\$16,750	13	\$13,905	9	9	85	669
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2			1	4,000	2	2,240	2	2	24	129
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2			2	6,250	2	5,077	2	2	33	273
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2					2	400				
South Dakota.....	2					2	350				
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7			2	6,500	5	5,838	5	5	28	267

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, OR SUOMI SYNOD.

HISTORY.

The Finnish immigration to America began about the middle of the nineteenth century. The first to come were fishermen from northern Norway who settled in northern Michigan, and the first Finnish Lutheran Church was organized in 1867, at Hancock, Mich. Its membership consisted principally of Finns, with some Norwegians and Swedes, and for many years was cared for by a Norwegian pastor. The first ordained Finnish minister of the gospel came to that section, known as the "copper country," in 1876, and took charge of the Finnish Lutherans in Calumet, Hancock, and Allouez, Mich. In course of time communities of Finns were formed in other states, especially in Minnesota, Dakota, and Oregon. In December, 1889, four Finnish Lutheran ministers present at a meeting in Hancock, were much impressed with the need of an organized church among their countrymen in America. As a result the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, also called the Suomi Synod, was organized, and held its first convention at Calumet in March, 1890. Nine congregations were represented and a constitution was adopted.

DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Suomi Synod accepts the three principal creeds of the historic church, the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian, the Unaltered Confession of Augsburg, and the other symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and maintains as the highest law of confession that the Holy Word of God is the only standard for doctrine of the church.

POLITY.

In polity the local churches retain the right to administer their internal affairs, but have conferred the right of superintendency upon the annual synodical

convention, composed of the ministers and of lay delegates from the congregations, which is recognized as the highest authority in such matters as are common to the churches. The constitution confers, to a certain degree, controlling judicial and executive authority upon a permanent consistory of four members, namely, the president, vice president, secretary, and notary of the convention, who are elected for a term of four years.

WORK.

For home mission work the synod supports, according to its means, missionary pastors, to have the care of those smaller churches and preaching stations of Evangelical Lutheran Finns which are too small to support pastors of their own. To this end it has a home mission fund to which more or less regular contributions are sent from the churches under the care of the missionary pastors, and for which freewill offerings are received in other churches of the synod. During the year 1916 about \$2,235 was collected for the support of 4 missionaries and for the aid of 6 churches. The settled pastors of the synod also occasionally devote some time to this mission work, and as a result, the small stations and preaching places are gradually growing into self-sustaining churches.

The Suomi Synod has no foreign mission field of its own, but many of its churches send contributions to the Foreign Mission Society of Finland, which has mission fields in Ovamboland, South Africa, and in China, and a single missionary from the synod has been sent to this field. The amount of the contributions sent during the year 1916 was \$1,500.

The educational department of the synod includes the Finnish National College and Theological Seminary at Hancock, Mich., established in 1896, which in 1916 had 128 students, and property valued at \$61,000. Contributions amounting to \$20,000 were received for the support of this and 61 parochial schools,

with about 4,000 pupils, conducted in church edifices through July and August, and often called summer schools. Their chief purpose is to give instruction in Finnish reading and writing and in the elements of Christian faith.

The young people's work has developed into 44 Young People's Endeavor societies, with a membership of 2,088.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Suomi Synod for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	134	105	29	27.6
Members.....	18,881	12,907	5,974	46.3
Church edifices.....	92	50	42	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$368,771	\$151,345	\$217,426	143.7
Debt on church property.....	\$45,953	\$19,550	\$26,403	135.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	22	16	6	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$55,330	\$28,750	\$26,580	92.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	203	108	95	88.0
Officers and teachers.....	1,362	571	791	138.5
Scholars.....	9,752	4,515	5,237	116.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$23,735	\$16,329	\$7,406	45.4
Domestic.....	\$22,235	\$15,800	\$6,435	40.7
Foreign.....	\$1,500	\$529	\$971	183.6

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been an increase in every particular. The number of organi-

zations advanced from 105 in 1906 to 134 in 1916, a gain of 27.6 per cent, and the membership from 12,907 to 18,881, or 46.3 per cent. The number of church edifices increased from 50 to 92, and the value of church property rose from \$151,345 to \$368,771, or 143.7 per cent. Debt on church property, reported by 31 organizations, amounted to \$45,953, as against \$19,550 in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 16 to 22, and the value of parsonages from \$28,750 in 1906 to \$55,330 in 1916, or 92.5 per cent. The Sunday schools have advanced greatly in every particular, and the contributions for missions and benevolences have increased from \$16,329 to \$23,735, showing a gain of 45.4 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$73,977, reported by 128 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 134 organizations, 1, with 29 members, reported services conducted in English only; 14, with 1,897 members, used Finnish and English; 118, with 16,843 members, used Finnish alone; and 1, with 112 members, Finnish and Swedish. In 1906 Finnish alone was reported in the conduct of church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the synod was given as 32, of whom 25 sent in schedules, all of them acting as pastors and receiving an average annual salary of \$1,144.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reporting.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Finnish, Suomi Synod.....	134	134	18,881	133	9,175	9,676	88	26	92	89	\$368,771
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	51	2	24	27		2			
Massachusetts.....	6	6	1,059	6	481	578	6		7	6	69,800
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	408	3	70	308	2	1	2	2	22,486
Pennsylvania.....	5	5	623	5	317	306	3	2	3	3	17,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	1,997	6	938	1,059	4	1	4	4	19,700
Illinois.....	3	3	381	3	187	194	2	1	2	2	10,000
Michigan.....	53	53	9,753	53	4,919	4,834	35	12	35	36	145,085
Wisconsin.....	6	6	289	6	146	143	3	2	3	3	8,000
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	23	2,198	23	1,082	1,116	16	1	17	16	34,100
South Dakota.....	4	4	460	4	233	227	3	1	3	3	7,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	2	2	700	2	320	380	1		2	1	5,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	5	208	5	100	108	2	1	3	2	4,450
Oregon.....	5	5	321	5	139	182	3	1	3	3	5,600
California.....	6	6	337	6	172	165	6		6	6	15,550
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	96	4	47	49	2	1	2	2	5,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Mississippi, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Finnish, Suomi Synod .....	134	31	\$45,953	22	\$55,330	128	\$73,977	112	203	1,362	9,752
New England division:											
Maine .....	2					1	60	2	3	9	54
Massachusetts .....	6	5	17,300			6	6,705	6	12	103	767
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	4	1	5,400			3	3,858	4	6	29	232
Pennsylvania .....	5	1	4,000	1	3,000	5	2,526	4	4	36	265
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	6	1	700	2	5,500	6	9,164	6	9	93	875
Illinois .....	3	1	200	1	3,000	3	2,495	2	2	21	182
Michigan .....	53	11	6,703	9	26,000	50	28,872	48	114	774	5,419
Wisconsin .....	6	2	1,100			6	1,374	5	7	23	168
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	23	4	3,050	1	2,500	23	7,513	17	20	141	1,044
South Dakota .....	4			2	4,500	4	4,445	3	7	39	180
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	2	1	3,300	1	5,000	2	1,060	2	2	6	50
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	5					5	685	4	5	26	135
Oregon .....	5	1	250	1	2,000	5	1,480	2	3	32	202
California .....	6	3	3,950	2	1,400	5	2,881	5	6	20	130
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			2	2,430	4	859	2	3	10	49

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Mississippi, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH (NORWEGIAN).

HISTORY.

The Lutheran Free Church was organized in Minneapolis, Minn., in June, 1897, at a meeting of Norwegian Lutherans representing churches in some of the Central and Western states. The immediate occasion of the organization was a disagreement between the trustees of Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis and the United Norwegian Church. On the organization of the latter body, in 1890, it was expected that it would include Augsburg Seminary, the oldest Norwegian divinity school in America, and until that time supported by the Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran Conference. In the prosecution of its work for educating Lutheran ministers the seminary developed certain characteristics which its friends and supporters considered essential to the work to be done. It had been incorporated under the laws of Minnesota, and its management was in the hands of a board of trustees. When the demand came that the seminary should, according to an agreement with the Norwegian-Danish Conference, be transferred to the United Norwegian Church in such a manner as to enable that church to control it entirely, it became evident to some that material changes were intended in the plan of the school, and on this account the board of trustees refused to transfer, unconditionally, the property

and management of the seminary to the United Church. The result was a sharp disagreement and the withdrawal, and in some cases expulsion, from the United Church of certain churches and ministers because of their support of the position taken by the trustees of the seminary. These churches and ministers were at first known as the "Friends of Augsburg," and had no other organization than a voluntary annual meeting. Nevertheless they carried on the work of an organized synod, and had their divinity school, home and foreign missions, deaconess institute, orphans' homes, and publishing business. In 1897 they adopted the name of the "Lutheran Free Church," but continued along essentially the same lines, and have been generally known as the "Norwegian Lutheran Free Church."

DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church recognizes the Bible as the one perfect divine revelation for the salvation of men, and the absolute rule for Christian faith, doctrine, and life. It adheres to the Lutheran confessions, namely, the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism, as agreeing with the Scriptures. It considers practical Christian experience an absolutely necessary qualification for church membership, and especially for ministers and teachers.



## POLITY.

In polity the church emphasizes the independence and liberty of the individual congregation, but does not attempt a solid and final organization, lest strict limits and forms should hinder the movement which the church represents. In order to strengthen brotherly feeling and stimulate work for the common cause, an annual meeting is held, at which all members in good standing in any Norwegian Lutheran church may become entitled to vote by signing a declaration of adherence to the principles of the Free Church, and by promising to work for the objects of the organization. Besides this annual meeting other similar meetings are held at various places in the course of each year.

## WORK.

The home missionary work of the church is carried on by the Board of Home Missions in the United States and Canada. During 1916 it sent out 40 missionaries; about 110 churches and missions were aided, and contributions for this work amounted to \$13,950.

The foreign missionary work is under the care of the Lutheran Board of Missions, incorporated in 1899, and is carried on in Madagascar and China. It reports 15 missionaries and 64 native helpers, occupying 5 stations; 5 organized churches, with 780 members; 1 theological seminary, with 22 students; 20 primary schools, with 510 pupils; 1 hospital, treating 8,268 patients annually; and 5 orphanages, with 116 inmates. The total value of property belonging to this denomination in foreign countries is about \$15,000, and the total amount contributed was \$25,200.

The educational work of the church includes a college in the state of Washington, a girls' seminary in North Dakota, and Augsburg Seminary, with 3 departments, preparatory, classical, and theological, in Minnesota. In 1916 there were 288 students in these 3 institutions. The number of parochial schools is approximately 200, with 8,000 pupils. The total amount contributed for educational work was \$64,800, and the total property value is estimated at \$200,000. The total endowment fund amounts to \$30,000.

The church maintains 1 hospital and 3 orphanages; 1,764 patients were treated during the year, and 128 orphans were cared for. The amount contributed for the support of these institutions was \$14,500, and the estimated property value is \$175,000. There is no endowment. The young people are organized into 195 young people's societies, with 4,875 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian) for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 405 and 406; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	378	320	58	18.1
Members.....	28,180	26,928	1,252	4.6
Church edifices.....	311	219	92	42.0
Value of church property.....	\$1,116,760	\$660,310	\$456,450	69.1
Debt on church property.....	\$67,719	\$38,628	\$29,091	75.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	85	46	39	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$222,150	\$91,000	\$131,150	144.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	267	233	34	14.6
Officers and teachers.....	1,450	1,127	323	28.7
Scholars.....	10,285	7,479	2,806	37.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$118,450	\$60,189	\$58,261	96.8
Foreign.....	\$93,250	\$46,196	\$47,054	101.9
Total.....	\$25,200	\$13,993	\$11,207	80.1

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a general increase in the strength of the denomination. The number of organizations reported was 378 in 1916, as against 320 in 1906, an increase of 18.1 per cent. The membership advanced from 26,928 to 28,180, or 4.6 per cent. The number of edifices has likewise grown rapidly, and there has been a great increase in the value of church property. The number of churches reporting parsonages nearly doubled, 85 as against 46 in 1906, and the value of parsonages was \$222,150, as against \$91,000 in 1906, showing a gain of 144.1 per cent. Sunday schools have increased 14.6 per cent in number and 37.5 per cent in number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$60,189 to \$118,450, or 96.8 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$287,986, reported by 361 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 378 organizations, 21, with 1,096 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 357, with 27,084 members, used the Scandinavian languages, principally Norwegian, alone or in connection with English; of these, 160 organizations, with 14,743 members, reported Norwegian and English,

and 195 organizations, with 12,233 members, used Norwegian only. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a much larger proportion of the total number of organizations reporting the use of English in church services.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 169, and schedules were received from 153 of these, set forth in the opposite table. Of the total number in pastoral work, 123 reported annual salaries averaging \$833. Ten pastors supplemented their salaries by other occupations. Of those not in pastoral work, 9 were in educational and editorial work, 4 were in evangelistic work, and 1 was retired.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	153	125	11	17	\$833
California.....	1			1	
Illinois.....	1			1	
Iowa.....	1	1			
Kansas.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	4	4			875
Minnesota.....	72	57	5	10	836
Montana.....	4	2	1	1	563
North Dakota.....	35	30	2	3	809
Oregon.....	4	4			625
South Dakota.....	3	3			900
Washington.....	12	9	2	1	792
Wisconsin.....	15	14	1		977

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.*			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian).....	378	376	28,180	358	12,327	13,060	306	37	311	309	\$1,116,760
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	2	2	90	2	43	47	2		2	2	9,000
Michigan.....	8	8	1,015	8	493	522	6	2	6	6	44,600
Wisconsin.....	39	39	4,230	39	2,009	2,221	36		36	36	151,450
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	163	161	13,903	149	5,569	5,963	142	10	145	143	521,725
Iowa.....	5	5	120	5	53	67	3	2	3	3	7,200
North Dakota.....	97	97	5,593	95	2,654	2,705	71	14	71	73	258,190
South Dakota.....	21	21	1,242	20	591	581	18		18	18	43,950
Kansas.....	2	2	300	2	133	167	2		3	2	5,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	9	9	343	9	184	159	2	7	2	2	1,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	29	29	1,126	26	485	523	21	2	22	21	63,445
Oregon.....	3	3	218	3	113	105	3		3	3	11,200

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars..
Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian).....	378	67	\$67,719	85	\$222,150	361	\$287,986	243	267	1,450	10,285
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	2	1	800			2	2,050	2	2	12	55
Michigan.....	8	3	6,550	3	10,400	8	13,436	8	9	76	458
Wisconsin.....	39	8	8,425	11	31,800	39	35,575	34	40	213	1,474
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	163	21	17,184	41	108,350	156	114,067	104	117	683	5,395
Iowa.....	5					5	1,135	5	5	13	63
North Dakota.....	97	23	27,300	16	41,600	97	91,843	44	44	198	1,311
South Dakota.....	21	5	2,720	4	6,400	18	11,720	14	15	65	405
Kansas.....	2			2	2,000	2	1,600	2	2	20	150
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	9					7	1,905	4	5	14	96
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	29	4	1,890	7	19,600	24	12,270	23	25	133	761
Oregon.....	3	2	2,850	1	2,000	3	2,385	3	3	23	117

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian).....	378	376	28,180	358	12,327	13,060	306	37	311	309	\$1,116,760
Aneta.....	16	16	796	16	404	392	16	.....	16	16	31,840
Central South Dakota.....	19	19	1,123	18	523	530	16	.....	16	16	40,950
Fargo.....	22	22	1,649	20	696	719	17	3	17	17	108,800
Fergus Falls.....	27	26	1,376	23	488	528	22	4	23	22	37,070
Fosston.....	17	16	1,028	12	265	238	15	2	15	16	27,250
La Moure.....	17	17	902	17	433	469	9	3	9	9	21,900
Marinette.....	14	14	1,699	14	806	893	12	2	12	12	67,750
Michigan.....	1	1	168	1	91	77	1	.....	1	1	10,000
Minneapolis.....	24	24	3,225	23	1,467	1,698	24	.....	26	24	165,875
Minot.....	41	41	1,723	41	880	843	23	12	23	25	48,450
Northwestern.....	3	3	483	3	232	251	2	.....	2	2	13,800
Rugby.....	23	23	1,573	23	765	808	18	4	18	18	82,200
Southwest Minnesota.....	24	24	1,996	23	950	1,030	21	2	22	21	70,725
Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.....	7	7	1,015	7	465	550	7	.....	7	7	40,000
Superior.....	46	46	3,456	46	1,630	1,826	39	2	39	39	124,205
Thief River Falls.....	26	26	1,461	25	616	535	21	1	21	21	40,750
West Coast.....	32	32	1,344	29	598	628	24	2	25	24	74,645
Western South Dakota.....	.....	.....	43	.....	25	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willmar.....	19	19	3,120	17	993	1,027	19	.....	19	19	110,550

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian).....	378	67	\$67,719	85	\$222,150	361	\$287,986	243	267	1,450	10,285
Aneta.....	16	4	1,450	3	2,800	16	12,017	7	7	11	141
Central South Dakota.....	19	3	2,120	3	4,900	16	10,945	13	13	60	368
Fargo.....	22	4	14,500	6	19,200	22	45,553	11	11	65	362
Fergus Falls.....	27	4	2,360	4	8,000	27	11,257	17	17	61	442
Fosston.....	17	3	1,000	4	6,450	17	5,970	4	5	16	101
La Moure.....	17	2	600	2	3,500	17	4,658	7	7	39	191
Marinette.....	14	3	1,950	5	15,200	14	11,320	14	16	109	712
Michigan.....	1	1	5,000	.....	.....	1	6,371	1	.....	9	49
Minneapolis.....	24	.....	.....	9	36,500	23	39,757	19	22	262	2,553
Minot.....	41	11	4,950	1	500	39	14,647	15	16	60	444
Northwestern.....	3	1	2,000	1	4,000	2	4,000	3	3	21	198
Rugby.....	23	6	8,100	6	18,800	23	20,553	12	12	46	322
Southwest Minnesota.....	24	2	1,100	7	15,000	22	15,551	19	20	95	602
Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.....	7	3	6,800	5	16,000	7	16,125	7	9	41	359
Superior.....	46	8	6,175	5	10,000	43	26,548	37	40	228	1,458
Thief River Falls.....	26	1	600	6	7,400	26	8,073	14	17	33	366
West Coast.....	32	6	4,740	8	21,600	27	14,655	26	28	156	878
Western South Dakota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	1	3	26
Willmar.....	19	5	4,274	10	32,300	19	19,921	17	21	135	983

UNITED DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

HISTORY.

Many of the early Danish immigrants to this country maintained church affiliations with their Norwegian brethren, and in about 1870 the Norwegian-Danish Conference was organized. Later, however, as the number of churches increased, the difference of language occasioned some difficulty, and in 1883 the Danish churches withdrew and organized the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association. This de-

veloped until, in 1896, it included about 60 local congregations and 44 ministers. Conference with the churches, which two years before had withdrawn from the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Kirkelig Missions Forening) and had organized the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, resulted in a union of the two bodies under the name of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the church adheres to the Confession of Faith of the Lutheran Church of Denmark, the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian creeds, the Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Smaller Catechism.

In polity the church is more closely organized than some other Lutheran bodies. The highest church authority is the "annual meeting," composed of the ministers and of lay representatives of the local churches in the proportion of 1 for every 50 members. Its decisions in regard to all questions of government and work by and within the church are final and absolute. During the interval between its meetings its powers are vested in a board of 5 directors, the president, vice president, and secretary of the annual meeting being ex officio members. The worship is conducted for the most part in the Danish language.

WORK.

The home missionary work of the church is conducted by district boards, under the direction of a board of trustees. It is in two departments, one of which seeks to gather the scattered immigrants of Danish origin and organize them into churches, while the other works among the Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. This latter work is regarded by the church as foreign work rather than home work, as it deals with non-Christian peoples. The total income in 1916 for both kinds of work was \$3,500, and 10 churches were aided by 16 missionaries.

The foreign missionary work is under the direction of a board of trustees. The mission field is in Japan, where in 1916, there were 2 stations, 4 missionaries, 1 native helper, and a school with about 20 pupils. The contributions for this work were \$17,000 and the value of property in the foreign field is estimated at \$10,000.<sup>1</sup>

The educational interests of the church are represented by a college and a seminary, at Blair, Nebr., by colleges, at Racine, Wis., and Elkhorn, Iowa, and a high school, at Kenmare, N. Dak., the total attendance for 1916 being 223 students and pupils. In addition, there are 104 parochial schools, some of which are conducted Saturdays during 9 months of the year, and some for a few weeks only during the summer vacation of the public schools. The total amount contributed for educational work during the year was \$7,500. The value of the property is about \$100,000, and there is an endowment of \$75,000.

<sup>1</sup> These amounts undoubtedly include the work among the Indians in Oklahoma.

The church maintains 2 hospitals, which in 1916 treated 310 patients, and 4 orphanages with 60 inmates. The property is valued at \$60,000 and the contributions for the support of the work during the year were \$12,000.

The young people have 70 societies, with a membership of 2,900.

The church has emphasized the loyalty to the adopted country of its members by contributing to work among the soldiers and sailors according to suggestions by the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Danish Lutheran Church for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 408 and 409; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	192	198	-6	-3.0
Members.....	17,324	16,340	984	6.0
Church edifices.....	173	140	33	23.6
Value of church property.....	\$696,780	\$418,450	\$278,330	66.5
Debt on church property.....	\$45,088	\$43,425	\$1,663	3.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	90	60	30	(*)
Value.....	\$235,470	\$103,900	\$131,570	126.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	178	153	25	16.3
Officers and teachers.....	1,012	775	237	30.6
Scholars.....	7,777	6,116	1,661	27.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$40,000	\$13,851	\$26,149	188.8
Domestic.....	\$23,000	\$11,829	\$11,171	94.4
Foreign.....	\$17,000	\$2,022	\$14,978	740.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a slight decrease in the number of organizations, but an increase in every other particular. The number of members reported is 17,324, as against 16,340 in 1906, showing a gain of 6 per cent. Similarly, there has been an increase in the number of church edifices, 23.6 per cent; in the value of church property, 66.5 per cent; in the number of churches reporting parsonages; and in value of parsonages. The number of Sunday schools advanced 16.3 per cent and the number of scholars 27.2 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$13,851 in 1906 to \$40,000 in 1916, a gain of 188.8 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$193,593, reported by 186 congregations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 192 organizations, 2, with 230 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 190, with 17,094 members, used the Scandinavian languages alone or with English. There were 77 organizations, with 7,223 members using Danish in connection with English, and 112 organizations, with 9,823 members, using Danish alone. There has been little change since 1906 as regards the languages used in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 142. As shown by the opposite table, schedules were received from 96. Of the 82 ministers in pastoral work only, 81 reported an average annual salary of \$896. Those not in pastoral work were chiefly on the retired list.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	96	82	5	9	\$896
California.....	7	4	1	2	1,280
Colorado.....	3	1	2		600
Florida.....	1			1	
Idaho.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	1	1			
Indiana.....	1	1			
Iowa.....	22	21	1		921
Kansas.....	1	1			
Maine.....	1	1			
Massachusetts.....	2	1		1	1,260
Michigan.....	3	3			767
Minnesota.....	7	7			900
Missouri.....	1	1			
Montana.....	1			1	
Nebraska.....	17	14		3	853
New York.....	3	2	1		846
North Dakota.....	2	2			955
Oregon.....	3	3			567
South Dakota.....	1	1			
Utah.....	1	1			
Wisconsin.....	17	16		1	886

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Danish Lutheran Church.....	192	192	17,324	182	7,960	8,408	170	4	173	173	\$696,780
New England division:											
Maine.....	3	3	261	2	111	113	2		2	2	7,000
Massachusetts.....	2	2	111	2	49	62	1		1	1	11,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	183	3	82	101	1	1	2	2	7,800
Pennsylvania.....	2	2	75	2	38	37	2		2	2	7,500
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	7	7	456	6	146	155	6		6	6	37,175
Michigan.....	7	7	453	7	224	229	6		6	6	11,850
Wisconsin.....	33	33	4,327	31	1,902	2,009	29	2	29	29	146,800
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	23	1,828	20	837	860	22		22	22	58,800
Iowa.....	33	33	3,844	32	1,843	1,927	30		32	30	106,600
North Dakota.....	10	10	646	10	322	324	9		9	9	20,800
South Dakota.....	7	7	383	7	192	191	7		7	7	27,800
Nebraska.....	35	35	2,410	34	1,149	1,185	33		33	33	97,830
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	5	343	5	172	171	4		4	4	23,500
Colorado.....	3	3	206	3	94	112	2		2	3	16,275
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	3	3	239	3	112	127	3		3	3	16,500
California.....	9	9	905	9	441	464	8		8	9	61,750
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	654	6	246	341	5	1	5	5	37,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Utah.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Danish Lutheran Church.....	192	43	\$45,088	90	\$235,470	186	\$193,593	165	178	1,012	7,777
New England division:											
Maine.....	3	1	2,000	2	5,000	2	3,796	3	3	23	156
Massachusetts.....	2	1	4,000			2	2,764	2	2	11	55
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	2	2,400			3	3,329	2	4	17	126
Pennsylvania.....	2	2	3,300	1	1,500	2	1,566	1	1	5	40
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	7	4	4,800	1	1,800	7	12,159	7	7	44	287
Michigan.....	7	1	450	3	7,200	7	2,902	4	4	12	98
Wisconsin.....	33	10	10,425	19	57,900	33	33,698	31	35	222	1,998
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	5	2,088	9	21,900	21	15,890	20	20	90	736
Iowa.....	33	4	4,300	22	59,050	33	43,174	29	31	191	1,594
North Dakota.....	10			4	8,400	10	7,825	9	11	67	371
South Dakota.....	7			2	6,800	7	5,182	5	5	17	112
Nebraska.....	35	5	2,400	15	34,520	34	22,971	27	29	136	982
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	1	1,000	1	1,500	4	14,650	4	4	24	138
Colorado.....	3			1	2,300	3	2,901	3	3	21	116
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	3	2	600	2	4,500	3	2,678	3	3	19	73
California.....	9	3	5,360	4	12,300	8	11,235	9	9	73	547
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	2	1,965	4	10,800	7	6,873	6	7	40	348

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Utah.

FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN NATIONAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

At the time of the organization of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, or Suomi Synod, in 1890, there developed, particularly in Calumet, Mich., considerable opposition to the new organization, which resulted in the formation of a separate local church termed the Finnish National Church. As other churches joined the movement, an effort was made to combine them, and at Ironwood, Mich., in October, 1900, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church was organized and later incorporated.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the church agrees with the majority of Lutheran bodies, accepting the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian creeds, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and the other Lutheran symbolic books. In polity the local churches are independent, but send delegates to the annual meeting, which acts upon the ordination of ministers, the acceptance of calls to churches, the installation of pastors, the appointment of missionaries, and any other work that belongs to the churches as a body. Its powers are vested in a board of five trustees elected at each annual meeting by a majority vote of the delegates. This board of trustees manages the general affairs of the church, and presents a report on the treasury and on the general church work. The president of the annual meeting is the executive officer of the church. He ordains ministers,

installs pastors, appoints missionaries, and in general officially represents the church authority.

WORK.

The home missionary work is conducted by the church which sends out preachers to such communities as are not regularly supplied. The report for 1916 shows 7 missionaries employed, and contributions to the amount of \$1,000.

Until recently the church had no foreign mission work under its own control, but it has now established a mission in Japan, and in 1916 made contributions to the work there amounting to \$2,000. It also cooperates with the missionary society in Finland.

The educational work at present is confined to parochial schools, of which 40 are held in the church edifices of the several congregations during the summer. In 1916 the pupils in these schools numbered about 1,500, and the amount contributed for their support was \$1,600. A theological seminary is to be established in Ironwood, Mich.

There are 55 Young People's Christian Endeavor societies, with a membership of about 2,700, and during the year these contributed \$3,000 to the various enterprises of the church.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Finnish Lutheran National Church for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 410 and 411; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	64	66	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	7,933	10,111	-2,178	-21.5
Church edifices.....	41	43	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$125,091	\$95,150	\$29,941	31.5
Debt on church property.....	\$15,790	\$12,500	\$3,290	26.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3	2	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	500.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	54	69	-15	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	192	272	-80	-29.4
Scholars.....	2,077	2,144	-67	-3.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$3,000	\$5,050	-\$2,050	-40.6
Domestic.....	\$1,000	\$5,000	-\$4,000	-80.0
Foreign.....	\$2,000	\$50	\$1,950	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows that, with the exception of property value, debt, and parsonages, every item shows a decrease. The number of organizations decreased slightly, from 66 in 1906 to 64 in 1916, but the membership as reported fell from 10,111 to 7,933, a loss of 21.5 per cent. The number of church edifices dropped from 43 to 41, while the value of church property increased from

\$95,150 to \$125,091, or 31.5 per cent. On this property a debt of \$15,790 was reported by 14 organizations in 1916, as against a debt of \$12,500 in 1906. Three churches reported parsonages, and the total value was given as \$12,000, as against \$2,000 reported by 2 churches in 1906. There was a falling off in the Sunday schools and in the contributions. These changes are due to a considerable degree to the migration of the Finnish communities, which, however, affected principally the smaller organizations.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$15,017, reported by 59 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 64 organizations, 3, with 232 members, reported church services conducted in English only, and 61, with 7,701 members, used Finnish only. In 1906 all the churches reported Finnish in the conduct of church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 21. Schedules were received from only 5, of whom 2 reported an average annual salary of \$780.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organ- izations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organ- izations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organ- izations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organ- izations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Finnish Lutheran National Church.....	64	64	7,933	60	3,670	3,728	40	24	41	42	\$125,091
New England division:											
New Hampshire.....	3	3	208	3	106	102	1	2	1	1	1,000
Massachusetts.....	2	2	264	2	126	138	1	1	1	1	3,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	67	2	12	55	.....	2	.....	1	20
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	3	580	3	296	284	2	1	2	2	11,000
Michigan.....	10	10	1,932	10	955	978	10	.....	10	10	44,566
Wisconsin.....	9	9	973	9	527	446	4	5	4	4	4,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	28	28	3,099	28	1,530	1,569	13	10	19	18	44,000
North Dakota.....	3	3	435	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	2	3,500
South Dakota.....	2	2	150	1	20	30	1	1	1	1	1,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	224	2	98	126	1	1	1	2	12,005

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and New Jersey.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Finnish Lutheran National Church.....	64	14	\$15,790	3	\$12,000	59	\$15,017	49	54	192	2,077
New England division:											
New Hampshire.....	3	1	800			3	296	3	3	8	80
Massachusetts.....	2					2	1,010	2	2	11	121
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2					2	505				
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	3	1	1,400			3	2,125	3	3	20	150
Michigan.....	10	8	11,230	2	9,000	10	5,049	8	9	49	462
Wisconsin.....	9	1	200			5	385	8	9	19	343
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	28	1	60	1	3,000	27	3,287	22	22	65	771
North Dakota.....	3	1	200			3	750	2	4	14	85
South Dakota.....	2					2	350				
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	1,900			2	1,260	1	2	6	65

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and New Jersey.

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH (FINNISH).

HISTORY.

The Finns, who first settled in Calumet, Mich.,<sup>1</sup> came principally from the northern part of Norway, and were identified with the state church. Among them, however, were a number belonging to a party founded by Provost Lars Levi Lacstadius, of Pajala, Sweden. Disagreements which arose between these and the other Lutherans at last became so acute that some of the followers of Lacstadius were excluded from the sacrament. Under the lead of Salomon Korteniemi, these excluded members formed a congregation of their own in December, 1872, under the name of the "Salomon Korteniemi Lutheran Society." In 1879 this name was changed to the "Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Congregation." As other congregations of Finns in Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and Oregon were organized on the same basis, they came into fellowship with this body under the name of the "Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church," or, as ordinarily termed, the "Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish)."

The churches accept in general the creeds of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and emphasize the necessity of regeneration and the practical importance of absolution from sin. In polity they are absolutely congregational, there being no general organization.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish) for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

<sup>1</sup> See also Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church, p. 409.

A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number of amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	47	68	-21	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	6,664	8,170	-1,506	-18.4
Church edifices.....	34	37	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$64,942	\$62,856	\$2,086	3.3
Debt on church property.....	\$1,467	\$1,200	\$267	22.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	
Value.....		\$2,000	-\$2,000	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	27	27		
Officers and teachers.....	112	78	34	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	1,109	1,038	71	6.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a considerable decrease in the number of organizations and in the membership, and no important increase in other items. These conditions are due largely to the migration of the Finnish communities, so that full reports were scarcely available. There were 8,170 members reported in 1906 and 6,664 in 1916, a loss of 18.4 per cent. The number of church edifices reported fell from 37 to 34, but the value of church property increased from \$62,856 to \$64,942, or 3.3 per cent. Likewise, there was a slight increase in the debt on church property. A single church reported a parsonage in 1906 but there was none in 1916. The number of Sunday schools remained the same, but there was a small increase in the number of scholars. No report was made of general contributions.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,459, reported by 36 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 47 organizations, none reported the use of English only in the conduct of church services; 45 with 6,315 members, used Finnish only; 1 organiza-

tion, with 275 members, Finnish and Norwegian; and 1, with 74 members, Finnish, Swedish, and English. Finnish alone was reported in 1906 by all but 2 organizations.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 36. Schedules, in every case incomplete, were received from 33. No salaries were reported.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish)...	47	47	6,864	47	3,293	3,371	32	10	34	34	\$64,942
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	12	12	2,293	12	1,119	1,174	7	2	7	8	12,367
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	7	7	1,579	7	819	760	6	3	8	6	27,075
North Dakota.....	5	5	597	5	309	288	2	3	2	2	3,200
South Dakota.....	4	4	459	4	217	242	3	1	3	3	7,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8	8	637	8	332	305	7	1	7	7	6,000
Oregon.....	4	4	633	4	275	358	3	1	3	3	5,300
California.....	3	3	117	3	58	59	2	1	2	2	1,700
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	349	4	164	185	2	1	2	3	2,300

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, New Hampshire, New York, and Wisconsin.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Apostolic Lutheran Church (Finnish)...	47	4	\$1,467			36	\$8,459	23	27	112	1,109
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	12					8	2,204	9	11	68	557
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	7	3	1,117			6	3,821	4	4	17	212
North Dakota.....	5					4	150				
South Dakota.....	4					3	588				
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	8					6	329	3	3	7	79
Oregon.....	4					4	424	2	3	5	167
California.....	3					2	222	2	2	3	19
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	1	350			3	721	3	4	12	75

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, New Hampshire, New York, and Wisconsin.

## CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN BRETHERN OF AMERICA (NORWEGIAN).

## HISTORY.

This organization owes its origin to a call issued by the Lutheran Free Church (Norwegian) of Milwaukee for a conference of the independent Norwegian Lutheran churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin. These churches had come to feel that an organization was desirable for more effective work, but were unwilling to enter the other Norwegian Lutheran bodies,

owing to disapproval of their practice in the acceptance of new members, church discipline, confirmation, and other minor matters. In the call it was suggested that all churches or societies so disposed should send representatives with power to act; and in accordance with this suggestion, eight pastors and laymen, representing five different churches in the two states, met at Milwaukee, in December, 1900, and organized

the Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America, according to conditions previously approved by the churches which they represented. The strength of the organization was afterwards increased by the admission of other churches in those states and in North Dakota, and of a considerable number of individuals who were in sympathy with the movement, although not enrolled in the membership of any local church.

## DOCTRINE.

The Church of the Lutheran Brethren accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and as the only true and reliable standard of faith, doctrine, and conduct. It also accepts the Lutheran doctrine as set forth in the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism as a true and concise presentation of the teachings of the Scriptures. Anything contrary to this teaching is not accepted or tolerated in any of the churches.

## POLITY.

Church organization and government are in conformity with the simplicity of the apostolic pattern as set forth in the Acts and Epistles of the New Testament. Hence only believers are admitted as members and remain such only as long as their life and conduct are in accordance with Christian profession. Church discipline is rigidly enforced.

The officers of the local church are elders and deacons, whose duties are to care for the spiritual and temporal interests of the church. In some cases one of the elders is ordained as officiating minister and bears the title; in others the minister is a candidate from a divinity school. The supreme administrative power rests with the church as a body, not with the officers, who are only servants or agents of the church.

## WORK.

The home missionary work of the organization is carried on by a board of 7 members, the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the church being ex officio members. In 1916 this board employed an evangelist and 2 missionaries, in addition to 7 workers engaged in evangelistic effort for shorter periods. They cared for 21 churches, and the contributions for the home missionary work during the year were about \$1,500.

The church carries on foreign missionary work in China, Asia, and in the Sudan in Africa. In 1916 there were reported 3 stations, 13 missionaries, 15 native workers, 1 church, with 250 members, 1 graded school, with 145 pupils, besides about 10 primary and day schools; for these the pupils are not reported. The property (which includes 2 dispensaries) belonging to the denomination in foreign countries is estimated

at \$7,000, and the contributions for foreign work in 1916 were \$8,871.

The church has 1 Bible school, at Wahpeton, N. Dak., with 65 students, and maintains during a part of the year 17 parochial schools, with about 300 pupils. The amount contributed in 1916 for educational work was \$7,247, and the total value of school property in the United States is given as \$25,000. There is 1 home for old people, which in 1916 had 11 inmates; the amount contributed for its support was \$3,045, and the property is estimated at \$10,000. There are 10 young people's societies, with about 400 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (Norwegian) for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	23	16	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	892	482	410	85.1
Church edifices.....	19	10	9	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$45,410	\$16,400	\$29,010	176.9
Debt on church property.....	\$6,495	\$3,575	\$2,920	81.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$100	9.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	22	16	6	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	113	62	51	( <sup>1</sup> )
Scholars.....	641	393	248	63.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$20,663	\$4,422	\$16,241	367.3
Domestic.....	\$11,792	\$3,092	\$8,700	281.4
Foreign.....	\$8,871	\$1,330	\$7,541	567.0

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The preceding table shows that there has been a general increase in the denomination. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 23 as against 16 for 1906, and the number of church edifices advanced from 10 in 1906 to 19 in 1916. The membership increased from 482 to 892, or 85.1 per cent, and the value of church property from \$16,400 to \$45,410, or 176.9 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$6,495 was reported by 9 organizations. As in 1906, a single church reported a parsonage, with a slight increase in value. Sunday schools increased in proportion to organizations, and there was a large increase—63.1 per cent—in number of scholars. Contributions increased greatly, from \$4,422 in 1906 to \$20,663 in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$14,837, reported by 21 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 23 organizations, all reported church services conducted in Scandinavian languages, principally Norwegian, used alone by 15 organizations, with 580

members; and in connection with English, by 5 organizations, with 270 members. In 1906 all the organizations reported Norwegian only in church services.

Ministerial schedules were received from 10 persons, all in pastoral work. The average annual salary reported by 8 of the ministers was \$584.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of the Lutheran Brethren (Norwegian) .....	23	23	892	23	400	492	18	3	19	19	\$45,410
East North Central division:											
Wisconsin .....	4	4	130	4	63	67	3	1	3	3	8,400
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	8	8	314	8	142	172	6	1	7	7	18,550
North Dakota .....	10	10	412	10	176	236	8	1	8	8	17,460
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	1	1	36	1	19	17	1	.....	1	1	1,000

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of the Lutheran Brethren (Norwegian) .....	23	9	\$6,495	1	\$1,200	21	\$14,837	20	22	113	641
East North Central division:											
Wisconsin .....	4	2	1,900	.....	.....	4	1,739	4	4	29	146
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	8	4	4,280	1	1,200	6	5,058	5	5	35	179
North Dakota .....	10	2	215	.....	.....	10	7,715	10	12	46	304
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	1	1	100	.....	.....	1	325	1	1	3	12

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN JEHOVAH CONFERENCE.

## HISTORY.

As the Lutheran immigration to the United States increased, the Lutheran churches in Europe became interested in the supply of ministers, and a number of organizations were formed there to assist in the training of ministers in the Lutheran faith. Among these was the Lower Hessian Mission Association, founded by the Rev. I. W. G. Vilmar, metropolitan and pastor of the church at Melsungen, Hesse-Cassel, Germany. In December, 1870, a theological seminary was established at that place, which was for many years connected with the Lutheran Synod of Iowa. In 1880 the board of the seminary withdrew from connection with that synod, preferring to train ministers independently for mission work in the United States. In November, 1886, the Rev. W. Hartwig, an elder in

the old so-called Renitent<sup>1</sup> Church, of Hesse-Cassel, came to America and began mission work at Greenfield, Mich., under the auspices of the Lower Hessian Mission Association. Other missionaries followed, and as the work extended and it became necessary to form an association, the ministers identified with the movement organized the Evangelical Lutheran Jehovah Conference. This is not a synod in the usual sense of the term, but simply an association of ministers for mutual assistance in their church duties.

The doctrinal position of the ministers and churches of the Jehovah Conference is in accord with that of other Evangelical Lutheran churches. They recognize the Apostles' and Nicene creeds and the Augsburg

<sup>1</sup> So called by their adversaries because they did not acknowledge the right of the state to govern the church.

burg Confession of 1530 as authoritative. In polity they are entirely independent and are not affiliated with any synod in the United States.

The conference has no benevolent institutions and carries on no mission work as a body, but each minister is expected to do what he can in general evangelism as well as in his own church work.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Lutheran Jehovah Conference for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	6	9	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	831	735	96	13.1
Church edifices.....	7	12	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$17,800	\$21,550	-\$3,750	-17.4
Debt on church property.....	\$4,600	\$7,550	-\$2,950	-39.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3	6	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$4,400	\$6,300	-\$1,900	-30.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	10	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	37	21	16	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	492	350	142	40.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

A number of the Lutheran bodies have been affected by the migration in this country attending

the recent industrial movements, and the Jehovah Conference reports a loss of organizations, church edifices, and property. There were 6 organizations in 1916 as against 9 in 1906, and 7 church edifices in 1916 as against 12 in 1906. Membership advanced slightly, from 735 to 831, or 13.1 per cent. The value of church property decreased from \$21,550 to \$17,800, a loss of 17.4 per cent, and the debt on church property of \$7,550, as reported for 4 organizations in 1906, decreased to \$4,600, as reported for 3 organizations in 1916. Similarly, the number of churches reporting parsonages dropped from 6 to 3, and the value of parsonages from \$6,300 to \$4,400, or 30.2 per cent. Sunday schools decreased from 10 to 4, but there was a marked increase in the number of officers and teachers and scholars.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$6,749, reported by the 6 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 6 organizations, with 831 members, all reported services conducted in German and English, of which 4, with 465 members, used German only. The report shows no marked difference from that of 1906.

The number of ministers given as on the rolls of the conference was 6. Of these, 5 sent in schedules reporting an average annual salary of \$529.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Lutheran Jehovah Conference.....	6	6	831	6	372	459	6	.....	7	6	\$17,800
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	5	5	531	5	242	289	5	.....	6	5	12,800
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	1	1	300	1	130	170	1	.....	1	1	5,000

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Lutheran Jehovah Conference.....	6	3	\$4,600	3	\$4,400	6	\$6,749	4	4	37	492
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	5	3	4,600	2	1,400	5	5,189	3	3	15	267
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	1	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	1,560	1	1	22	225

## MENNONITE BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The origin of the denominations classed under the head of Mennonite bodies is traced by them to an early period in the history of the Christian Church. As various changes in doctrine and church organization came about, in both the East and the West, a number of communities, unwilling to accept them and preferring the simplicity of the Apostolic Church, remained more or less distinct through the Middle Ages. These communities received various names in different localities and in different centuries, but from the time of the first General Council at Nicea in the early part of the fourth century to the Conference of Dort, Holland, in 1632, they represented a general protest against ecclesiastical rule and a rigid liturgy, and an appeal for the simpler organization, worship, and faith of the Apostolic Age.

At the time of the Reformation, the members of these scattered communities who laid particular stress upon the doctrine of believers' baptism, as opposed to infant baptism, found a leader in the person of Menno Simons, a former Roman Catholic priest who was born in Witmarsum, Holland, about 1496. He is regarded by the Mennonites, however, not so much as the founder of the church as a prominent factor in its organization. The name "Mennonite" dates from 1550, but would scarcely be recognized in Holland, where the usual name is "Doopsgezinde," or "Dooper," the Dutch equivalent for the English "Baptist." Similarly in parts of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria, the German form "Taufgesinnte," or "Täufer," was used to indicate Baptists, although this name was not applied to all Mennonites. It was to some of the Flemish Mennonites, who, upon the invitation of King Henry VIII, settled in England and became the pioneers of the great weaving industry of that country, that the Baptists of England were largely indebted for their organization as a religious body.

The hardships which these people suffered on account of the almost universal religious intolerance in Europe both before and after the Reformation caused them to look toward the New World, and early in the seventeenth century the first representatives crossed the Atlantic. For a time their hopes were not realized. The new colonies were not liberal in the modern sense of the term and had small patience with those who did not agree with them in matters of faith and practice.

When William Penn acquired Pennsylvania from the English crown, he offered homes to the Mennonites, where they might enjoy the free exercise of their religious beliefs. They were, for the most part, too poor to emigrate, but the Society of Friends in England came to their relief. Forwarding agencies were established in several Dutch cities, to which funds

gathered in England were sent; and thus means were provided by which large numbers from Holland, Switzerland, and Germany were enabled to come to America. Individual families settled in New York and New Jersey as early as 1640, but the first Mennonite colony was formed at Germantown, Pa., in 1683. As their numbers increased during the first third of the eighteenth century, the Mennonites spread northward and westward from Germantown into Lancaster, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, and other counties in Pennsylvania, and from these original settlements they have since spread to western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and farther west, and to Canada. As these early settlers came in contact with the Indians, they often found that their non-resistant principles served as a better protection than the rifles and stockades of most of the settlers, and there are but few records of injury of any kind inflicted upon them by the Indian tribes.

Since their settlement in this country a number of minor divisions have taken place among the Mennonites, occasioned by divergent views on some questions, but of late years the feeling has developed among nearly all branches that closer union and cooperation along certain common lines of gospel work would be desirable.

*Doctrine.*—At a general conference of the Mennonites in the Netherlands and Germany held at Dort, Holland, in 1632, a compilation of previous confessions of faith was made and called "A Declaration of the Chief Articles of our Common Christian Faith." This confession, containing 18 articles, is accepted by the great majority of the Mennonite churches to-day.

A brief summary of these articles includes the following:

God the Creator of all things; the fall of man, through his disobedience; his restoration through the promise of the coming of Christ; the Advent of Christ, the Son of God; redemption has been purchased by His death on the cross for all mankind, from the time of Adam to the end of the world, who shall have believed on and obeyed Christ.

The law of Christ is contained in the Gospel, by obedience to which alone humanity is saved. Repentance and conversion, or complete change of life, without which no outward obedience to gospel requirements will avail to please God, is necessary to salvation. All who have repented of their sins and believed on Christ as the Saviour, and in heart and life accept His commandments, are born again. As such they obey the command to be baptized with water as a public testimony of their faith, are members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and are incorporated into the communion of the saints on earth. By partaking of the Lord's Supper the members express a common union with one another and a fellowship of love for and faith in Jesus Christ. The washing of the saints' feet is an ordinance instituted, and its perpetual observance commanded, by Christ. The state of matrimony is honorable between those spiritually kindred, and such alone can marry "in the Lord."

The civil government is a part of God's ministry, and members are not permitted to despise, blaspheme, or resist the government, but must be subject to it in all things and obedient to all its commands

that do not militate against the will and law of God, and should pray earnestly for the government and its welfare, and in behalf of their country. Christ has forbidden his followers the use of carnal force in resisting evil and the seeking of revenge for evil treatment. Love for enemies can not be shown by acts of hatred and revenge, but by deeds of love and good will. The use of all oaths is forbidden, as contrary to God's will, though simple affirmation is allowed.

Those who willfully sin against God are to be excluded from the rights and privileges of the church, but are to be kindly exhorted to amend their ways, the object of expulsion being the amendment not the destruction, of the offender, and for the benefit of the church. Those who, on account of their obstinacy, are finally reprovved and expelled from the church, because separated from God, must also be shunned socially, "that the openly obstinate and reprobate one may not defile others in the church," though in case of need they are to be kindly cared for, and admonished as those in need of spiritual help.

At the end of earth and earthly existence, all those who have lived and shall then be living are to be changed in a moment at the sound of the last trump, and are to appear before the judgment seat of Christ, where the good shall be separated from the evil; the good to enter into the heavenly joys prepared for them, the evil to depart forever from God's presence and mercy into the place prepared for the devil and his servants.

To the conviction that some of the requirements of civil law are contrary to the will and law of God is largely due the fact that the Mennonites have suffered so severely in past centuries, and have often been charged with being "clannish."

The Lord's Supper is observed twice a year in nearly all the congregations, and the great majority of them also observe the ordinance of washing the saints' feet in connection with and immediately after the Lord's Supper. In nearly all the Mennonite bodies, baptism is by pouring.

*Polity.*—With two exceptions the form of church government in the different bodies of the Mennonites is the same. The local church is autonomous, deciding all matters affecting itself. District or state conferences are established, in most cases, to which appeals may be made; otherwise the authority of the congregation or of a committee appointed by the congregation is final. All decisions of state or district conferences are presented to the individual congregations for ratification. The divinely appointed offices

of the Church of Christ are held to be those of bishop (sometimes called elder and sometimes presbyter), minister (pastor or evangelist), and almoner (deacon). The ministers are generally self-supporting, sharing the farming life of most of the Mennonite communities. In only two of these bodies were any regular salaries reported with any completeness, though some ministers seem to have been employed by the churches as missionaries. Besides these there are teachers, male and female, as coworkers in the administration of the work.

*Statistics.*—The denominations grouped as Mennonite bodies in 1916 and 1906 are listed on page 418, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods.

As will be noted, there have been a number of changes in the names of the denominations, occasioned partly by changes in the bodies themselves, partly by a better classification. The Bruederhof Mennonite Church is now known as the Hutterian Brethren; the Central Illinois Conference has dropped the "Illinois"; the Schellenburger Brueder-Gemeinde is now the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America; and the Nebraska and Minnesota Conference of Mennonites, the Conference of Defenseless Mennonites of North America. The Amish Mennonite Church of 1906 has been consolidated with the Mennonite Church, but in its place has appeared the Conservative Amish Mennonite Church, while the Old Amish Mennonite Church has become the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church. The Stauffer Mennonites constitute a new body, as does the Kleine Gemeinde, which appears to have been included with the Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde in 1906.

In view of the influence exerted by the Amish Mennonites in the development of the Mennonite bodies, a preliminary statement of the movement is given following the summary of statistics and preceding the statement of the Mennonite Church with which the Amish Mennonite Church as an ecclesiastical body has been consolidated.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MENNONITE BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
MENNONITE BODIES.										
1916.										
Mennonite Church.....	307	34,965	285	\$1,014,246	\$12,562	11	\$20,750	289	4,130	37,096
Hutterian Brethren.....	17	982	12	11,100	109	1	300	14	16	605
Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.....	13	1,066	13	20,060	250			11	95	882
Old Order Amish Mennonite Church.....	88	7,665						5	19	242
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite).....	21	1,125	16	23,815	400			10	40	675
Old Order Mennonite Church (Wisler).....	22	1,608	23	43,900						
Reformed Mennonite Church.....	29	1,281	29	85,965						
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	114	15,407	107	544,560	15,400	11	22,200	109	1,377	17,594
Defenseless Mennonites.....	11	854	11	33,500	500			10	144	1,423
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	110	4,737	92	223,648	17,195	36	61,425	104	1,208	7,755
Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.....	53	5,127	47	131,605	1,700	1	800	60	506	7,716
Krimmer Bruder-Gemeinde.....	13	894	14	31,700	1,000	1	700	18	117	1,556
Kleine Gemeinde.....	3	171	2	3,200	390			4	14	66
Central Conference of Mennonites.....	17	2,101	16	91,500				16	225	2,059
Conference of the Defenseless Mennonites of North America.....	15	1,171	13	30,625				14	135	1,757
Stauffer Mennonites.....	5	209	3	3,000						
1906.										
Mennonite Church.....	220	18,674	207	500,112	1,215	5	6,700	170	1,967	15,798
Bruederhof Mennonite Church.....	8	275	8	9,100						
Amish Mennonite Church.....	57	7,640	52	122,275	1,321			57	798	6,367
Old Amish Mennonite Church.....	46	5,043	4	6,700				6	66	493
Reformed Mennonite Church.....	34	2,079	29	52,650						
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	90	11,661	89	303,400	5,690	9	19,050	89	1,148	12,472
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite).....	18	562	2	1,600						
Old (Wisler) Mennonite Church.....	9	655	10	17,950						
Defenseless Mennonites.....	14	967	13	16,800		1	500	13	142	1,102
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	68	2,801	58	140,747	756	23	28,850	60	578	3,720
Bundes Conferenz der Mennoniten Brueder-Gemeinde:										
Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde.....	6	708	6	17,900	100	1	400	7	61	680
Schellenberger Brueder-Gemeinde.....	13	1,825	13	13,000				15	120	2,550
Central Illinois Conference of Mennonites.....	13	1,363	12	25,900				12	116	958
Nebraska and Minnesota Conference of Mennonites.....	8	545	6	9,000				10	45	782

## AMISH MENNONITE MOVEMENT.

Jacob Ammon, or Amen, whose name gave the term "Amish" to the movement, was a native of Amenthal, Switzerland; but, probably to escape persecution, he settled in Alsace in 1659. There was a tendency on the part of many of the Mennonites of the time, during the interval of rest from persecution, to become lax in their religious life and discipline. Ammon was the acknowledged leader of those who held to the strict letter of Menno Simons' teachings and the literal interpretation of several points of doctrine presented in the Confession of Faith, adopted at the General Conference held at Dort, Holland, in 1632. Maintaining that, because they were not literally and rigorously carried out, some of the articles of the confession were a dead letter with many of the congregations, he traveled extensively, laboring to restore the communities to the spiritual life and condition manifested during Menno's ministry among them. The special point of divergence between his followers and the other Mennonites was in regard to the exercise of the ban, or excommunication of disobedient members, as taught in I Corinthians v, 9-11; II Thessalonians iii, 14; Titus iii, 10, and incorporated in the Confession of Faith. The Amish party interpreted these passages

as applying to daily life and the daily table; while the others understood them to mean simply the exclusion of expelled members from the communion table.

In 1690 two bishops, Ammon and Blank, acted as a committee to investigate conditions in Switzerland and southern Germany. As those accused of laxity in the particulars mentioned did not appear when called upon to answer the charges preferred against them, the Amish leaders expelled them. They in turn disowned the Amish party, and the separation was completed in 1698. Some time after this, Ammon and his followers made overtures for a reconciliation and union of the two factions, but these were rejected, and it remained for the closing years of the nineteenth century, almost exactly two centuries later, to see the steps taken that virtually reunited the two bodies, or the main part of each, for in the meantime there had been other divisions between the extreme elements of both.

At about the time of the separation, the migration of Mennonites from Europe to the crown lands acquired by William Penn in America began to assume large proportions, and included many of the Amish Mennonites, who settled in what now comprises Lancaster, Mifflin, Somerset, Lawrence, and Union Counties, in Pennsylvania. William Penn himself traveled



extensively among the Mennonites in Europe, preaching in their meetings, and rendering them aid in various ways. From Pennsylvania the Amish Mennonites moved with the westward tide of migration into Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, and other states. There was also a large exodus from Pennsylvania and from Europe direct to Canada, principally to the section westward of the large tract acquired by the early Mennonite settlers in Waterloo County, Ontario.

Toward the middle of the nineteenth century a growing sentiment in favor of closer relations between the two main bodies of Mennonites became manifest. Many prominent men on both sides, feeling that the division of 1698 was an error for which both sides were more or less to blame, used their influence toward a reconciliation. The establishment in 1864 of a religious periodical, and later the publication of other religious literature, for the benefit of, and supported by, both the Mennonite Church and the Amish Mennonites, naturally drew them into closer relationship.

#### MENNONITE CHURCH.

##### HISTORY.

The Mennonite Church, by far the largest of the different Mennonite bodies, represents the general trend of them all and is most closely identified with the history already given. In the controversy which resulted in the separation of the Amish Mennonite Church, it stood for the more liberal interpretation of the Confession of Faith, and has ever since included what may be called the conservatively progressive element of the Mennonite communities. It furnished the first Mennonite colony at Germantown, Pa., and was the most important factor in the westward extension of the different communities mentioned in the general statement.<sup>1</sup>

##### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The general Confession of Faith adopted at Dort, Holland, in 1632, is accepted in full. In polity, so far as the local church and district and state conferences are concerned, the church is in accord with other Mennonite bodies.

The General Conference,<sup>2</sup> organized in 1898,<sup>3</sup> meets every two years, but is regarded as merely an advisory body. Delegates are chosen from among the ministers and deacons of the various state conferences and they, together with the bishops, who are members of the conferences by virtue of their office, decide all questions by majority vote. All their ministers and deacons have the privilege of debate but have no

<sup>1</sup> See Mennonite bodies, p. 416.

<sup>2</sup> Not to be mistaken for the General Conference of Mennonites of North America, p. 430.

<sup>3</sup> In 1896 an informal committee issued a call for a representative preliminary meeting. This was held in 1897, and issued the call for the first general conference which met and organized in 1898.

One result was the revival in both branches of direct evangelistic and missionary effort, which had been largely neglected ever since the migration from Europe to America. In this resumption of long neglected activities, denominational lines between the two bodies were disregarded. The establishment also of a common church school, in the closing decade of the last century, brought the most prominent men and ablest thinkers, as well as the young people of both parties, into one working body. Almost simultaneous with this, and as a natural result of it, was the establishment in 1898 of a General Conference, in which each body was accorded equal rights in all things pertaining to conference work. Subsequently, as stated above, the three conferences reported in 1906 as Amish Mennonite became identified with the Mennonite Church,<sup>4</sup> and the term as used at present refers to the two main branches—Conservative and Old Order—which still retain some of the beliefs and practices which were the basis of the separation.

vote. This General Conference furnishes the basis for the practical union of the Mennonite Church and what was formerly known as the Amish Mennonite Church. One of the three conferences of the former Amish Mennonite Church has been merged with the Indiana-Michigan Conference of the Mennonite Church. The other two conferences are constituent members of the General Conference, though they are called Eastern Amish and Western Amish, for geographic reasons, rather than as indicating any distinction in doctrine or polity.

For a better understanding of the relations of these bodies, an historical sketch of the origin and development of the Amish Mennonites is given on page 418.

##### WORK.

In all departments of church activity—missionary, educational, and philanthropic—the Mennonite Church and the Amish Mennonite Church, in its two branches, work together. There is a Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, one member of which is elected from each of the Mennonite and Amish Mennonite conference districts.

The home missionary work is divided into evangelistic and city mission departments. The evangelistic department supplies needy congregations with ministers and provides congregations with evangelists to hold revival meetings. The city mission department conducts missions in Chicago, Kansas City, Kans., and some other cities.

The report for 1916 shows 37 missionaries, employed in 12 states, 11 churches aided, and contributions for the general home missionary work amounting to \$104,313.

<sup>4</sup> See Mennonite Church, below.



The first foreign mission station was opened in 1902, at Dhamtari, India. Four other stations have since been established, and a considerable amount of land has been acquired for an industrial department. The report for 1916 shows 20 missionaries, with 58 native helpers; 6 organized churches, with 589 members; 10 schools, including 1 theological seminary, with a total attendance of 886 pupils; 3 hospitals, treating during the year 17,500 patients; 4 orphanages, with 254 inmates; contributions amounting to \$25,869; property valued at \$50,000; and endowments amounting to \$20,000.

The educational interests of the denomination are represented by 2 schools—Goshen College, at Goshen, Ind., supported jointly by the Mennonites and the Amish Mennonites, and Hesston Academy, Hesston, Kans. The number of students in these 2 schools during the year was 457, and the amount contributed for their support was \$21,819. The value of property used for educational purposes is estimated at \$188,250, and there are endowments amounting to \$43,000.

Philanthropic institutions under the care of the 2 bodies include a hospital, in which 107 patients were treated in 1916; an orphans' home and a home for the aged, the 2 homes having 107 inmates. The amount contributed during the year was \$19,141, the value of property was placed at \$100,125, and the endowment at \$40,000.

An unincorporated organization, to membership in which any member of any branch of the Mennonite bodies is eligible, has been formed for the purpose of rendering aid to any of its members who suffer loss of property by fire, lightning, or storm. The property of the members is entered at three-fourths of its actual value, and pro rata assessments are made annually to cover all losses of the preceding period. Another organization, similar in nature and purpose but limited in membership to the members of the Mennonite Church, is maintained in Lancaster County, Pa. There are similar organizations in other localities, and the total value of property entered upon the books of these organizations is upward of \$12,000,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Mennonite Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 421 and 422; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that, except in contributions for foreign work, there has been a considerable increase in every respect in the strength of the church, even apart from the addition of the 57 organizations of the Amish Mennonite Church. The organizations in 1916 numbered 307, as against 277 in 1906, showing a gain of 10.8 per cent, and the membership had risen from 26,314 to 34,965, an increase of 32.9 per cent.

The number of edifices increased from 259 reported in 1906 to 285 reported in 1916, a gain of 10 per cent, and the value of church property showed an increase of \$391,859, or 63 per cent, during the decade. The advance in the care for the ministry is indicated by the additional number of churches reporting parsonages, there being 11, valued at \$20,750, in 1916 instead of 5, valued at \$6,700, in 1906. The number of Sunday schools increased from 227 reported in 1906 to 289 reported in 1916, a gain of 27.3 per cent, and the number of scholars increased from 22,165 to 37,096, a gain of 67.4 per cent. Contributions for benevolent purposes show an advance from \$89,878 to \$171,142, an increase of 90.4 per cent, the chief increase being for education. Contributions for foreign work show somewhat of a decrease.

ITEM.	1916	1906 <sup>1</sup>	INCREASE: <sup>2</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	307	277	30	10.8
Members.....	34,965	26,314	8,651	32.9
Church edifices.....	285	259	26	10.0
Value of church property.....	\$1,014,246	\$622,387	\$391,859	63.0
Debt on church property.....	\$12,562	\$2,536	\$10,026	395.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	11	5	6	( <sup>3</sup> )
Value.....	\$20,750	\$6,700	\$14,050	209.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	289	227	62	27.3
Officers and teachers.....	4,130	2,765	1,365	49.4
Scholars.....	37,096	22,165	14,931	67.4
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$171,142	\$89,878	\$81,264	90.4
Domestic.....	\$145,273	\$58,190	\$87,083	149.7
Foreign.....	\$25,869	\$31,688	-\$5,819	-18.4

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1906 include the Amish Mennonite Church, united since 1906 with the Mennonite Church.

<sup>2</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>3</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$156,069, reported by 281 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 249 organizations in 1916, was 540, constituting 1.8 per cent of the 30,024 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 4,941 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 629.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 307 organizations, 227, with 17,962 members, reported services conducted in English only; 1 organization, with 75 members, used Bohemian and English; 73 organizations, with 16,653 members, used German

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

and English; 6 organizations, with 275 members, used German only. In 1906, including the Amish Mennonite Church, 122 organizations, with 16,604 members, reported German alone or with English, of which 32, with 4,529 members, used German only, making a

very noticeable decrease in German speaking organizations since 1906.

The number of ministers reported was 509, and 426 schedules were received, but were not available for tabulation. No salaries are paid by the denomination.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Mennonite Church .....	307	307	34,965	303	15,689	18,451	275	17	285	276	\$1,014,246
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania .....	121	121	16,044	117	6,829	8,390	118	1	121	118	535,390
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	37	37	5,297	37	2,499	2,798	36	.....	37	36	130,275
Indiana .....	18	18	2,903	18	1,330	1,573	17	.....	17	17	68,600
Illinois .....	14	14	1,757	14	866	891	13	.....	13	13	60,900
Michigan .....	8	8	509	8	248	261	5	2	5	6	7,440
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	7	7	1,399	7	704	695	6	.....	6	6	29,089
Missouri .....	14	14	734	14	315	419	9	3	11	9	12,721
North Dakota .....	4	4	194	4	106	88	3	1	3	3	3,600
Nebraska .....	8	8	1,060	8	518	542	8	.....	8	8	20,781
Kansas .....	12	12	1,060	12	504	556	12	.....	13	12	41,900
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	8	8	696	8	314	382	8	.....	8	8	13,935
Virginia .....	24	24	1,668	24	691	977	19	5	21	19	54,875
West Virginia .....	7	7	226	7	88	138	1	.....	1	1	500
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma .....	4	4	157	4	78	79	4	.....	4	4	2,750
Texas .....	2	2	91	2	47	44	1	1	1	1	500
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	2	2	42	2	22	20	1	1	1	1	1,000
Idaho .....	2	2	71	2	35	36	2	.....	2	2	4,700
Colorado .....	4	4	273	4	137	136	3	1	3	3	10,000
Pacific division:											
Oregon .....	6	6	628	6	287	341	5	1	6	5	10,690
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	156	5	71	85	4	1	4	4	4,600

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Mennonite Church .....	307	16	\$12,562	11	\$20,750	281	\$156,069	270	289	4,130	37,096
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania .....	121	3	7,967	3	5,000	107	49,302	102	106	1,635	13,898
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	37	4	130	3	7,000	36	19,812	35	38	611	5,996
Indiana .....	18	2	190	2	6,000	18	14,180	18	18	371	3,415
Illinois .....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	26,629	14	15	294	3,420
Michigan .....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	922	8	8	79	627
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6,129	7	8	177	1,598
Missouri .....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	2,566	13	15	133	892
North Dakota .....	4	1	600	.....	.....	4	1,897	3	4	26	260
Nebraska .....	8	1	800	.....	.....	8	6,117	8	8	158	1,428
Kansas .....	12	1	1,200	1	1,000	12	7,713	12	14	183	1,763
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2,418	6	6	45	352
Virginia .....	24	.....	.....	1	1,000	22	6,117	19	20	161	1,565
West Virginia .....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	95	1	2	10	80
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma .....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	390	4	4	35	228
Texas .....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	497	2	2	22	113
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	224	2	2	15	84
Idaho .....	2	1	300	.....	.....	2	649	2	2	20	120
Colorado .....	4	1	750	.....	.....	4	6,714	4	5	48	352
Pacific division:											
Oregon .....	6	2	625	1	750	6	3,125	5	6	78	662
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	573	5	6	29	243

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Mennonite Church .....	307	307	34,965	303	15,689	18,451	275	17	285	276	\$1,014,246
Eastern .....	21	21	4,352	20	2,017	2,225	19	.....	20	19	57,875
Franconia .....	17	17	3,726	17	1,798	1,928	17	.....	18	17	32,800
Illinois .....	7	7	516	7	245	271	6	.....	6	6	33,000
Indiana and Michigan .....	26	26	3,412	26	1,578	1,834	22	2	22	23	76,040
Kansas-Nebraska .....	18	18	1,365	18	661	704	16	2	17	18	53,700
Lancaster .....	73	73	9,490	70	3,752	5,023	73	.....	75	73	364,490
Missouri and Iowa .....	23	23	302	23	432	470	16	5	17	16	24,750
Ohio .....	24	24	1,945	24	894	1,051	23	.....	23	23	82,400
Pacific Coast .....	6	6	362	6	169	193	5	1	5	5	10,200
Southwestern Pennsylvania .....	18	18	1,489	18	752	737	18	.....	18	18	61,035
Virginia .....	31	31	1,901	31	779	1,122	20	5	22	20	56,875
Washington County, Md., and Franklin County, Pa. ....	14	14	1,068	14	444	624	13	1	13	13	31,500
Western .....	29	29	4,437	29	2,168	2,289	27	1	29	27	79,581

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Mennonite Church .....	307	16	\$12,562	11	\$20,750	281	\$156,069	270	289	4,130	37,096
Eastern .....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	10,394	19	20	383	4,240
Franconia .....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	20,353	16	16	303	3,146
Illinois .....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	8,683	7	7	150	1,801
Indiana and Michigan .....	26	2	190	2	6,000	25	15,102	26	26	450	4,042
Kansas-Nebraska .....	18	2	1,950	1	1,000	18	15,325	18	21	260	2,115
Lancaster .....	73	.....	.....	2	3,000	63	19,411	59	62	1,012	7,868
Missouri and Iowa .....	23	1	600	.....	.....	21	5,103	21	24	160	1,239
Ohio .....	24	4	130	3	7,000	23	10,454	23	25	321	2,561
Pacific Coast .....	6	2	700	1	750	6	3,050	6	7	64	469
Southwestern Pennsylvania .....	18	3	7,967	1	2,000	16	7,365	17	18	203	1,851
Virginia .....	31	.....	.....	1	1,000	24	6,327	20	23	171	1,692
Washington County, Md., and Franklin County, Pa. ....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	3,600	10	10	77	633
Western .....	29	2	1,025	.....	.....	28	30,902	28	30	576	5,439

## HUTTERIAN BRETHREN.

(FORMERLY BRUEDERHOF MENNONITE CHURCH.)

## HISTORY.

Jacob Huter, an Anabaptist minister of the sixteenth century, advocated the communistic conception of the ownership of property, and his followers, with other Anabaptists of widely varying creeds and practices, were bitterly persecuted. He himself, after being driven from place to place, was finally apprehended and burned at the stake at Innsbruck, in the Tyrol, in 1536, during what was probably the fiercest persecution suffered by any of the Anabaptist bodies in the sixteenth century. Despite the persecution, however, the community, which came to be known as the Hutterische Brueder, also the Hutterite

Society, flourished, and at the beginning of the Thirty Years' War had 24 branches in Moravia. Although Joseph II had granted the members a certain measure of religious liberty, they were at length driven from Austria and found a home successively in Hungary, Rumania, and Russia. In Russia many of them gave up the communistic idea and united with various Mennonite congregations. When their religious liberty was circumscribed by the imperial ukases of 1863 to 1865, they, together with many Russian Mennonites, came to the United States, settling in Bonhomme County, S. Dak., in 1874, where they have prospered, and whence they have spread into adjoining counties. They still consider themselves Ger-

mans and use a peculiar dialect of the German language exclusively in their religious services and in their homes.

In doctrine the church is practically in accord with Mennonite bodies, except in so far as it adheres to the communistic idea; and the same thing is true of its general polity.

WORK.

Special attention is paid to education, and each community has a school. At the age of 3 years the children enter a primary school, where the instruction is of a religious nature. At the age of 6 years they are advanced to a higher grade, where the common branches are taught, in connection with Bible history and the articles of faith as embodied in the catechism. As a result of this custom, the use of the Bible as a basis of instruction is by no means confined to the Sunday schools. There is no illiteracy in any of their communities, and a few of their young people are seeking college education. A hymn book, of nearly 900 pages, has been recently published in German.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Hutterian Brethren for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased from 8 organizations reported in 1906 to 17 organizations reported in 1916, and that the membership has advanced from 275 to 982. Four additional church edifices were reported, with an increase of \$2,000 in the value of church property; Sunday schools, reported for the first time in 1916, were 14 in number with 605 scholars. Church expenditures were not reported.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	17	8	9	(1)
Members.....	982	275	707	257.1
Church edifices.....	12	8	4	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$11,100	\$9,100	\$2,000	22.0
Debt on church property.....	\$109	.....	\$109	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	.....	1	.....
Value.....	\$300	.....	\$300	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	14	.....	14	.....
Officers and teachers.....	16	.....	16	.....
Scholars.....	605	.....	605	.....

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination was German.

The number of ministers reported was 32, and 25 schedules were received, but they were not available for tabulation. No salaries are paid by the denomination.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hutterian Brethren .....	17	17	982	17	461	521	12	1	12	12	\$11,100
West North Central division:											
South Dakota.....	15	15	837	15	399	438	10	1	10	10	10,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	2	2	145	2	62	83	2	.....	2	2	1,100

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hutterian Brethren.....	17	1	\$109	1	\$300	14	14	16	605
West North Central division:									
South Dakota.....	15	.....	.....	1	300	12	12	13	533
Mountain division:									
Montana.....	2	1	109	.....	.....	2	2	3	72

## CONSERVATIVE AMISH MENNONITE CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

In the movement toward more aggressive work and a more liberal interpretation of the Confession of Faith among the Amish Mennonites, quite a number have abandoned certain features of the older churches. A number of congregations in the United States and a smaller number in Ontario holding the same or similar views have united in an annual conference, under the above name.

Most of the congregations have regular houses of worship, Sunday schools, and occasional evening meetings. The government of the church is more definitely congregational than in the Mennonite Church, and what is allowed or required by one congregation may not be in another.

The language generally used is German, though occasionally English is also used. The strict rules regarding attire, adhered to in the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church, are somewhat modified, though hooks and eyes are used instead of buttons for men's vests and coats.

## WORK.

This body has only made a beginning in missionary and philanthropic work. Until recently, whatever the churches contributed was applied through other Mennonite bodies, and in local benevolences and non-denominational enterprises, but at the annual conference in 1916 it was decided to do tentative missionary work in the Ozark Mountains, Missouri, where a large number of people are without church connection, and where only intermittent evangelistic efforts have been put forth. The church has also founded a children's home at Grantsville, Md., for orphaned or dependent or needy children, regardless of race or parental reli-

gion. This home is to be a temporary abode for its inmates until suitable permanent homes can be secured for them. In 1916 it had 30 inmates.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

In the general reorganization of certain Mennonite bodies, this denomination appeared in this form for the first time in 1916. The different churches were formerly identified with the Amish Mennonite or the Old Order Amish. The total number of organizations reported was 13, with a membership of 1,066. There were 13 church edifices, church property valued at \$20,060, and 2 organizations reported a debt on church property amounting to \$250. There were no parsonages, but 11 Sunday schools with 882 scholars were reported. No contributions for missions or benevolences by the body as a whole were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,517, reported by 11 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 13 organizations, with 1,066 members, 3, with 418 members, reported church services conducted in German and English, and 10 organizations, with 648 members, used German only.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 30, and 15 schedules were received from them, but they were not available for tabulation.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Conservative Amish Mennonite Church..	13	13	1,066	13	520	546	13	.....	13	12	\$20,060
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	2	2	232	2	107	125	2	.....	2	2	6,000
Pennsylvania .....	2	2	314	2	146	168	2	.....	2	2	4,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	2	2	62	2	32	30	2	.....	2	1	710
Indiana .....	2	2	101	2	61	40	2	.....	2	2	1,600
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland .....	3	3	120	3	54	66	3	.....	3	3	2,750
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	237	2	120	117	2	.....	2	2	4,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Iowa and Michigan.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.....	13	2	\$250	11	\$3,517	11	11	95	882
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	2	2	250	2	380	2	2	7	75
Pennsylvania.....	2			1	472	1	1	21	145
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	2			1	67	1	1	9	58
Indiana.....	2			2	35	2	2	12	140
South Atlantic division:									
Maryland.....	3			3	385	3	3	18	188
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2			2	2,178	2	2	28	276

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Iowa and Michigan.

OLD ORDER AMISH MENNONITE CHURCH.

HISTORY.

As the movement along more progressive lines in the Amish Mennonite Church developed, resulting in a virtual reunion of the conservatively progressive element in that body with a kindred element in the Mennonite Church, it encountered not a little opposition from the more strictly conservative members. The result was a gradual separation and the organization of the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church about 1865. There have been three divisions on the question of the ban, but as the points of difference are difficult to define to those not familiar with the denomination, they are not presented in this statement.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The members are very strict in the exercise of the ban, or shunning of expelled members. They have few Sunday schools, no evening or protracted meetings, church conferences, missions, or benevolent institutions. They worship for the most part in private houses, and use the German language generally in their services. They do not associate in religious work with other bodies, and are distinctive and severely plain in their costume, using hooks and eyes instead of buttons. They are, however, by no means a unit in all these things, and the line of distinction between them and other Amish Mennonites is in many cases not very clearly drawn. Some are constantly drawing nearer in their church relationship toward the more progressive body which has affiliated with the Mennonite Church, and some of their congregations are liberal supporters of the missionary

and charitable work conducted through the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A statement of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is shown in the general summary on page 418.

From this summary it appears that the number of organizations increased from 46 reported in 1906 to 88 in 1916, an increase of 91.3 per cent, and that the number of members increased from 5,043 in 1906 to 7,665 in 1916, an increase of 52 per cent. No church edifices were reported in 1916 and there was no report of parsonages, or of contributions for general benevolent purposes. The Sunday schools had fallen somewhat in number, and to a marked extent in officers and teachers and in scholars.

Church expenditures amounting to \$406, reported by 4 organizations, cover general running expenses and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 88 organizations, 84 used German only in the conduct of church services, 1 used German and English, and for the first time 3 organizations, with 223 members, were reported as using English only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 253, and 157 schedules were received from them, but they were not available for tabulation. The denomination pays no salaries.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.								Halls, etc.
Old Order Amish Mennonite Church.....	88	88	7,665	87	3,633	3,847	.....	88	.....	4	\$406	5	5	19	242
Middle Atlantic division:															
Pennsylvania.....	12	12	1,168	12	533	635	.....	12	.....	1	60	1	1	8	60
East North Central division:															
Ohio.....	20	20	2,256	20	1,145	1,111	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	25
Indiana.....	20	20	1,942	20	931	1,011	.....	20	.....	1	229	2	2	6	93
Illinois.....	6	6	508	6	245	263	.....	6	.....	2	117	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	6	6	225	6	109	116	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West North Central division:															
Iowa.....	5	5	583	4	194	204	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	2	2	147	2	72	75	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	8	8	484	8	238	246	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West South Central division:															
Oklahoma.....	4	4	213	4	100	113	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	64
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup>	5	5	139	5	66	73	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, Montana, Oregon, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST (MENNONITE).

## HISTORY.

Largely owing to the difficulty of communication between different sections of the country, the same general reform movement which resulted in the development of the Amish Mennonite Church in Europe and the Reformed Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania, occasioned in 1859 the organization in Ohio of the Church of God in Christ as a separate body. The leader in this movement was John Holdeman, who was born in Ohio in 1832 and united with the Mennonite Church at the age of 21 years. At the age of 25 years, believing that he was called of God to preach, but not being recognized by the church as a properly ordained preacher, he began to hold independent services and soon gathered a company of followers. Asserting that the Mennonite Church had shifted from the old foundation, he directed his efforts chiefly toward the reestablishment and maintenance of the order and discipline of the church as he understood it had been in Menno Simons' time. This included particularly the strict exercise of the ban, or the shunning of expelled members, and the refusal of fellowship with those of other denominations. Holdeman traveled extensively in an effort to bring others to his views, and in 1859 the full organization of the body was completed. As the Russian Mennonites began to come into the country in 1870, several hundred of them joined the movement.

As the years passed by, and even before the death of Holdeman in 1900, the views on discipline were considerably relaxed, and since his death, largely through the influence of the Russian Mennonite mem-

bership, increasing leniency has appeared in the attitude of the denomination toward other religious bodies, especially toward the parent body. A tendency is apparent, at least on the part of a considerable portion of the body, toward union with the church from which Holdeman separated.

In addition to the strict interpretation of the letter of the Confession of Faith, some characteristic doctrines are taught, notable among them being the refusal to take interest on money loaned, which is called usury and considered wrong.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Church of God in Christ (Mennonite) for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	21	18	3	(1)
Members.....	1,125	562	563	100.2
Church edifices.....	16	2	14	(7)
Value of church property.....	\$23,815	\$1,600	\$22,215	1,388.4
Debt on church property.....	\$400	.....	\$400	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	10	.....	10	.....
Officers and teachers.....	40	.....	40	.....
Scholars.....	675	.....	675	.....

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it is seen that there has been an increase of 3 in number of organizations, and a large increase in membership—from 562 in 1906, to 1,125 in 1916, a gain of 100.2 per cent. There has been a notable increase in the number of church edifices and in the value of church property, a value of \$23,815, with an indebtedness of \$400, being reported for 1916, as against a value of \$1,600, with no debt, in 1906. Sunday schools, reported for the first time in 1916, numbered 10, with 40 officers and teachers and 675 scholars. No parsonages and no contributions for general benevolent purposes appear.

Items not included in the summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$6,333, reported by 17 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 21 organizations, with 1,125 members, 16, with 1,007 members, reported church services conducted in German and English, and 5, with 118 members, used German only. In 1906 German was the only language reported as used in church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 17, all of whom returned schedules, but they were too incomplete to tabulate; no salaries were reported.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite).....	21	21	1,125	21	509	616	16	5	16	14	\$23,815
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	2	2	132	2	62	70	1	1	1	1	2,000
West North Central division:											
Kansas.....	9	9	697	9	318	379	8	1	8	7	14,190
East South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	3	3	155	3	67	88	2	1	2	1	400
Texas.....	3	3	69	3	32	37	3		3	3	2,725
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	72	4	30	42	2	2	2	2	4,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Ohio, and South Dakota.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite).....	21	1	\$400	17	\$6,333	10	10	40	675
East North Central division:									
Michigan.....	2			2	360	2	2	8	206
West North Central division:									
Kansas.....	9	1	400	8	2,412	4	4	19	245
East South Central division:									
Oklahoma.....	3			3	1,096				
Texas.....	3			1	12	2	2	4	106
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			3	2,453	2	2	9	118

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Ohio, and South Dakota.

OLD ORDER MENNONITE CHURCH (WISLER).

HISTORY.

The development of the progressive movement in the Mennonite Church about the middle of the nineteenth century was accompanied by considerable opposition, manifesting itself especially in regard to the introduction of the English language into the

church services, the practice of holding evening meetings, revival meetings, Sunday schools, and certain other "innovations" which were regarded as unorthodox. Other minor matters, magnified into important issues, were added to these differences of opinion, and under the lead of Jacob Wisler, the first Mennonite bishop in Indiana, a separation took place in 1870.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

He was disowned by the Mennonite Church, and, although various efforts at reconciliation were subsequently made, he and a small following in Indiana and Ohio formed a separate conference, claiming to be the real Mennonite Church.

In 1886 the corresponding conservative element of the Mennonite Church in Canada formed a separate body along practically the same lines; others again in Pennsylvania in 1893 and in Virginia in 1901. All of these separated bodies are now united in their work, and with few exceptions oppose Sunday schools, the use of the English language in public worship, evening and revival meetings, higher education, and missions. Within the past 10 years, in certain states the denomination has divided, mainly on the use of telephones in the houses of the members. The lines of cleavage, however, are not yet fully drawn, and the two branches are reported together in this statement.

In matters of doctrine the Old Order Mennonites adhere very strictly to the Dort Confession of Faith. Each section has a separate district conference. There is no church periodical, and no organized charitable work, though the individual members are generous in case of need among themselves.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Old Order Mennonites (Wisler) for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that there has been somewhat of an increase in this denomination. Member-

ship rose from 655 in 1906 to 1,608 in 1916, a gain of 145.5 per cent. The number of church edifices increased from 10 to 23, corresponding to the increase in the number of organizations, and there was an increase of \$25,950, or 144.6 per cent, in the value of church property. No parsonages, Sunday schools, or general contributions were reported.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	22	9	13	(1)
Members.....	1,608	655	953	145.5
Church edifices.....	23	10	13	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$43,900	\$17,950	\$25,950	144.6

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$185, reported by 5 organizations, cover general running expenses and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 22 organizations, with 1,608 members, all reported church services conducted in German alone or with English, 2 organizations, with 47 members, using German only. In 1906, 3 organizations, with 168 members, reported German and English, and 6, with 487 members, used German only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 32, and 25 schedules were received, which were not available for tabulation; no salaries are paid by the denomination.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	
				Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.						
Old Order Mennonite Church (Wisler).....	22	22	1,608	22	773	835	21	1	23	18	\$43,900	5	\$185
Middle Atlantic division:													
Pennsylvania.....	7	7	960	7	475	485	7		7	7	22,500		
East North Central division:													
Ohio.....	8	8	275	8	121	154	7	1	7	7	10,400	5	185
Indiana.....	4	4	155	4	68	87	4		6	1	6,000		
Michigan.....	1	1	78	1	39	39	1		1	1	1,000		
South Atlantic division:													
Virginia.....	2	2	140	2	70	70	2		2	2	4,000		

REFORMED MENNONITE CHURCH.

HISTORY.

A movement among the Mennonites in Pennsylvania along practically the same lines as that which, under the leadership of Jacob Ammon, had resulted in the division in Europe in 1698 was inaugurated by Francis Herr and his son John Herr and resulted in 1812 in the organization of the Reformed Mennonite Church, with John Herr as pastor and bishop. He condemned the church as "a corrupt and dead body," and labored for the restoration of purity in teaching and the maintenance of discipline.

The Reformed Mennonites accept the 18 articles of the Dort Confession and retain the general features of church organization of the Mennonite Church. They are very strict in their discipline, especially in the use of the ban, have no fellowship whatever with other religious bodies, and hold that the doctrine of non-resistance is one of the cardinal principles of the gospel.

They have no Sunday schools, no educational institutions, and no missionary work, home or foreign, but are very zealous in the performance of every known duty within the confines of their religious life. They are charitable toward those in need, honest and industrious, and generally prosperous.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Mennonite Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

This denomination shows a decrease in number of organizations from 34 in 1906 to 29 in 1916, and in membership from 2,079 in 1906 to 1,281 in 1916, a decrease of 38.4 per cent. The number of church edifices remains the same as in 1906—29—but the value of church property has increased from \$52,650 to \$85,965, a gain of 63.3 per cent. No report is made of debt on church property, parsonages, Sunday schools, or of general contributions.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	29	34	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	1,281	2,079	-798	-38.4
Church edifices.....	29	29		
Value of church property.....	\$85,965	\$52,650	\$33,315	63.3

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,606, reported by 27 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 29 organizations, 23, with 503 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 6, with 778 members, reported services in German and English. In 1906 none of the organizations were reported as using English only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 26, all of whom returned schedules, but they were too incomplete to tabulate; no salaries were paid by the denomination.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND EXPENDITURES, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.				VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.		
				Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.							
Reformed Mennonite Church.....	29	29	1,281	29	474	807	29	.....	29	29	\$85,965	27	\$5,606	
Middle Atlantic division:														
New York.....	3	3	85	3	35	50	3	.....	3	3	8,000	3	300	
Pennsylvania.....	14	14	671	14	250	421	14	.....	14	14	51,500	14	2,614	
East North Central division:														
Ohio.....	7	7	317	7	119	198	7	.....	7	7	18,475	5	1,775	
Indiana.....	1	1	32	1	8	24	1	.....	1	1	2,000	1	118	
Michigan.....	2	2	108	2	40	68	2	.....	2	2	4,000	2	415	
West North Central division:														
Kansas.....	2	2	68	2	22	46	2	.....	2	2	1,990	2	384	

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES OF NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

In March, 1859, two small Mennonite congregations in Lee County, Iowa, composed of immigrants from southern Germany, held a conference to discuss the possible union of all the Mennonite bodies in America. Until that time, while in a general way the different organizations had held to the same doctrines, they had not cooperated actively, or at least had taken no concerted part in any particular work. The resolutions adopted at this meeting drew the attention of all the Mennonite bodies. Among those especially interested was John Oberholzer, of Bucks County, Pa., who had taken advanced ground in the matter of aggressive work, and, together with 16 other ministers, having been charged with insubordination to the then established form of church government in his conference and having been disowned by that conference, had organized a separate conference in eastern Pennsylvania in October, 1847. The publication by Oberholzer of the *Religiöser Botschafter*, founded in 1852 and later styled *Christliches Volksblatt*, gave wide publicity and strong support to the new union movement, which promised to advance along broader and more liberal lines than his conference had permitted. The Iowa congregations extended a general invitation to all Mennonite congregations and conferences, and in May, 1860, at West Point, Iowa, the first effort was made to hold a general conference of Mennonites in America. While this conference was not completely representative, questions of education, missions, and unity were discussed, and the organization of the General Conference of Mennonites in America was brought about. On the basis of uniting in the support of mission work, other congregations were soon added, and the membership and influence of the body grew rapidly. Many of the congregations whose members had come from Russia and Germany since 1850 and who had become acquainted with the movement before leaving Europe joined the new organization. Among the Amish Mennonites who came from Europe and settled in Ohio about 1840 were some who favored greater leniency in discipline, and who separated from the Amish body on that account. They were known as the Apostolic Mennonite Church, but after the organization of the General Conference of Mennonites they affiliated with that body, and in this report their sole remaining church is included in its statistics.

The church is well organized and aggressive in the various lines of Christian effort, and is rapidly increasing in numbers in the United States and Canada.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine this body is, with few exceptions, in strict accord with other Mennonites, the main difference being that in most of the congregations the passage in I Corinthians xi, 4-15, is not understood as making obligatory the use of a covering for the head of female members during prayer and worship, and that the passage in John xiii, 4-15, is believed not to command the institution of an ordinance (that of foot-washing) to be observed according to the example there described. In the matter of conformity to the world, some congregations adhere less strictly than others to the articles of faith adopted by the body as a whole. Their common ground of union is contained in the following confession:

This conference recognizes and acknowledges the sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only and infallible rule of faith and life; for "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In matters of faith it is therefore required of the congregations which unite with the conference that, accepting the above confession, they hold fast to the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, baptism on confession of faith, the refusal of all oaths, the Christ-taught doctrine of peace and nonresistance, and the practice of a scriptural church discipline.

## POLITY.

The local church is autonomous in its government, although appeal may be made to the local and district conferences, which meet annually. The General Conference meets every three years, and is not a legislative, but an advisory body, having no power to act in any way prejudicial to the rights of the individual congregations. Any congregation of any Mennonite body, upon agreeing to and adopting the constitution, may become a member of the General Conference on approval by a majority vote of the conference, every congregation having 1 vote for every 30 communicant members or fraction thereof. This conference elects officers and a board of 9 trustees of which 3 members are chosen at each regular meeting. It also chooses a Board of Home Missions, a Board of Foreign Missions, and a Board of Publication.

## WORK.

Home missionary work is carried on through the agency of the Board of Home Missions, and has for its object the supply of small and needy congregations with ministers, sending evangelists to localities where the gospel is seldom preached, and conducting missions in cities. The report for 1916 shows 22 mis-

sionaries employed in this work, 9 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of \$25,000. The work among the Indians of this country, usually classed as home work, is under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions. It includes five districts among the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Moki Indians, in Oklahoma, Montana, and Arizona.

The foreign board has charge of the work among the Indians referred to, and also in the province of Chihli, China, and the Central Provinces, India. The report for 1916 shows 6 stations occupied in these fields, 17 American missionaries, 70 native helpers, 5 churches, with 329 members; 17 primary and day schools, with 704 pupils; 4 dispensaries, treating about 5,000 patients; and 2 orphanages, with 260 inmates. The value of the property in these mission fields is \$45,000 and the amount contributed for the work was \$22,000.

The educational interests of the General Conference were represented in 1916 by 2 colleges, 1 academy, and 9 preparatory schools in the United States, reporting a total of 1,030 students and pupils. There were also 60 parochial schools, with 1,200 pupils. The amount contributed during the year for the support of these schools was \$85,000, and the value of school property, including an endowment of \$200,000, was \$520,000.

The philanthropic work of the denomination in the United States in 1916 included a home for the aged, a sanitarium, and 4 hospitals, of which some are hospitals and homes combined. The report shows 14 inmates in the home for the aged and in the hospitals and sanitarium, a total of 949 patients and inmates. The total amount contributed for the support of this work during the year was \$10,706, and there was property valued at \$160,452, including an endowment of \$8,704. A Mennonite book concern, located at Berne, Ind., issues a monthly and 2 weekly papers, of which 1 is in German, and general Sunday school literature. There are 90 young people's societies with a membership of 2,486.

## STATISTICS.

The statistics for the General Conference of Mennonites for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 432 and 433; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables

in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	114	90	24	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	15,407	11,661	3,746	32.1
Church edifices.....	107	89	18	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$544,560	\$303,400	\$241,160	79.5
Debt on church property.....	\$15,400	\$5,690	\$9,710	170.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	11	9	2	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$22,200	\$19,050	\$3,150	16.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	109	89	20	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	1,377	1,148	229	19.9
Scholars.....	17,594	12,472	5,122	41.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$142,706	\$44,600	\$98,106	220.0
Domestic.....	\$120,706	\$23,100	\$97,606	422.5
Foreign.....	\$22,000	\$21,500	\$500	2.3

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a general and in some respects a notable increase during the decade. The number of organizations rose from 90 in 1906 to 114 in 1916, and the membership from 11,661 in 1906 to 15,407 in 1916, a gain of 32.1 per cent. There was an increase of \$241,160, or 79.5 per cent, in the value of church property, and 14 organizations reported a debt of \$15,400 in 1916, as against \$5,690 reported by 9 organizations in 1906. The number of Sunday schools increased from 89 in 1906 to 109 in 1916, and the number of scholars from 12,472 to 17,594, an increase of 41.1 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased by \$98,106, of which \$97,606 were for domestic work, chiefly educational.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$149,237, reported by 107 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 76 organizations in 1916, was 108, constituting 1.1 per cent of the 9,825 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 169.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Of the 114 organizations, 33, with 3,125 members, reported services conducted in English only; 32, with 5,800 members, used German with English in their services; and 41, with 6,211 members, used German only; 8 organizations, with 271 members, used the Indian languages alone or with English, 2 of which, with 78 members, used Indian languages only. In 1906 there were but 8 organizations, with 959 members, reported as using English only.

The total number of ministers reported by the denomination was 194. Of these, as shown by the opposite table, 130 sent in schedules, 115 being in pastoral work and 15 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 34 reported full salaries, averaging \$805 per year, while 52 supplemented their salaries by other occupations, and 29 were supplies or assistants. Those not in pastoral work were chiefly in denominational, editorial, educational, or evangelistic work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	130	34	81	15	\$805
Arizona.....	1			1	
California.....	13	7	4	2	792
Colorado.....	1		1		
Idaho.....	4	1	3		875
Illinois.....	2	1		1	600
Indiana.....	4	1	1	2	1,200
Iowa.....	2		2		
Kansas.....	41	4	34	3	667
Minnesota.....	4	1	3		
Missouri.....	1			1	
Montana.....	4	2	1	1	800
Nebraska.....	10		9	1	
New York.....	1			1	
North Dakota.....	1		1		
Ohio.....	7	4	3		1,124
Oklahoma.....	12	4	6	2	707
Oregon.....	2	1	1		300
Pennsylvania.....	12	5	7		776
South Dakota.....	6	2	3	1	975
Washington.....	2	1	1		375

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	114	113	15,407	106	7,013	7,634	106	4	107	106	\$544,560
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	18	18	1,992	15	796	926	18		18	18	90,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8	8	1,954	8	890	1,064	8		8	8	91,100
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	6	6	990	6	475	515	6		6	6	19,000
Iowa.....	2	2	408	2	204	204	2		2	2	10,000
North Dakota.....	2	2	107	2	53	54	1		1	2	2,550
South Dakota.....	5	5	769	4	247	282	4		4	5	31,900
Nebraska.....	6	6	927	6	441	486	5	1	5	5	26,700
Kansas.....	27	27	4,937	27	2,422	2,515	26		26	26	118,950
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	15	15	915	12	317	348	14	1	14	14	37,415
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4	4	111	4	41	70	4		4	2	2,300
Idaho.....	3	3	257	3	140	117	2	1	2	2	6,500
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	124	2	65	59	2		2	2	2,200
Oregon.....	2	2	135	2	58	77	2		2	2	3,525
California.....	8	8	560	8	277	283	7	1	8	7	30,420
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	5	1,221	5	587	634	5		5	5	72,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and New York.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	114	14	\$15,400	11	\$22,200	107	\$149,237	105	109	1,377	17,594
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	18	8	11,900	1	2,500	18	14,289	16	16	208	2,206
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8			2	6,500	8	19,903	8	8	184	1,790
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	6					5	3,630	6	6	39	1,133
Iowa.....	2					2	2,084	2	2	35	293
North Dakota.....	2					2	331	2	2	12	154
South Dakota.....	5					5	14,325	5	7	65	971
Nebraska.....	6					5	5,639	6	7	56	1,151
Kansas.....	27	1	145	1	3,000	27	57,320	26	27	392	5,478
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	15	1	160	4	4,900	13	5,444	11	11	95	1,308
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4			1	1,200	2	599	3	3	14	176
Idaho.....	3					2	2,412	3	3	37	399
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2					2	2,075	2	2	25	220
Oregon.....	2					2	893	2	2	22	164
California.....	8	3	2,925			8	7,202	8	8	79	742
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	1	270	2	4,100	6	13,091	5	5	114	1,409

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and New York.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	114	113	15,407	106	7,013	7,634	106	4	107	106	\$544,560
Eastern.....	19	19	2,006	16	801	935	18		18	18	90,000
Middle.....	13	13	3,549	13	1,667	1,882	13		13	13	169,100
Northern.....	17	17	2,158	16	901	1,017	15		15	15	56,550
Pacific.....	17	17	1,359	17	674	685	15	2	16	15	58,545
Western.....	48	47	6,335	44	2,970	3,115	45	2	45	45	170,365

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
General Conference of Mennonites of North America.....	114	14	\$15,400	11	\$22,200	107	\$149,237	105	109	1,377	17,594
Eastern.....	19	8	11,900	1	2,500	19	14,364	16	16	208	2,206
Middle.....	13			3	9,500	13	34,792	13	13	321	3,386
Northern.....	17			1	1,200	14	18,477	16	17	131	2,644
Pacific.....	17	3	2,925			16	14,637	17	18	184	1,865
Western.....	48	3	575	6	9,000	45	66,967	43	45	533	7,493

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## DEFENSELESS MENNONITES.

## HISTORY.

About 1860 certain members of the Amish Mennonite Church, under the lead of Henry Egli, separated from that body on the ground that the church did not emphasize sufficiently the need of a definite experience of conversion.

In general doctrine and polity they are not distinguishable from the Mennonite Church, with which body they maintain fraternal relations and in whose educational work they share.

## WORK.

This denomination in 1916 employed 1 home missionary and 4 city mission workers, contributing for their support \$2,200. It has an orphanage at Flanagan, Ill., which during the year provided for 50 inmates, at a cost of about \$2,000. The value of the orphanage property is estimated at \$75,000.

The foreign work is carried on in connection with the Central Conference of Mennonites, under the name of the Congo Inland Mission. The report for 1916 shows 2 stations occupied in West Central Africa, 4 missionaries, 1 church, with 50 members, and contributions for foreign work to the amount of \$3,200. For charitable purposes not specified about \$2,000 was contributed during the year.

The denomination has no educational institution of its own, but aids in the support of Bluffton Mennonite College and Seminary, at Bluffton, Ohio.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Defenseless Mennonites for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

This denomination shows a decrease in most particulars. The number of organizations in 1916 was 11, as against 14 in 1906, and the membership fell from 967 to 854, showing a loss of 11.7 per cent. The value of church property increased from \$16,800 reported in 1906 to \$33,500 in 1916, a gain of 99.4 per cent, and a debt on church property of \$500 was reported by 1 organization. No parsonages were reported in 1916. Sunday schools show a decrease in number, from 13 to 10, but an increase in scholars, from 1,102 in 1906 to 1,423 in 1916, a gain of 29.1

per cent. The close correspondence between the number of organizations, the number of church edifices, and the number of Sunday schools is significant, as is also the large number of Sunday-school scholars as compared with the number of church members. Contributions for missions and benevolences were reported in 1916, amounting to \$7,400, of which \$4,200 were for domestic and \$3,200 for foreign work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	11	14	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	854	967	-113	-11.7
Church edifices.....	11	13	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$33,500	\$16,800	\$16,700	99.4
Debt on church property.....	\$500		\$500	
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....		1	-1	
Value.....		\$500	-\$500	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	10	13	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	144	142	2	1.4
Scholars.....	1,423	1,102	321	29.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$7,400			
Domestic.....	\$4,200		\$4,200	
Foreign.....	\$3,200	( <sup>3</sup> )		

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

<sup>3</sup> Not reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$10,241, reported by 10 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by the 11 organizations in 1916, was 7, out of the total of 854 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 11 organizations, 4, with 190 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 7, with 664 members, reported services in German and English. In 1906 there were no organizations reporting the use of English only in church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 24, of whom 14 returned schedules which were not available for tabulation; no salaries were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Defenseless Mennonites.....	11	11	854	11	367	487	11	11	11	\$33,500	
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	288	4	121	167	4	4	4	8,500	
Indiana.....	3	3	315	3	145	170	3	3	3	7,000	
Illinois.....	2	2	164	2	57	107	2	2	2	11,500	
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	87	2	44	43	2	2	2	6,500	

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas and Missouri.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Defenseless Mennonites.....	11	1	\$500	10	\$10,241	10	10	144	1,423
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	4			4	5,419	3	3	44	411
Indiana.....	3			3	3,388	3	3	42	456
Illinois.....	2	1	500	1	1,089	2	2	30	351
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2			2	345	2	2	28	205

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Kansas and Missouri.

MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

HISTORY.

In 1853 several ministers and members of the Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania united in protracted evangelistic work. Their efforts were successful, and in 1858 they organized a conference in Lehigh County, Pa., under the name "Evangelical Mennonites."

Eleven years later a Mennonite minister in Canada professed conversion, although he had been in the ministry for some time, and by introducing protracted prayer and fellowship meetings into his work, incurred the censure of the bishops who at that time regarded such things as questionable innovations. The movement spread, however, and soon found many adherents in the United States and Canada. Being disowned by the parent body, these met in 1874 in Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario, and formed an organization known as the "Reformed Mennonites," which is not to be mistaken for the body now known as the Reformed Mennonite Church. The next year they were joined by a small body which had been organized into a separate religious society under the name of the "New Mennonites," the two bodies adopting the name "United Mennonites."

As the purpose of all three organizations was similar, and as there were no vital differences in method of work or form of doctrine, steps were soon taken for further consolidation, and in November, 1879, at a special meeting held at Blair, Ontario, the Evangelical Mennonites of Pennsylvania and the United Mennonites of Ontario, Canada, became one body, and adopted the name "Evangelical United Mennonites."

This body continued to grow in numbers and began the publication of a church periodical and other religious literature. Three years later, in 1882, the Evangelical United Mennonites became acquainted with a small body called the "Brethren in Christ," which had, on account of doctrinal differences, separated from the River Brethren Church in 1838. The two bodies united in 1883, and the present name, "Mennonite Brethren in Christ," was adopted.

DOCTRINE.

The articles of faith are twenty-nine in number, all but three being in close accord with the principles taught in the eighteen articles of the Dort Confession of Faith. Of these three exceptions, one treats of entire sanctification as a separate work of grace arising



from, and necessarily following, justification and regeneration, and holds it to be "an instantaneous act of God, through the Holy Ghost," by which the person is cleansed from inbred sin or original depravity, and by which he is set apart for the continual service of God. Another treats of divine healing of the sick by the "laying on of hands, and anointing with oil, and praying over them." Though not incorporated in the Dort Confession of Faith, this practice is not uncommon among many of the members of the congregations of the Mennonite Church. A third treats of the millennium, expressing views in regard to the second Advent which are in accord with those of the Mennonite Church.

With regard to baptism there is practically no difference between this denomination and other Mennonites in the statement of the doctrine, though the Mennonite Brethren in Christ generally practice immersion, while the other Mennonite bodies practice pouring or sprinkling. There are other slight differences not stated in the respective confessions of faith and apparent only in practice, especially in the matter of attire, resulting from different interpretations of passages of Scripture, notably I Corinthians xi, 4-15.

#### POLITY.

The form of church government is similar to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, except that the authority vested by that body in the episcopate is, in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, placed in the hands of an executive committee. The local church, whether circuit or appointment, is under the direction of a quarterly conference, which governs all local work and appoints all local officers. The annual conference, including all the circuits of a certain conference territory, assigns pastors to the several churches and makes assessments, but makes no rules that in any way affect church government. The General Conference, which meets every four years, decides all questions of church discipline, rules of order, and other matters pertaining to church government which are referred to it; and also appoints the executive committee, the editor of the church periodical, the board of publication, and other officers. The executive committee considers all questions of church government which arise in the interval between the meetings of the General Conference.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the denomination is generally evangelistic, providing church privileges for needy communities and establishing congregations wherever there are sufficient members. During 1916 about \$7,500 was contributed for this work, and 130 missionaries were supported in 62 stations in the United States. Sunday schools are conducted at all the various mission stations and the results are appar-

ent in the many new congregations established. In the proportion of missionaries to members, this body is perhaps second only to the Moravian Church.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in China, India, the Sudan, Armenia, and Chile. The report for 1916 shows 20 stations occupied by 40 missionaries, 4 organized churches, and 3 hospitals with 320 patients. The value of property belonging to the denomination in foreign countries is estimated at \$50,000, and the amount contributed for the foreign work in 1916 was about \$22,000.

The denomination has no educational institution of its own in this country, although 1 or 2 of the conferences composing the body, together with some of the other Mennonite bodies, are recognized as supporting the college and seminary at Bluffton, Ohio. This college was reported in 1916 as having an attendance of 300 students, and property valued at \$175,000, while a movement has been started to raise an endowment of \$500,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 437 and 438; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations .....	110	68	42	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members .....	4,737	2,801	1,936	69.1
Church edifices .....	92	58	34	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property .....	\$223,648	\$140,747	\$82,901	58.9
Debt on church property .....	\$17,195	\$756	\$16,439	2,174.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting .....	36	23	13	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value .....	\$61,425	\$28,850	\$32,575	112.9
Sunday schools:				
Number .....	104	60	44	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers .....	1,208	578	630	109.0
Scholars .....	7,755	3,720	4,035	108.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic .....	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	50.0
Foreign .....	\$22,000	\$14,000	\$8,000	57.1

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a considerable increase in every particular in the denomination. The number of organizations advanced from 68 to 110, and the membership from 2,801 reported in 1906 to 4,737 reported in 1916, a gain of 69.1 per cent. Advances are shown in the number of church edifices and in the value of church property, which increased \$82,901, or 58.9 per cent. Debt on church property showed an increase, 13 organizations reporting \$17,195 as against \$756 reported by 8 organizations in 1906. The number of Sunday schools increased by 44, and the scholars increased from 3,720 in 1906 to 7,755 in 1916, a gain of 108.5 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevo-

lences increased by \$10,500, or 55.3 per cent, of which increase, \$8,000 was for the foreign field.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$91,317, reported by 105 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 86 organizations in 1916, was 306, constituting 8 per cent of the 3,847 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 377.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 110 organizations, 95, with 3,802 members, reported the use of English only in church services, and 15, with 935 members, reported services conducted in German and English. As compared with the report for 1906, the proportion of organizations using a foreign language was about the same.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 95. Of these, 78, as shown by the following table, sent in schedules, 71 being in pastoral work and 7 not in pastoral work. There were 43 pastors, reporting an average annual salary of \$520. There were 18 pastors who supplemented their salaries by other occupations, and 10 acted as supplies, etc. Those not in pastoral work were in the employ of the denomination, or in evangelistic work.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	78	43	28	7	\$520
Colorado.....	2		2		
Idaho.....	1	1			
Indiana.....	9	2	6	1	420
Iowa.....	2	2			390
Kansas.....	3		3		
Michigan.....	21	10	9	2	577
Missouri.....	1	3		1	
Nebraska.....	6		1	2	488
Ohio.....	5	2	2	1	490
Oklahoma.....	1		1		
Pennsylvania.....	21	19	2		564
Washington.....	6	4	2		187

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	110	108	4,737	106	1,774	2,837	90	17	92	91	\$223,648
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	30	30	1,799	30	696	1,103	30		32	30	102,655
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8	8	506	8	186	320	8		8	8	23,190
Indiana.....	9	8	493	8	173	320	8	1	8	8	25,400
Michigan.....	34	34	1,171	33	456	691	29	3	29	27	49,410
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3	3	102	3	37	65	3		3	3	3,700
Nebraska.....	8	8	275	8	102	173	5	3	5	5	10,200
Kansas.....	3	3	59	3	31	28	1	1	1	2	1,420
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	5	5	81	5	33	48		5			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	7	7	132	7	50	82	5	2	5	6	5,113
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	119	1	10	7	1	2	1	2	2,560

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	110	13	\$17,195	36	\$61,425	105	\$91,317	101	104	1,208	7,755
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	30	5	11,075	16	38,850	30	49,895	27	27	525	3,364
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8	2	2,000	1	1,050	8	6,247	8	9	96	734
Indiana.....	9	1	400	1	2,000	8	3,999	9	9	109	645
Michigan.....	34	4	3,660	10	12,050	34	21,037	30	30	252	1,658
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3			2	1,750	3	965	3	3	34	80
Nebraska.....	8	1	60	1	2,000	8	3,374	8	10	75	564
Kansas.....	3			1	500	2	1,277	3	3	25	153
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	5					5	469	4	4	25	130
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	7			2	1,075	4	832	6	6	43	245
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			2	2,150	3	3,219	3	3	24	182

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	110	108	4,737	106	1,774	2,837	90	17	92	91	\$223,648
Indiana-Ohio.....	20	19	1,048	19	372	676	19	1	19	19	51,790
Michigan.....	33	33	1,163	32	455	684	28	3	28	26	47,910
Nebraska.....	21	20	534	20	213	321	9	11	9	11	15,380
Pacific.....	8	8	234	7	50	82	6	2	6	7	7,613
Pennsylvania.....	28	28	1,758	28	684	1,074	28	.....	30	28	100,955

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ.....	110	13	\$17,195	36	\$61,425	105	\$91,317	101	104	1,208	7,755
Indiana-Ohio.....	20	3	2,400	3	3,850	19	11,211	19	20	215	1,429
Michigan.....	33	4	3,660	10	12,050	33	20,798	30	30	252	1,658
Nebraska.....	21	1	60	5	4,400	20	7,204	20	22	170	998
Pacific.....	8			3	3,075	5	2,932	7	7	56	356
Pennsylvania.....	28	5	11,075	15	38,050	28	49,172	25	25	515	3,314

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

(FORMERLY SCHELLENBERGER BRUEDER-GEMEINDE.)

HISTORY.

In the early part of the nineteenth century a number of Mennonite ministers and members in the Crimea and along the Molotchna River, in Russia, believing that the church was drifting from the true foundation and becoming lax in religious life, effort, and discipline, separated from the great body of the Mennonites in that Empire. Both bodies joined in the immigration from Russia in 1873 to 1876 and settled chiefly in Kansas, Nebraska, and Minnesota, but afterwards spread into other states and Canada. The communities differed in some details, but preserved their identity, the community from the Crimea being known as the Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde, the other as the Schellenberger Brueder-Gemeinde. This latter body has dropped the name "Schellenberger" and is now known as the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America. In many matters they affiliate in much the same way as the Mennonite and Amish Mennonite churches, and are frequently classed together as a Bundes, or Union, Conference.

In matters of doctrine the two bodies are in general harmony with other Mennonites, except that they baptize by immersion. Here again, however, there is a distinction; the Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde baptize backward, the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America baptize forward. Each division has its own annual general conference and maintains its own church periodicals.

WORK.

This body is zealous in its missionary work. During the year 1916 it had 20 evangelists in the field for all or part of their time. It also employed 2 missionary workers among the Indians in Oklahoma, and 8 city mission workers, the contributions for the support of this work amounting to about \$8,900.

Foreign missionary work is carried on in India and China. The report for 1916 shows, for both countries, 5 stations occupied, besides many substations; 11 American missionaries, with more than 50 native helpers; 27 organized churches, with 2,300 communicants; and contributions to the foreign work amounting to about \$20,000. The value of property belonging to the denomination in India is estimated at \$24,000, and in China at \$5,000.

The educational interests are represented by 1 college and seminary, at Hillsboro, Kans., for the support of which \$2,500 were contributed during the year.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Mennonite Brethren Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on page 440; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	53	13	40	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	5,127	1,825	3,302	180.9
Church edifices.....	47	13	34	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$131,605	\$13,000	\$118,605	912.3
Debt on church property.....	\$1,700	.....	\$1,700	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	.....	1	.....
Value.....	\$800	.....	\$800	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	60	15	45	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	506	120	386	321.7
Scholars.....	7,716	2,550	5,166	202.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$31,400	.....	.....	.....
Domestic.....	\$11,400	.....	\$11,400	.....
Foreign.....	\$20,000	( <sup>2</sup> )	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.    <sup>2</sup> Not reported.

This denomination showed a marked increase in every respect during the decade. In 1916, 53 organizations were reported, as against 13 in 1906, and a membership of 5,127 as against 1,825, showing a gain in membership of 180.9 per cent. An advance was made in the number of church edifices corresponding to the increase in the number of organizations, and the value of church property increased from \$13,000 reported in 1906 to \$131,605 in 1916. Debt on church property, reported by 10 organizations, amounted to \$1,700, and 1 church reported a parsonage, valued at \$800. The number of Sunday schools rose from 15 to 60, and the number of scholars from 2,550 in 1906 to 7,716 in 1916. Contributions for missions and benevolences were reported in 1916, amounting to \$31,400, of which \$11,400 were for domestic and \$20,000 for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$38,101, reported by 53 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 39 organizations in 1916, was 50, constituting 1.3 per cent of the 3,729 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 69.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 53 organizations, 10, with 93 members, reported English only in church services; 41, with 4,933 members, German alone or with English; 1, with 54

members, Indian (American) and English; and 1 organization, with 47 members, Russian only. In 1906 there were no organizations reporting English only in their services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 81, and 55 schedules were received, but they were not available for tabulation; no salaries were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.....	53	53	5,127	52	2,360	2,609	46	7	47	49	\$131,605
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	2	2	44	2	23	21		2			
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	358	1	100	100	2		2	2	12,500
North Dakota.....	11	11	702	11	369	333	9	2	9	11	13,180
Nebraska.....	3	3	354	3	146	208	2	1	2	3	3,650
Kansas.....	12	12	1,434	12	692	742	11	1	12	11	53,400
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	13	13	1,473	13	683	790	13		13	13	28,600
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2	2	85	2	40	45	1	1	1	1	500
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2	2	107	2	46	61	2		2	2	3,925
California.....	4	4	486	4	217	269	4		4	4	12,150
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	84	2	44	40	2		2	2	3,700

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in South Dakota and Texas.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.....	53	10	\$1,700	1	\$800	53	\$38,101	53	60	506	7,716
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....						2	363	2	2	10	77
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2					2	3,750	2	2	31	375
North Dakota.....	11	7	750			11	1,813	11	11	44	803
Nebraska.....	3					3	2,751	3	3	27	453
Kansas.....	12					12	10,590	12	13	129	2,175
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	13	1	150	1	800	13	11,205	13	14	157	2,399
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2					2	880	2	4	18	160
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	2					2	705	2	3	19	151
California.....	4	1	700			4	5,264	4	4	60	891
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	100			2	780	2	4	11	232

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in South Dakota and Texas.

KRIMMER BRUEDER-GEMEINDE.

HISTORY.

The general statement of this body is given in connection with that of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America. The two bodies are closely affiliated in many ways and, as previously stated, are frequently spoken of as a Bundes, or Union, Conference.

WORK.

The Krimmer Mennonite Brethren maintain a mission station for Negro people at Elk Park, N. C., where in 1916 they employed 2 missionaries and contributed \$375 toward their support.

Their work in the foreign field includes 2 churches, 1 in China and 1 in Mexico, with a total membership of 319; and 1 orphanage in China, the property of which is valued at about \$20,000, and which in 1916 accommodated about 300 inmates. The total amount contributed during the year for the foreign work was \$8,000.

Their educational work is represented by an academy at Inman, Kans., which reports 52 students and school property valued at \$6,000. They maintain a home and hospital valued at \$20,000 at Hillsboro, Kans., in which 30 patients were treated during the year, and for which \$700 were contributed.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Krimmer Mennonite Brueder-Gemeinde for 1916 are given by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased somewhat. Thirteen organizations were reported in 1916, as against 6 in 1906, and the membership advanced from 708 to 894, showing a gain of 26.3

per cent. The number of church edifices increased from 6 to 14, and the value of church property from \$17,900 to \$31,700, or 77.1 per cent. Sunday schools increased from 7, with 680 scholars, to 18, with 1,556 scholars, an increase in scholars of 128.8 per cent. There was a debt of \$1,000 reported in 1916, as against \$100 in 1906. The value of the parsonage reported increased from \$400 to \$700. Contributions for missions and benevolences were reported in 1916, amounting to \$9,075, of which \$1,075 were for domestic and \$8,000 for foreign work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	13	6	7	(1)
Members.....	894	708	186	26.3
Church edifices.....	14	6	8	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$31,700	\$17,900	\$13,800	77.1
Debt on church property.....	\$1,000	\$100	\$900	900.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$700	\$400	\$300	75.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	18	7	11	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	117	61	56	(1)
Scholars.....	1,556	680	876	128.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$9,075			
Domestic.....	\$1,075		\$1,075	
Foreign.....	\$8,000	(2)		

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100. <sup>2</sup> Not reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$13,075, reported by the 13 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 13 organizations 2, with 55 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 10, with 795 members, German only; and 1 organization, with 44 members, German and English. The report for 1906 showed the use of German only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 34, and 23 schedules were received from them, but they were not available for tabulation; no salaries were reported.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.					Female.	Church edifices.
Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde.....	13	13	894	13	413	481	11	1	14	12	\$31,700
West North Central division:											
South Dakota.....	2	2	192	2	95	97	2		4	2	4,600
Kansas.....	6	6	501	6	227	274	6		6	6	21,000
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	2	91	2	45	46	1		1	1	1,200
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	110	3	46	64	2	1	3	3	4,900

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Nebraska, and North Carolina.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde.....	13	1	\$1,000	1	\$700	13	\$13,075	13	18	117	1,556
West North Central division:											
South Dakota.....	2					2	1,515	2	2	18	277
Kansas.....	6	1	1,000			6	5,634	6	8	55	850
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2					2	976	2	2	13	163
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			1	700	3	4,950	3	6	31	266

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Nebraska, and North Carolina.

## KLEINE GEMEINDE.

## HISTORY.

From 1812 to 1819 there was in progress in the Mennonite Church the movement which resulted in the Kleine Gemeinde (Little Congregation) in southern Russia. The cause of the division was mainly a matter of discipline, and the stricter element became finally separated from the main body of Mennonites. At various times efforts, more or less successful, were made to bring about an understanding and a reconciliation between the Kleine Gemeinde and the main body, but none were able to wipe out the division entirely. In the migration from Russia to America in the seventies, the Kleine Gemeinde had its share. The separate organization has been kept up, though there is no difference in doctrine and little difference in practice between the Kleine Gemeinde and the other Russian Mennonites. The majority of the denomination is in Manitoba, Canada.

## STATISTICS.

The churches of the Kleine Gemeinde were reported separately for the first time in 1916. The statistics

are given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

There were but 3 organizations in 1916, all in the state of Kansas. Of the 171 members reported, 76 were males and 95 were females. There were 2 church edifices, church property valued at \$3,200, and a debt on church property of \$390. The 4 Sunday schools reported had 14 officers and teachers and 66 scholars. No parsonages were reported, and no contributions for missions and benevolences.

Church expenditures amounting to \$25, reported by 2 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

German was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 7. Only 4 schedules were received, not available for tabulation; no salaries were reported.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES.

## HISTORY.

At the time of the organization of the Western District Conference of the Amish Mennonite Church a number of congregations in Illinois, to whom the requirements of membership in this conference seemed too rigid, did not unite with it, but remained independent of all conference affiliations. In 1899 these congregations organized a conference, which has since met annually. At first it was known as the Central Illinois Conference, but since it has spread into other states the term "Illinois" has been dropped. While these congregations never formally separated from the Amish Mennonite Church and hold the same confession, they are less strict in discipline and rules of order than the parent church.

## WORK.

The denomination has established a city mission in Chicago and one in Peoria, Ill., having in each city a building devoted to this work.

The foreign mission work is carried on in connection with the Defenseless Mennonites in West Central Africa, under the name of the Congo Inland Mission, and the information concerning it is given in connection with that body.

The denomination has no educational institution of its own but contributes toward the support of the Mennonite Seminary, at Bluffton, Ohio, which, with other Mennonite conferences, it helped to found.

They carry on philanthropic work in various institutions, such as the Moody Bible Institute, at Chicago,

Ill., a home for fallen girls, at Springfield, Ill., and other places all over the United States, also contributing freely to the Red Cross work, etc.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Central Conference of Mennonites for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	17	13	4	(1)
Members.....	2,101	1,363	738	54.1
Church edifices.....	16	12	4	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$91,500	\$25,900	\$65,600	253.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	16	12	4	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	225	116	109	94.0
Scholars.....	2,059	958	1,101	114.9

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has grown. Seventeen organizations were reported in 1916 as against 13 in 1906, and a membership of 2,101 as against 1,363, showing a gain of 54.1 per cent.

Church edifices and the number of Sunday schools have each increased by 4, and there was a gain of 1,101, or 114.9 per cent, in the number of Sunday school scholars. No debt was reported, nor the amount contributed for missions and benevolences.

Church expenditures amounting to \$21,621, reported by the 17 organizations, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 14 organizations in 1916, was 114, constituting 6 per cent of the 1,904 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 126.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 17 organizations, 12, with 1,320 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 5, with 781 members, reported services in German and English. As compared with 1906, there was a somewhat smaller proportion of organizations using German and English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 33. Schedules were received from 24, but they were too incomplete to tabulate; no salaries were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Central Conference of Mennonites.....	17	17	2,101	17	960	1,141	16	.....	16	16	\$91,500
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	14	14	1,894	14	865	1,029	13	.....	13	13	87,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	207	3	95	112	3	.....	3	3	4,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Central Conference of Mennonites.....	17	.....	.....	17	\$21,621	16	16	225	2,059
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	14	.....	.....	14	20,393	14	14	199	1,860
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	.....	.....	3	1,228	2	2	26	199

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## CONFERENCE OF THE DEFENSELESS MENNONITES OF NORTH AMERICA.

(FORMERLY NEBRASKA AND MINNESOTA CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES.)

## HISTORY.

This body includes a part of the Mennonites who came from Russia in 1873-74. They hold the same doctrine and have the same polity as the Mennonite Church. They have, however, a distinct ecclesiastical organization and are classed as a separate body.

This conference supports two missionaries in India in connection with the American Mennonite Mission, maintained by the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities of the Mennonite Church.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Conference of the Defenseless Mennonites for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	15	8	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	1,171	545	626	114.9
Church edifices.....	13	6	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$30,625	\$9,000	\$21,625	240.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	14	10	4	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	135	45	90	( <sup>1</sup> )
Scholars.....	1,757	782	975	124.7

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This denomination shows an increase of 7 organizations and 7 church edifices, and the membership as reported in 1916 was 1,171 as against 545 in 1906, showing a gain of 114.9 per cent. The value of church property rose from \$9,000 to \$30,625. An increase of 4 is noted in the number of Sunday schools, and the number of scholars showed a gain of 975, or 124.7 per cent, for the decade. No debt on church property, no parsonages, and no contributions for general purposes were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,239, reported by 12 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 15 organizations, 3, with 30 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 9, with 684 members, German only; and 3, with 457 members, German and English. In 1906 there were no organizations reported as using English only in church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 22, and 17 schedules were received, but were not available for tabulation; no salaries were reported.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organ- izations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organ- izations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organ- izations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organ- izations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Conference of Defenseless Mennonites....	15	15	1,171	15	549	622	12	2	13	12	\$30,625
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	3	3	196	3	79	117	2		2	2	9,000
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	3	3	577	3	277	300	3		4	3	13,575
Nebraska.....	3	3	178	3	84	94	2	1	2	2	5,500
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	2	2	102	2	54	48	2		2	2	800
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	118	4	55	63	3	1	3	3	1,750

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Kansas, Oregon, and South Dakota.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Conference of Defenseless Mennonites.....	15			12	\$8,239	14	14	135	1,757
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	3			2	3,844	2	2	42	422
West North Central division:									
Minnesota.....	3			3	1,520	3	3	29	577
Nebraska.....	3			3	1,761	3	3	24	341
Mountain division:									
Montana.....	2			1	600	2	2	18	177
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			3	514	4	4	22	240

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Kansas, Oregon, and South Dakota.

STAUFFER MENNONITES.

HISTORY.

About the decade 1840-1850, in the Groffdale Mennonite congregation, Lancaster County, Pa., certain questions arose with regard to the discipline of unruly members. The dispute became so sharp that the congregation divided, one wing adhering to the main body of the church and the other, the more strict element in adhering to the discipline of the church, separating and continuing to the present time under the name of the Stauffer Mennonites, after Jacob Stauffer, leader of this party. Their principal house of worship is located on the Hinkletown and Blue Ball Pike, hence they have locally been called "Pikers."

The largest body of these people is still in the community where they originated, though there are some members in Lebanon, Snyder, and Union Counties, Pa.

In doctrine and polity they very closely resemble the Reformed Mennonites, have the same Confession of

Faith as that used by the Mennonite Church (in the German language), and use the German language exclusively in their worship.

They have no Sunday schools, no evening meetings, and no continued evangelistic meetings.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Stauffer Mennonites for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This body was reported as a separate organization for the first time in 1916. There were 5 organizations, with a membership of 209, 3 church edifices, and church property valued at \$3,000. German was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination. No further items of any kind were given, except that 9 ministers were on the rolls of the denomination. No schedules, however, were received from them, nor any report of salaries.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Stauffer Mennonites.....	5	5	209	4	85	109	3	3	3	\$3,000	
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	199	3	80	104	3	3	3	3,000	
East North Central division:											
Michigan.....	1	1	10	1	5	5					

## METHODIST BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The Methodist churches of America, in common with those of England and other lands, trace their origin to a movement started in Oxford University, in 1729, when John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and a number of others, began to meet for religious exercises. Finding as they read the Bible, that, as John Wesley expressed it, they “could not be saved without holiness, they followed after it, and incited others so to do.” During the succeeding years the little company was derisively called “The Holy Club,” “Bible Bigots,” “Methodists,” etc.; and this last term, intended to describe their methodical habits, seems to have been accepted by them almost immediately, as the movement they led soon became widely known as the “Methodist Movement.” The next step and its outcome are described by John Wesley as follows: “They saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified, but still holiness was their object. God then thrust them out to raise a holy people. \* \* \* In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to me in London and desired that I would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come; this was the rise of the United Society.”

About this time, the Wesleys came into intimate relations with the Moravians, first on a visit to America<sup>1</sup> and subsequently in London, and at their headquarters in Herrnhut, Saxony, and to the influence of these conferences may be traced much of the spiritual power of the new movement.

The three leaders, although ordained ministers of the Church of England, soon found themselves excluded from many of the pulpits of the Established Church on the ground that they were preachers of new doctrines, and were obliged to hold their meetings in private houses, halls, and barns, and in the fields. As converts were received they were organized into societies for worship, and as the work expanded class meetings were formed for the religious care and training of members. Then the circuit system was established, by which several congregations were grouped under the care of one lay preacher; the itinerancy came into existence, as the lay preachers were transferred from one appointment to another for greater efficiency; and finally, in 1744, the annual conference was instituted, in which Mr. Wesley met all his workers. Thus the principal distinctive features of the Methodist organization grew out of the necessities of the work.

As was natural, the doctrinal position accorded in the main with that of the Church of England, and the Articles of Religion were largely formulated from the Thirty-nine Articles of that church, although no formal creed was accepted save the Apostles' Creed. The stricter doctrines of Calvinism, predestination and reprobation, were cast aside, and the milder em-

phasis of Arminianism on repentance, faith, and holiness, was accepted. As John Wesley said: “The first of these we count as it were the porch of religion; the next, the door; the third, religion itself.” This acceptance of Arminianism caused a divergence, though not a permanent breach, between the Wesleys and Whitefield. Whitefield was Calvinistic, though not of the extreme type, and became identified with the Calvinistic Methodists, both the Welsh body<sup>2</sup> and the Countess of Huntingdon's Connection. He afterwards withdrew from the leadership of the latter body, and gave himself to general revival work in England and America.

Though the Wesleys lived and died in full ministerial relations with the Church of England, serious differences arose, as already noted, between that church and the Methodists. In 1745 John Wesley wrote that he was willing to make any concession which conscience would permit, in order to live in harmony with the clergy of the Established Church, but he could not give up the doctrines he was preaching, dissolve the societies, suppress lay preaching, or cease to preach in the open air. For many years he refused to sanction the administration of the sacraments by any except those who had been ordained by a bishop in the apostolic succession, and he himself hesitated to assume authority to ordain; but the Bishop of London having refused to ordain ministers for the Methodist societies in America, which were left by the Revolutionary War without the sacraments, Wesley, in 1784, by the laying on of hands, appointed or ordained men and gave them authority to ordain others. He thus ordained Thomas Coke, D. C. L., who was already a presbyter of the Church of England, to be superintendent of the Methodist societies in America, and set apart for a similar purpose in Great Britain, Alexander Mather, who had not been episcopally ordained.

The development of church government, while following the general lines laid down by Wesley, was somewhat different in England and in America. In England the conference remained supreme, and the superintendency was not emphasized. In America the superintendency was in fact an episcopacy which, while not corresponding exactly to the episcopacy of the Church of England, became a very decided factor in church life. In each country, but especially in America, considerable opposition has developed at different times in connection with some features of the parent body, and divisions have resulted. In every case, however, the general principles of the founders have been preserved, and, notwithstanding the various separations, the Wesleyan Methodist Connection in England and the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States remain the strongest representatives of the movement initiated in Oxford nearly two centuries ago.

<sup>1</sup> See Methodist Episcopal Church, p. 447.

<sup>2</sup> See Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, p. 579.

It is to be noted that the influence of the Methodist doctrine and church organization have not been confined to those bodies which have adopted the name Methodist, but has been manifest in the development of a number of bodies which use modified forms of the episcopal, presbyterial, and congregational systems. In the United States several bodies, including the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church, the United Brethren bodies, and particularly the large number of organizations emphasizing the doctrine of "holiness," or entire sanctification, claim to be true exponents of the doctrines of the Wesleys, while their polity is generally Methodist in type. On the other hand, the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists,

with whom Whitefield identified himself, were Presbyterian in polity, though Methodist in every other respect, as are the Wesleyan Methodist and some other Methodist churches in England and America.

*Statistics.*—The denominations grouped as Methodists in 1916 and 1906 are listed in the table below with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. The only changes in denominations during the decade are the addition to the list of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church and the African American Methodist Episcopal Church. Both of these bodies were in existence prior to 1906 but were not included in that report. For general convenience of reference the Negro bodies have been grouped together in 1916.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF METHODIST BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
<b>METHODIST BODIES.</b>										
<b>1916.</b>										
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	29,342	3,717,785	28,406	\$215,104,014	\$16,615,195	14,262	\$34,751,557	28,580	391,949	3,872,264
Methodist Protestant Church.....	2,473	186,908	2,266	7,944,467	484,679	679	1,385,160	2,116	20,778	177,918
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.....	579	20,778	529	787,731	37,060	217	243,650	529	3,912	29,850
Primitive Methodist Church in the United States of America.....	93	9,353	93	829,035	85,809	51	164,300	93	1,557	14,918
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	19,220	2,114,479	17,251	62,428,433	3,849,850	5,327	11,777,753	16,690	152,177	1,688,559
Congregational Methodist Church.....	197	12,503	195	169,932	4,353	.....	.....	147	790	8,034
Free Methodist Church of North America.....	1,606	35,291	1,217	2,236,325	121,979	700	946,618	1,197	8,763	58,553
New Congregational Methodist Church.....	24	1,256	18	14,450	76	.....	.....	6	29	302
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	6,636	548,355	6,302	14,631,792	1,518,332	1,867	2,025,552	6,277	45,350	311,051
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	2,716	257,169	2,495	7,591,393	795,437	485	632,416	2,544	18,982	135,102
Colored Methodist Protestant Church.....	26	1,967	16	52,732	3,766	2	1,300	24	146	670
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	67	3,624	59	182,305	43,091	5	6,900	54	308	1,982
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	58	3,751	53	205,825	11,255	10	12,950	49	275	2,813
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	2,621	245,749	2,490	5,619,862	311,066	525	552,106	2,543	18,890	167,880
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church.....	47	3,977	49	79,325	1,384	.....	.....	43	276	2,505
African American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	28	1,310	1	6,280	1,000	1	2,000	6	26	200
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church.....	27	2,196	27	35,500	2,740	4	1,150	25	117	699
<b>1906.</b>										
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	29,943	2,986,154	28,345	163,357,805	8,640,273	12,215	25,508,417	28,102	351,312	2,700,742
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	77	4,347	60	170,150	40,796	4	6,400	78	451	3,372
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	6,647	494,777	6,538	11,303,489	1,191,921	1,783	1,255,246	6,285	41,041	292,889
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	69	5,592	71	183,697	20,917	7	7,500	66	441	5,266
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	2,204	184,542	2,131	4,833,207	474,269	348	350,690	2,092	16,245	107,692
Methodist Protestant Church.....	2,843	178,544	2,457	6,053,048	247,524	661	910,645	2,181	18,970	141,086
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.....	594	20,043	489	637,117	18,914	176	159,175	505	3,442	21,463
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	17,831	1,638,480	15,933	37,278,424	1,256,093	4,566	7,265,610	14,306	113,328	1,040,160
Congregational Methodist Church.....	325	14,729	262	194,275	9,477	1	1,500	182	1,146	8,785
New Congregational Methodist Church.....	35	1,782	34	27,650	.....	.....	.....	27	143	1,298
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	2,381	172,996	2,327	3,017,849	215,111	421	237,547	2,328	12,375	92,457
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church.....	45	3,059	43	37,875	825	.....	.....	36	212	1,508
Primitive Methodist Church in the United States of America.....	96	7,558	101	630,700	90,965	49	103,600	98	1,563	13,177
Free Methodist Church of North America.....	1,553	32,838	1,140	1,688,745	61,124	598	612,050	1,124	7,493	41,443
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church.....	58	4,397	59	36,965	4,254	8	2,275	54	204	1,792

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The first interest of the Wesleys in America was connected with a philanthropic movement started by General Oglethorpe in Georgia in 1733. They had apparently attracted his attention by their manner of life at Oxford, and in 1735 he invited them to come as spiritual advisers to his colony. Both accepted the invitation, and John Wesley remained until 1738, though Charles Wesley returned earlier. It was at this time that they first came into relations with the Moravians, through the colony established in the same vicinity by Count Zinzendorf.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Methodist bodies, p. 446, and Moravian Church, p. 522.

In 1760 Philip Embury, a Wesleyan local preacher from Ireland, landed in New York with members of his Irish class, and six years later he gathered for regular worship a company of Methodists, who in 1768 erected and dedicated a chapel, since known as the "John Street Church." About the same time Robert Strawbridge, also an Irish Wesleyan preacher, assembled a small company in Frederick County, Md. Subsequently itinerant preachers were sent over by John Wesley, among them Thomas Rankin and Francis Asbury, and in 1773 the first annual conference was held in Philadelphia. During the Revolutionary War, notwithstanding the general adverse circumstances and the fact that Asbury alone of all the preachers sent

over by Wesley remained in the country, the membership increased from 1,160 to 14,988. The declaration of peace found the societies still connected with the Church of England, though without leaders or church privileges, as many of the clergy had left their parishes, and consequently neither baptism nor the Lord's Supper was administered. On representation being made to Wesley, he set apart Dr. Thomas Coke, a presbyter of the Church of England, as superintendent, and commissioned him to ordain Francis Asbury as joint superintendent with himself. Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey were also ordained as presbyters (or elders) for America. They arrived in America in the latter part of 1784, and, on December 24, what has been known as the "Christmas Conference" began in Baltimore, Md., 60 preachers meeting with Doctor Coke and his companions. A letter from Wesley was read announcing the preparation of a liturgy to be used by the traveling preachers, and the appointment of "Doctor Coke and Mr. Asbury to be joint superintendents over our brethren in North America, as also Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey to act as elders among them by baptizing and administering the Lord's Supper." It was also stated that as "our American brethren are now totally disentangled both from the state and the English hierarchy, we dare not entangle them again, either with the one or with the other. They are now at full liberty simply to follow the Scriptures and the Primitive Church."

The conference then proceeded to form a Methodist Episcopal Church, and elected both Coke and Asbury superintendents, or bishops. The Order of Worship and Articles of Religion prepared by Wesley were adopted, one article being added, recognizing allegiance to the United States Government; the rules and discipline were revised and accepted; and a number of preachers were ordained.

The first General Conference was held in 1792, and after that it was held quadrennially. At the conference of 1800 Richard Whatcoat was elected bishop, and in 1808, William McKendree, the first native American to occupy that office. Until 1808 all the ministers were members of the conference, but in that year a plan was adopted providing for a membership of delegates elected by the annual conferences. By 1872 the sentiment within the church in favor of lay representation had grown so strong that a new rule was adopted by which lay delegates were admitted into the General Conference. Later the question arose as to what was meant by the term "lay," and it was interpreted to include women as well as men.

From the beginning the growth of the church has been remarkable. In 1799 there were 272 itinerant ministers, who constitute the clergy in the ordinary acceptance of the term, and 61,351 communicants. In 1812 the number of ministers had increased to 688, and the membership to 195,357; and in 1831 the

ministers numbered 2,010, and the membership, 513,114. In 1845, when the denomination was divided into two practically equal parts by the withdrawal of the churches in the slaveholding states, the number of members who withdrew to form the southern wing of American Methodism approximated 460,000, of whom about 1,500 were itinerant ministers. Notwithstanding this loss the parent body reported in 1852 a membership of 728,700, with 4,513 itinerant ministers. In 1867 the membership had increased to 1,146,081; in 1890, to 2,240,354, with 15,423 ministers.

The church has not been free from disagreements. In 1792 James O'Kelley, of Virginia, with a considerable body of sympathizers, withdrew because of objection to the episcopal power in appointing the preachers to their fields of labor, and organized the "Republican Methodists," who later joined with others in what has become known as the "Christian Church." Between 1813 and 1817 many of the Negro members in various sections of the Middle Atlantic states, believing that they were not treated fairly by their white brethren, withdrew and formed separate denominations of Negro Methodists, such as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Union Church of Africans, and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

In 1830 the Methodist Protestant Church was organized as the outcome of a movement against episcopal power and for lay representation in church government. In 1843 the Wesleyan Methodist Connection was organized in the interests of a more emphatic protest against slavery and in objection to the episcopacy. Two years later the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, withdrew because of the antislavery agitation. The latest division was that of the Free Methodists, in 1860, on differences concerning secret societies, discipline, and certain doctrines, particularly sanctification. The other Methodist denominations in the United States arose otherwise than as secessions from the parent Methodist body.

The first Methodist Sunday school in America was established by Bishop Asbury in 1786 in Hanover County, Va. The denominational publishing interests are as old as the Methodist Episcopal Church itself, but the first definite organization, which later became known as the "Book Concern," was established in 1789. The Missionary Society, for home and foreign missions, was formed in 1819; the Sunday School Union, in 1827; the Tract Society, in 1852; the Board of Church Extension, in 1865; the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, in 1866; the Board of Education, in 1868; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in 1869; the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in 1880; and the Epworth League, in 1889.

The constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as adopted at the General Conference of 1900 and approved by the annual conferences, has three divisions:

Articles of Religion, General Rules, and Articles of Organization and Government. The Articles of Religion are those drawn up by John Wesley, based upon the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England, with the exception of the twenty-third, which has reference to allegiance to the Government of the United States. The General Rules deal specifically with the conduct of church members and the duties of certain church officers, particularly the class leaders. The Articles of Organization and Government lay down the general principles of the organization and conduct of churches and conferences.

The question of union between the different branches of Methodism in the United States has been much discussed, and commissions have been appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church General Conferences to confer with similar bodies from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The relations with the Methodist Protestant Church have also been under consideration. As yet, however, there has been no formal action toward the union of these bodies. The church has entered cordially into all general movements for church unity, is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, is represented in the Commission for a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order, initiated by the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is identified with the work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

#### DOCTRINE.

In theology the Methodist Episcopal Church is Arminian, and its doctrines are set forth in the Articles of Religion, Wesley's published sermons, and his "Notes on the New Testament." These emphasize belief in the Trinity, the fall of man and his need of repentance, freedom of the will, sanctification, future rewards and punishments, and the sufficiency of the Scriptures for salvation. The doctrine of sanctification or Christian perfection, as held by Methodists, and which is regarded as distinctively a Methodist doctrine, does not imply an absolute and sinless perfection, but "a freedom from sin, from evil desires and evil tempers, and from pride." It is regarded as not usually, if ever, attained at the moment of conversion, but as being attainable by faith and that only, and members are exhorted to seek it in this life.

Two sacraments are recognized: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The first is administered both to infants and adults; as to the mode, sprinkling is preferred, though in the case of adult converts, choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion is given. The one condition required of those who seek admission to church membership is "a desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins." Each applicant is expected to evidence this desire by a variety of proofs, indicating the purpose to lead an honorable, peaceful, modest life, abstaining from anything that

"is not for the glory of God." There are certain special advices to church members in regard to temperance, marriage and divorce, amusements, etc.

#### POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church includes the local church, the ministry, and the system of conferences.

The local church is ordinarily a single congregation with its own pastor (a separate pastor). To meet the needs of small congregations, unable to support a separate pastor, two or more congregations may be united in a circuit, all being under the care of one pastor. Each pastorate, whether it be a single congregation or a circuit, is termed a "charge," and appointments by the annual conferences are to charges, not to churches.

The membership of the local church is distinctly a lay membership; ministers are members of the annual conferences (see below). Lay members are of two classes—full members and preparatory members. Full members are those who have been formally received into membership on recommendation of the official board, or the leaders' and stewards' meeting, and with the approval of the pastor. Preparatory members (formerly called probationers) are those who, after they have been instructed so as to be "wise unto salvation," may, on recommendation of the boards of the church, and with the approval of the pastor, be received into full membership. They include all applicants for church membership, and, under a recent revision of the rules, all baptized children. The preparatory relation is obligatory upon all candidates for full membership, the length of time, formerly six months, now being indefinite. Preparatory members are entitled to all church privileges, but may not vote or be voted for, and are included in all statistics of church membership, except that in the case of baptized children only those are included who have been enrolled in the classes for instruction. Full lay members, both male and female, have a vote in all church matters, and are eligible to local church offices and to membership in the quarterly and district conferences and in the General Conference, but not in the annual conferences. Women are not eligible for the ministry.

For instruction and spiritual help probationers and members are assigned to classes, over which leaders are appointed. The business of the local church is generally conducted by an official board, while the property is held by trustees. The charges also have Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, aid societies, and such other organizations as may be desired.

The church officers include the pastor, class leaders, stewards, trustees, superintendents of Sunday schools, and presidents of other societies. The pastor is appointed by the bishop in annual conference; the class leader, by the pastor; local preachers and exhorters

are licensed by the quarterly conference; and other officers are elected or nominated by the various departments or by the pastor, but are confirmed by the quarterly conference. The official board, consisting of practically the same members as the quarterly conference, meets monthly under the presidency of the pastor.

The regular ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church includes two orders—deacons and elders. Under certain conditions, however, it has been the policy of the church to use laymen as exhorters and local preachers. A local preacher is usually a layman adjudged to have “gifts, grace, and usefulness,” who is licensed to preach by the district conference or the quarterly conference in whose jurisdiction he resides, but is not expected to give up his ordinary business. He becomes a member of the quarterly conference, is under its supervision, and his license must be renewed annually, or he may be ordained as deacon, or elder, or both. The term “local preacher” is applied also to unordained men “on trial” in the annual conferences, ordained deacons, and to traveling ministers who have been located by their conferences.

The regular ministry, generally spoken of as traveling preachers or itinerant ministers, is presented in the official minutes of the church under two heads—on trial, and members of annual conferences.

Under the first head are included candidates for the ministry who have the status of local preachers. Candidates are certified by a district or quarterly conference, and are received into an annual conference “on trial.” After two years, on passing an examination in a prescribed course of study, they are eligible to ordination as deacons and to election to full membership in the conference. They have authority to solemnize matrimony, administer baptism, and assist in the administration of the Lord’s Supper. After serving as deacons for two years and having completed the four years’ course of study, they are eligible to election by conferences and to ordination by a bishop as elders. Some qualifications or allowances are made in the case of candidates for the ministry who come from theological seminaries under the auspices of the church or from other ecclesiastical bodies.

Deacons and elders are members of annual conferences and are classed as effective, supernumerary, or superannuated. Elders have power to consecrate the elements of the Lord’s Supper and are eligible to appointment as district superintendents, to a pastoral charge, or to some other church office, or for election as bishops. Originally, pastors, or “itinerants,” as they were termed, moved every six months, and then every year. In 1804 the maximum length of a pastorate was fixed at two years; in 1864, at three; in 1888, at five; and in 1900 the time limit was removed entirely. The usual length of a pastorate, however, continues

to be two or three years. Supernumeraries and superannuates are elders or traveling ministers, who, temporarily or permanently, are classed as incapacitated for effective service. A “located” traveling minister is one whose membership in the annual conferences is discontinued, although he retains his ordination and holds the position of a local elder or deacon in a quarterly conference.

District superintendents, or presiding elders, as they were formerly termed, are elders appointed by the bishops for limited terms, to represent them in the care of the interests of the church in particular districts. They visit the churches, preside at quarterly and district conferences, and supervise traveling and local preachers.

Bishops, also called general superintendents, are elders elected by the General Conference and consecrated by three bishops, or by one bishop and two elders. They preside at general conferences and at annual conferences, according to special assignments by the board of bishops, make annual appointments to pastoral charges, ordain deacons and elders, and have general oversight of the religious work of the church.

For the supervision of mission work missionary bishops are consecrated, who have full episcopal authority within specified districts but can not preside at annual conferences in the home field. They receive their support from the general funds of the church.

The system of conferences includes quarterly, district, mission, annual, and general conferences.

The quarterly conference, identical in membership with the official board in each pastoral charge, is the highest authority in the station or circuit for the purpose of local administration.

The district conference, a convenience rather than an integral part of the conference system, is made up of the traveling and local preachers of a district, the district stewards, and other representatives. It meets once or twice a year, under the presidency of a bishop or a district superintendent, and its duties are nearly identical with those of the quarterly conference, though it reviews the mutual relations of charges as well as their internal affairs.

The annual conference is an administrative and not a legislative body. Its membership is confined to traveling ministers, whether effective, supernumerary, or superannuated; and all members, together with those on trial, are required to attend. It receives reports from pastors, district superintendents, and statisticians; the bishop ordains candidates for deacon’s and elder’s orders, and appoints the ministers to their charges; ministerial delegates are elected to the General Conference; and questions of discipline are decided. A lay electoral conference, composed of one lay delegate from each pastoral charge within its bounds, meets in connection with the annual confer-



ence just preceding the General Conference, in order to elect lay delegates to that conference.

The General Conference is the highest body in the church and is the general legislative and judicial body. First held in 1784, it was established as a delegated body in 1812, pursuant to legislation enacted at the conference in 1808. It convenes quadrennially and is composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers. It is presided over by the bishops, who, however, are not delegated members thereof, but are members *ex officio*, with limited privileges. It authorizes the organization of annual and mission conferences, and fixes their boundaries; it elects the bishops, official editors, publishing agents, book committee, the corresponding secretaries and boards of managers of the administrative societies of the church, the members of the different boards of trustees, and local book committees at New York and Cincinnati.

A mission, home or foreign, is constituted on the basis of a district conference, the bishop in charge appointing a superintendent. If a mission consists of more than one district, a district superintendent for each district is usually appointed, the superintendent exercising general supervision. The ministers in the mission retain their membership in their annual conferences. As missions develop, they are organized into mission conferences with the powers of annual conferences, except that they do not elect delegates to the General Conference, nor vote on constitutional changes.

Each church is practically independent in the conduct of its own financial affairs, though subject to the general ecclesiastical system. The salary of a pastor is fixed by an estimating committee of the quarterly conference of the charge he serves; that of a district superintendent, by the stewards of his district; that of a bishop, by the Book Committee of the church. The Book Committee divides the total amount necessary for episcopal salaries and expenses and for the expenses of general and judicial conferences among the annual conferences, they in turn informing each church of its share.

The support of superannuated ministers or bishops, their wives, widows, and children, and the assistance of ministers who may be in financial straits are provided for from the dividends of the Book Concern, which can be applied to no other purpose, and from special contributions and invested funds.

The General Conference and the annual conferences are incorporated, with boards of trustees which have charge of these funds.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has a liturgy based on the English prayer book, though abridged and changed materially, but large liberty is allowed in its use. Characteristic services are the love feast, regarded as reviving the *Agape* of the Primitive Church, at which all present partake of bread and water,

while engaged in religious conference and testimony, and the watch-night service at the close of the old and the beginning of the new year.

#### WORK.

The denominational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church is carried on by two classes of organizations—those whose managers are appointed directly by the General Conference and are answerable immediately to it; and those responsible to the General Conference only indirectly or through their individual members. To the first class belong the administrative boards of the church, *viz.*, the Book Committee, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Freedmen's Aid Society, the Board of Education, University Senate, the Board of Sunday Schools, the Board of Conference Claimants, the Epworth League, the Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, the General Deaconess Board, the Trustees of the Chartered Fund, the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and several General Conference Commissions, such as the Commission on Finance, the Commission on Courses of Study, etc. These are all directly answerable to, and under the control of, the General Conference, the members of the boards and, in nearly all cases, the executive officers being selected by the General Conference.

To the second class belong the women's societies for home and foreign missions, many local city missionary and church extension societies, the various annual conference preachers' aid societies, the hospitals, orphanages, old folks' homes, deaconess homes, ladies' aid societies in local churches, and a great variety of organizations for the conduct of institutional and general work. They generally have independent charters, and are subject only to the general ecclesiastical control of the church. They elect their own officers and raise and expend their own funds, it being always understood that in the conduct of their work they shall conform to the ecclesiastical rules and act in harmony with the General Conference boards.

The chief agencies through which the home missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church was conducted until January 1, 1907, were the Missionary Society, the Board of Church Extension, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the National City Evangelization Union, formed by the alliance of the various local city missionary and church extension societies. Beginning with January 1, 1907, the home mission work of the Missionary Society was transferred to the Board of Church Extension, which then became the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. From its organization in 1819 until the close of 1906, the Missionary Society had included both home and foreign work.



The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is now authorized to carry on missionary work in the United States and its possessions, exclusive of the Philippine Islands. The report for 1916 shows 275 churches aided by donation and loan, and \$902,087 contributed for the support of the work, of which amount \$709,791 was for home missions, and \$192,296 for church extension. There were 4,000 missionaries under the direction of the board, exclusive of those under the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The total amount expended for this work during the decade ending in 1916, was \$11,423,786, and for the last quadrennium, \$4,027,244.

The work was carried on during the year among the English speaking population in nearly all the Northern and Western and most of the Southern states, including the work among the Negroes in the South, among the American Indians, and among the non-English speaking population of 14 or more nationalities, including Welsh, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, German, French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Bohemian, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, and Finnish.

Increasing emphasis is being placed upon the work in the cities, where some large and important projects are being carried to success. In 1916 the board appropriated \$127,520 for city work, as against \$47,460 in 1906, and the local societies raised about \$200,000 additional.

The Board of Church Extension (prior to 1872, the Church Extension Society) has special care of new churches, and since its organization in 1865 it has aided by donations or loans, in the erection of church buildings or in rescuing churches imperiled by debt, more than 17,000 church organizations. Loans have been made to the churches for this purpose to the amount of \$3,892,486, which includes the amount returned and loaned and reloaned. The aggregate receipts for church extension since the organization of the society have been \$6,151,275, in addition to securing a loan fund of \$1,835,830.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is supported by the regular conference receipts, annual membership fees, receipts from mite-box collections, bequests, annuities, and special gifts. It supports missionaries and conducts schools in the Western states, especially in New Mexico and southern California; and also in Porto Rico, Hawaii, and Alaska. It maintains immigrant homes in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, which in 1916 provided meals and lodgings for 1,811 immigrants, besides aiding them in various other ways. In New York 495 ships were met, and 491 girls were cared for at the Immigrant Girls' Home. In Boston 30 ships were met, and 128 girls were cared for in the Immigrant Home. The society also conducts city mission homes; industrial homes for girls; a dispensary in Chicago in which 4,624 patients were treated in 1916; a medical mission in Boston

where 13,339 were cared for; and industrial homes for girls and for boys in Alaska.

The contributions for the work of the society in 1906 were \$434,930, and in 1916 they were \$820,805. In addition to this there was the distribution of food and other supplies, through the Department of Mission Supplies and Sustentation, to the value of \$119,199.

The National City Evangelization Union, which had for its special field the foreign population of the cities, has been merged into the Department of Cities of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The Commission on Evangelism has likewise been merged into the Department of Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Its particular mode of operation has been to hold institutes in the leading cities for the purpose of arousing the churches to a sense of their responsibility.

At the General Conference of 1916, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., fundamental changes were made in the organization of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. With respect to its work, it has now established five different departments: the Department of Church Extension, to encourage the erection of new churches in communities not already adequately supplied, to assist in the building of churches and parsonages, and to give special attention to church architecture; the Department of City Work, to promote religious and social work through the city societies, with special reference to the religious condition of the foreign speaking peoples; the Department of Rural Work, to promote the interests of the rural church and to encourage the organization of rural societies, etc.; the Department of Frontier Work, to encourage the organization of new churches wherever desirable, and to cooperate with the Board of Sunday Schools and other denominational boards in preventing overlapping and in making effectual the work on the frontier; and the Department of Evangelism, to cooperate with the district superintendents and pastors in evangelistic campaigns, and to cooperate with the Board of Education in promoting evangelistic work in schools, colleges, and universities.

The foreign mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as carried on since the reorganization of the Missionary Society and the separation of the home and foreign departments, is conducted by a Board of Foreign Missions, directly under the control of the General Conference, and by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This latter is independent in its action, except that certain limitations exist in regard to the collection of its funds and the assignment and location of its missionaries. A peculiar feature of the society is that practically its entire administrative work is voluntary. There are no paid secretaries or treasurers, and only a small office force. It is not allowed to raise funds during any regular church service, nor in any Sunday school, and must in every way

avoid interference with the contributions to the Foreign Mission Board. It carries on its work of collection through 6,709 auxiliaries, with 220,804 members; 2,285 young people's societies, with 49,893 members; 3,962 minor organizations, with 85,486 members; a Swedish auxiliary, with 210 branches and 7,365 members; and a German auxiliary, with 272 branches and 7,816 members. The fields occupied are practically the same as those of the Board of Foreign Missions. In 1916 it supported more than one-third of the total number of foreign missionaries of the church and raised about 35 per cent of the total money expended. The receipts of the Board of Foreign Missions for 1916, exclusive of contributions by native churches, were \$1,917,794, and those of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were \$1,023,628.

The work of the two organizations may be presented under 5 geographic divisions—Southern and Eastern Asia (India, Malaysia, Philippine Islands, China, Japan, and Korea); Africa (Northern, Western, and Southern, and Liberia); South America; Mexico; and 11 European countries.

The report for 1916 showed for Southern and Eastern Asia 109 stations occupied; 1,145 missionaries; 11,487 native helpers; 1,530 churches, with 331,398 members; and 2,676 schools, with 78,206 pupils. The value of property belonging to the denomination in this territory was \$7,714,424.

The report for the work in Africa showed 15 stations occupied; 98 missionaries; 302 native helpers; 225 churches, with 19,887 members; 204 schools, with 9,584 pupils, and property valued at \$495,338.

The report for South America showed 12 stations; 139 missionaries; 201 native helpers; 74 churches, with 10,353 members; 35 schools, with 2,664 pupils; and property valued at \$1,622,808.

The report for Mexico showed 6 stations; 28 missionaries; 148 native helpers; 64 churches, with 6,833 members; 71 schools, with 5,091 pupils; and property valued at \$723,110.

In the European countries the report showed 32 stations occupied; 18 American and 972 European missionaries; 623 churches, with 74,294 members; 9 schools, with 476 pupils; and property valued at \$6,320,645.

A summary of the work in foreign lands shows 34 countries occupied; 174 stations; 1,428 American missionaries; 13,110 native helpers; 2,516 churches; 442,765 members; and 2,995 schools, with 96,021 pupils. An important medical work also is conducted both by the board and by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, including 53 hospitals and dispensaries, treating approximately 200,000 patients annually. There is also an increasing number of orphanages, including 18 for boys, 15 for girls, and 9 for both boys and girls. The total amount of contributions reported for the foreign work, exclusive of contributions by

native churches, was \$2,941,422, and the property was valued at \$16,876,325.

In addition to these contributions, amounts were contributed by native churches toward their own support, as follows: Southern and Eastern Asia, \$225,182; Africa, \$18,582; South America, \$70,130; Mexico, \$14,598; and European countries, \$455,359; a total of \$783,851.

It will be noticed that there are almost no missionaries employed in European countries; nearly all the pastors or other helpers are native to the land, in charge of what is practically home mission work of the same type as that carried on in this country, but classed as foreign missionary work because outside of the limits of the United States and under the care of the Foreign Mission Board.

As churches in the mission fields are organized, they are gathered in missions and mission conferences, and their membership, amounting to more than 440,000 members, is reported in the denominational publications with the membership in the United States, and includes more than 10 per cent of the entire membership claimed by the denomination. An indication of the extent and diversified character of the work is furnished by the fact that it is carried on in more than 100 different languages and dialects.

The educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States may be considered under four heads—the Schools of the Church, the Board of Education, the Freedmen's Aid Society, and the University Senate.

A summary of the educational institutions under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, classified according to standards fixed by the University Senate of the Church, together with the number of their teachers and students, and the value of their property at the close of 1915, is as follows:

SCHOOLS OF THE CHURCH.	Number of schools.	Number of teachers and students.	Value of property and endowments.
Colleges and universities .....	42	36,097	\$47,920,249
Professional and graduate schools.....	31	5,868	8,262,100
Secondary schools.....	33	6,385	5,780,094
Southern schools.....	10	1,573	164,609
Missionary institutes and Bible training schools.	5	541	1,194,511
Total.....	121	50,464	63,321,563
Less duplications.....	24	6,026	2,543,680
Institutions for Negroes.....	97	44,438	60,777,903
	20	5,671	2,775,301
Net totals for year ending June, 1915.....	117	50,109	63,553,204

The total income from all sources for current expenses of these institutions amounted to \$5,443,664.

The Board of Education is the agency charged by the General Conference with the promotion and supervision of the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The board was organized in 1868 and its first large responsibility was the administration of the Student Loan Fund. This fund,

formed by the Annual Children's Day offerings of Methodist Episcopal Sunday schools, now aggregates more than \$2,000,000. Since 1873 more than 25,000 young people have been aided to secure an education through loans from the board. When repaid, the money is again loaned for the same purpose to successive generations of students. Beneficiaries must be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, except in a few special cases, must be in attendance at one of the schools of the church, by which they are recommended to the board.

The board was charged by the General Conference of 1908 with special responsibility for a group of schools for white people in the mountains of the South. In the early days of the last century many loyal abolitionist Methodists in the Southern states were forced up into the hills, where isolation—economic, religious, and intellectual—long reigned without challenge. Through a chain of boarding and day schools, established and maintained with the cooperation of the Board of Education, educational privileges have been afforded by the church to these sturdy and earnest people, who, otherwise destitute of educational opportunity, have responded with eagerness and enthusiasm.

Two public collections are taken annually in the churches of the connection for the support of the work of the Board of Education—one for "public education" is a combined collection for local interests and the board, of which one-fifth belongs to the board for its general work, particularly the aid of institutions. The receipts of the board from this source in 1915 were \$51,392. The other collection is the Sunday school offering on Children's Day for the Student Loan Fund, which in 1915 amounted to \$100,570.

In its endeavor to promote the general interests of education under the auspices of the church, the board inaugurated an educational jubilee campaign during 1916-1918, in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and the four hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Thirty-four campaigns for additional endowment and equipment of local educational institutions have been conducted, which have increased their resources to an aggregate of more than \$20,000,000, and campaigns in process or planned are expected to add nearly \$8,000,000 more.

The Board of Education has been prominent in the organization and maintenance of the Interdenominational Council of Church Boards of Education, with headquarters in Chicago, which has aided all its constituent denominations in vigorous publicity campaigns for men and money, and acts as a general clearing-house for information on all phases of Christian education.

The Freedmen's Aid Society, formerly the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, which for four years was merged with the Board of Education and

the Sunday School Union, under the corporate name of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is now, and has been since 1908, the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the state of Ohio, with headquarters at 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This society was organized in 1866 for the purpose of aiding the recently emancipated slaves and their children to establish schools and churches, so that they might be able to secure such an education as would fit them for citizenship in a Christian republic. This educational work has been carried on at many centers in the Southern states. During the more than 50 years of its existence the society has contributed to the education of more than 200,000 young people of the Negro race. At the present time it has 20 institutions of learning. One of these, Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, Ga., provides a theological training school for the Christian ministry in the Negro churches. At Nashville, Tenn., is located Meharry Medical College, from which nearly 2,000 physicians have been graduated, and in which in 1916 there were 500 young men and women in training for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and professional nursing. Besides these, there are 18 other schools whose principal work is to give a normal training that will prepare young men and women of the Negro race to become public school teachers among their own people. In addition to this, industrial training, including agriculture and domestic science, is given in nearly all of the schools. The number of teachers and students in these schools in 1915 was 5,671.

Collections for this work are taken annually by the pastors in all congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The receipts from all sources for 1915 were \$352,238, and the society has raised and used for buildings, equipment, and running expenses, nearly \$10,000,000 since the time of its foundation. Its buildings, grounds, and equipment are worth \$2,127,252.

Until 10 years ago the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society included the entire educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Southern states, both among its white and Negro members. In 1908 the work in white communities, which included about half of the schools, was transferred to the Board of Education, so that at the present time the work of the society is entirely among the Negro people.

The University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1892. Its function is to fix standards, scholastic and financial, on the basis of which the Board of Education, after careful investigation, shall report and classify the schools and colleges of the church. During the quarter of a century of its existence it has effected a marked improvement in academic instruction, scholastic method, and material

equipment, with a steadily increasing influence for good in all sections of the country.

The hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged are of two kinds—those under the direct auspices of the church and those connected with the Deaconess Movement. The combined statistics for 1916 show 40 hospitals, in which 63,534 patients were treated; 132 orphanages and homes for the aged, with 5,560 inmates; 72,530 children taught in industrial schools connected with deaconess institutions; property valued at approximately \$18,000,000, and endowments amounting to about \$8,000,000. Of the property value, \$5,636,823, and of the endowments, \$832,785, are credited to the deaconess institutions. The receipts for the support of this work from all sources were \$3,419,482.

The Deaconess Movement in the Methodist Episcopal Church had its origin in 1887 in connection with the Chicago Training School for Missions. Its work is under the control of the General Deaconess Board, which at the General Conference of 1916 was made one of the church benevolent boards. There are now nearly 200 deaconess institutions of various kinds operating in the United States and in foreign lands, some of them hospitals, others homes, orphanages, training schools, etc., the general purpose being the aid and instruction of the sick or unfortunate. The report for 1916 shows, for the United States alone, 922 licensed deaconesses, 130 probationers, and 546 associate workers; number treated in hospitals, 24,174; given material relief, 34,739; sick visited, 71,265; calls made, 480,270; and helped by Travelers Aid, 56,309. The total income of these institutions for the year was \$1,333,485, and they represent a property valuation and endowment of \$7,323,323. It may be said that, as in many other cases, reports coming in for 1917 show a marked increase over the figures here given. The latest report of the deaconess work in Europe shows 668 deaconesses, and property and endowments amounting to \$1,495,650. An extensive deaconess work, organized under the Methodist Episcopal Conference in Germany and Austria-Hungary, has a total of 600 nurses, with finely equipped deaconess hospitals in Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfort, and Zurich, which have done distinguished service during the war.

The Board of Sunday Schools (formerly the Sunday School Union) is responsible for the supervision and direction of the Sunday school work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States and in foreign countries. It supports missionaries in the field at home and abroad, who devote themselves to the work of organizing new schools in neglected communities and to building up schools already established. It aids small and needy schools by grants of lesson helps, literature, and supplies. It conducts an intensive educational campaign in all the schools of its connection to raise their educational, missionary, and evangelistic standards of efficiency. It is supported by the

voluntary offerings of the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday schools. Practically every school is sub-organized as a missionary society, and the contributions of the Sunday schools for missions in 1915 amounted to \$646,988, an increase of \$109,556 over those of 1906. As a result of the action of the General Conference in 1916, the Board of Sunday Schools is now charged with the responsibility of promoting all men's organizations, including the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood, therefore, no longer exists as a distinct connectional organization, although as a local organization in connection with any given church it remains intact.

Among the organizations reported in 1906 was the Tract Society, one of the oldest societies in the church. That, however, was consolidated in 1907 with the Board of Education, the Freedmen's Aid Society, and the Board of Sunday Schools of the church, and in 1908 the General Conference directed that these three boards should transfer the tract funds in their possession to the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, share and share alike; said funds to be administered by the said mission boards in harmony with the purposes of the donors. These two boards were directed to solicit and receive funds for the publication and distribution of tract literature, and under the direction of their board of managers to make distribution of said funds in their respective fields. The book editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church is editor of all tracts issued by the Book Concern.

The Epworth League, organized at Cleveland, Ohio, May 15, 1889, is the official young people's society of the church, and takes the place in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Christian Endeavor Society in other denominations. A senior chapter is found in nearly every church of the denomination, and junior chapters in many of them. The membership of the league in 1916, including juniors, was about 860,000. The features of the league are the departments of spiritual work, world evangelism, mercy and help, and literary and social work.

The Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church (formerly known as the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church) is one of the official benevolent boards of the church. It was organized by the General Conference to teach the young people and children of the church the principles of true temperance, to pledge them to lines of total abstinence, and to enlist her voters to stand for complete prohibition. The board publishes and circulates temperance leaflets, pamphlets, and books by the millions of copies, supplies speakers to aid in temperance campaigns, and conducts a press service which gives the most up-to-date prohibition news and argument to all the important newspapers and magazines in the United States.

The publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Methodist Book Concern, established in 1789, was located first in Philadelphia, then in Baltimore, and now in New York City. In 1820 a branch house was established in Cincinnati, Ohio, which in 1840 became a separate corporation. According to its charter, the profits, after the demands for capital are supplied, are devoted to the support of superannuated preachers and their widows and orphans. In 1916 the total assets of the two plants of the Methodist Book Concern were \$6,365,685, divided as follows: New York City, \$3,322,074; Cincinnati, \$3,043,611.

The Book Committee, elected by the General Conference, is a most important factor in the organization of the church. In the intervals between the General Conferences it may be said to exercise general authority over the temporal affairs of the church in the following particulars: It has supervision of the publishing interests, and examines carefully into their condition; fixes the salaries of the bishops, publishing agents, and official editors not otherwise provided for; has power, under certain limitations, to discontinue any depository or periodical; and estimates the amount of money necessary to meet the expenses of the General Conferences, and the judiciary conferences, and makes apportionment of the different amounts to be raised by the annual conferences.

The official periodical literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church includes the Methodist Review, 9 Christian Advocates, published weekly in various sections of the country, and 1 in Germany, 1 German monthly, the Epworth Herald, and 20 Sunday school periodicals. There are also various semiofficial and unofficial publications which are identified with the church, but are not under control of the General Conference. The Sunday school periodicals, under the supervision of an editor elected by the General Conference, have a large circulation, the weekly Sunday School Advocate sending out nearly 600,000 copies, and the Classmate more than 500,000 copies weekly.

The Chartered Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Pennsylvania in 1794. Its object is the relief of the itinerant and superannuated ministers and their dependents, and it is the oldest chartered organization connected with the church. In 1908 the Board of Conference Claimants was organized "to minister to retired ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers." The General Conference of 1912 authorized this board to inaugurate a campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for this purpose. Later the objective was raised to \$10,000,000, and still later to \$20,000,000. Over \$10,000,000 had been subscribed in 1917. The ultimate aim of the board is to raise and administer for this object a permanent fund in the interest of the whole denomination.

With the outbreak of the war with Germany the church entered heartily into all activities for the welfare of the Army and Navy, and a war council was organized. An extensive and carefully considered program was adopted, having for its purpose, as stated, "to mobilize the entire denomination, through its departmental and other activities, to act as a unit in a comprehensive war program, and to place the church, thus mobilized, at the service of the United States authorities for active cooperation with the several departments of the Government."

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 458 to 462, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	29,342	29,943	-601	-2.0
Members.....	3,717,785	2,986,154	731,631	24.5
Church edifices.....	28,406	28,345	61	0.2
Value of church property.....	\$215,104,014	\$163,357,805	\$51,746,209	31.7
Debt on church property.....	\$16,615,195	\$8,640,273	\$7,974,922	92.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	14,262	12,215	2,047	16.8
Value.....	\$34,751,557	\$25,508,417	\$9,243,140	36.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	28,580	28,102	478	1.7
Officers and teachers.....	391,949	351,312	40,637	11.6
Scholars.....	3,872,264	2,700,742	1,171,522	43.4
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$8,587,996	\$5,580,421	\$3,007,575	53.9
Foreign.....	\$5,646,574	\$4,277,723	\$1,368,851	32.0
Total.....	\$2,941,422	\$1,302,698	\$1,638,724	125.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The denomination shows a considerable increase in every item except the number of organizations, which shows a marked decrease. This decrease is probably explained, in large part, by the fact that pastors of circuits not infrequently reported the statistics of the circuit as a whole and made no mention of the number of congregations. The result is that the total number of organizations is less than it should be, while other items are not affected. The membership as reported in 1916 was 3,717,785 as against 2,986,154 in 1906, a gain of 24.5 per cent. The value of church property rose from \$163,357,805 to \$215,104,014, or 31.7 per cent. The debt on church property in 1916, reported by 6,332 organizations, was \$16,615,195, as against \$8,640,273, reported by 4,662 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 12,215 to 14,262, or 16.8 per cent, and the value of parsonages rose from \$25,508,417 in 1906 to \$34,751,557 in 1916, an increase of 36.2 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 61 and the number of Sunday schools by 478. There was a fair increase in the number of Sunday school officers and teachers, 40,637,

or 11.6 per cent, and a large increase in the number of scholars, from 2,700,742 in 1906, to 3,872,264 in 1916, an increase of 43.4 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$5,580,421 to \$8,587,996, or 53.9 per cent, the larger proportion of the increase being for foreign work, the contributions for which rose from \$1,302,698 in 1906 to \$2,941,422 in 1916.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$43,993,681 were reported by 28,791 organizations and cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 19,244 organizations in 1916, was 192,740, constituting 7 per cent of the 2,744,984 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 972,801 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 261,046.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 29,342 organizations, 28,092, with 3,606,135 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 650, with 69,131 members, reported services in foreign languages with English; and 600 organizations, with 42,519 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 22, principally German, reported either alone or with English, by 686 organizations, with 61,285 members, and in connection with other foreign languages and English, by 688 organizations, with 61,876 members. The language next in prominence was Swedish, reported alone, or in connection with English, by 245 organizations, with 20,415 members, and in connection with other Scandinavian languages and English, by 247 organizations, with 20,524 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 5 in the number of foreign languages reported, a decrease of 150 in the number of organizations reporting a foreign language, but an increase of 12,246 in the membership of such organizations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 18,642. Schedules were received from 12,843, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	12,843	9,611	582	2,650	\$1,223
Alabama.....	87	51	18	18	504
Arizona.....	27	19	1	7	1,479
Arkansas.....	65	35	17	13	534
California.....	562	350	21	191	1,350
Colorado.....	108	42	5	61	1,491
Connecticut.....	138	104	5	29	1,380
Delaware.....	104	75	5	24	1,066
District of Columbia.....	44	24	3	17	1,775
Florida.....	79	39	21	19	874
Georgia.....	94	59	19	16	644
Idaho.....	67	50	5	12	1,039
Illinois.....	955	729	47	179	1,354
Indiana.....	597	464	12	121	1,240
Iowa.....	682	538	11	133	1,315
Kansas.....	527	389	17	121	1,255
Kentucky.....	94	69	2	23	790
Louisiana.....	91	76	8	7	507
Maine.....	144	109	2	33	1,021
Maryland.....	347	280	18	49	1,031
Massachusetts.....	341	243	11	87	1,465
Michigan.....	606	463	31	112	1,165
Minnesota.....	342	272	21	49	1,252
Mississippi.....	102	85	8	9	466
Missouri.....	304	231	8	65	1,109
Montana.....	80	65	3	12	1,126
Nebraska.....	369	294	11	64	1,183
Nevada.....	10	8	1	1	1,216
New Hampshire.....	78	62	7	9	978
New Jersey.....	438	326	3	109	1,404
New Mexico.....	16	12	2	2	1,008
New York.....	1,303	987	33	283	1,334
North Carolina.....	85	43	20	22	469
North Dakota.....	112	98	4	10	1,196
Ohio.....	994	735	35	224	1,340
Oklahoma.....	176	129	20	27	1,037
Oregon.....	161	114	4	43	1,017
Pennsylvania.....	1,002	815	25	162	1,417
Rhode Island.....	35	25	2	8	1,286
South Carolina.....	82	65	15	2	658
South Dakota.....	120	98	4	18	1,268
Tennessee.....	160	110	20	30	757
Texas.....	97	71	7	19	802
Utah.....	13	11	.....	2	1,077
Vermont.....	80	61	1	18	1,178
Virginia.....	69	48	4	17	683
Washington.....	262	171	19	72	1,077
West Virginia.....	219	168	15	36	1,112
Wisconsin.....	348	275	11	62	1,109
Wyoming.....	27	24	.....	3	1,186

Of the 12,843 ministers who returned schedules, 10,193 were in pastoral work and 2,650 not in pastoral work. The number of supplies, assistants, etc., was 337 and of pastors with other occupations 245. Of those not in pastoral work, 1,774 were on the retired list, while 383 were in denominational work, 234 in educational and editorial work, and 213 in evangelical and philanthropic work. The average annual salary reported by 9,574 pastors was \$1,223.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	29,342	29,315	3,717,785	22,300	1,187,253	1,840,954	28,136	1,053	28,406	28,134	\$215,104,014
New England division:											
Maine.....	339	338	22,551	281	6,437	12,697	303	36	316	303	1,653,490
New Hampshire.....	152	152	13,574	144	4,284	8,338	138	13	138	138	916,100
Vermont.....	200	200	16,808	178	5,561	9,605	190	10	191	190	1,082,350
Massachusetts.....	396	396	75,965	360	25,411	44,860	392	3	393	392	7,372,459
Rhode Island.....	42	42	7,801	41	2,807	4,971	41		42	41	798,758
Connecticut.....	199	198	36,181	175	12,063	19,189	197	2	202	196	3,440,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2,129	2,126	328,250	1,799	108,138	175,556	2,086	31	2,111	2,084	28,742,472
New Jersey.....	673	672	131,211	586	44,581	69,894	652	20	658	651	10,718,635
Pennsylvania.....	2,328	2,327	427,609	1,898	146,476	221,824	2,265	51	2,301	2,262	29,548,056
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2,341	2,334	399,045	1,598	124,282	186,420	2,332	3	2,346	2,330	20,117,421
Indiana.....	1,636	1,636	261,228	1,231	84,780	130,171	1,619	15	1,626	1,622	10,778,005
Illinois.....	1,947	1,944	287,931	1,516	96,256	149,224	1,931	15	1,943	1,935	17,373,712
Michigan.....	1,279	1,279	144,094	1,083	48,665	80,450	1,199	79	1,214	1,198	8,933,284
Wisconsin.....	796	796	63,331	704	21,675	34,910	748	40	755	748	4,228,815
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	639	638	59,576	567	20,256	30,574	603	30	614	602	4,492,522
Iowa.....	1,376	1,376	199,036	1,120	69,603	104,419	1,357	13	1,367	1,362	9,866,445
Missouri.....	854	854	94,379	630	29,290	45,609	838	14	849	838	4,742,779
North Dakota.....	278	278	13,479	248	4,783	7,250	221	52	223	223	963,900
South Dakota.....	292	292	21,429	254	7,895	12,205	253	39	259	253	1,443,675
Nebraska.....	713	712	81,879	629	29,330	45,060	667	43	671	667	3,653,275
Kansas.....	1,200	1,200	151,348	864	47,605	70,420	1,135	54	1,153	1,135	6,004,286
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	209	209	28,004	155	8,820	12,379	206	1	208	206	1,513,790
Maryland.....	977	973	112,853	676	32,973	49,489	963	11	974	963	6,012,004
District of Columbia.....	40	40	13,085	35	4,453	7,555	39	1	39	39	1,443,060
Virginia.....	321	321	22,526	238	6,601	9,858	310	10	311	310	721,000
West Virginia.....	1,002	1,002	82,551	636	22,409	32,255	944	32	949	939	3,564,215
North Carolina.....	387	387	26,384	201	5,650	7,849	372	15	372	372	568,214
South Carolina.....	407	407	52,568	227	12,039	16,264	397	10	398	397	734,435
Georgia.....	348	348	28,749	132	4,051	6,754	335	13	336	335	696,623
Florida.....	203	203	12,418	94	2,870	4,644	187	15	187	187	779,409
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	394	394	30,147	187	6,126	9,938	387	6	387	389	1,032,640
Tennessee.....	729	729	56,484	483	15,758	23,699	703	20	706	702	1,598,034
Alabama.....	361	361	26,933	256	7,498	11,606	353	6	355	353	455,275
Mississippi.....	553	553	45,482	190	6,270	11,031	543	9	548	543	568,884
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	213	213	12,419	159	3,646	5,860	188	15	188	188	342,255
Louisiana.....	256	256	18,311	178	4,052	8,100	243	13	243	243	499,580
Oklahoma.....	422	420	40,148	308	12,850	19,880	362	55	363	361	1,286,725
Texas.....	557	557	42,003	354	10,874	17,429	526	29	528	526	1,445,574
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	227	227	12,615	204	4,166	6,805	164	63	166	164	805,290
Idaho.....	121	121	11,373	103	3,920	5,631	108	13	108	108	617,742
Wyoming.....	50	50	4,293	44	1,588	2,612	37	13	37	37	182,250
Colorado.....	236	236	38,584	208	13,768	20,754	208	25	211	207	1,871,950
New Mexico.....	77	77	4,385	50	1,326	1,952	57	12	58	57	173,900
Arizona.....	39	39	3,712	37	1,321	2,075	28	10	29	27	239,750
Utah.....	29	29	1,848	26	593	1,109	26	3	26	26	204,950
Nevada.....	21	20	777	14	219	475	17	2	17	17	87,300
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	406	406	40,020	378	13,813	21,646	388	18	393	389	2,313,095
Oregon.....	296	296	27,866	266	9,630	15,428	272	24	277	272	1,484,810
California.....	652	651	84,642	555	29,811	44,141	606	46	620	607	6,992,821

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	29,342	6,332	\$16,615,195	14,262	\$34,751,557	28,791	\$43,993,681	27,549	28,580	391,949	3,872,264
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	339	55	51,300	234	396,500	325	333,095	326	372	3,834	37,720
New Hampshire.....	152	13	14,820	118	236,635	150	222,631	143	150	1,843	16,857
Vermont.....	200	20	68,459	133	292,150	196	217,105	183	185	2,255	18,534
Massachusetts.....	396	89	379,318	280	1,094,405	396	1,335,436	385	396	8,267	82,574
Rhode Island.....	42	13	95,143	23	88,800	41	107,643	40	42	871	7,944
Connecticut.....	199	39	138,627	164	665,450	197	535,084	186	194	2,692	32,412
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	2,129	419	2,603,705	1,516	4,600,900	2,114	4,581,496	2,011	2,065	33,008	319,512
New Jersey.....	673	225	1,045,845	422	1,850,850	661	1,674,891	643	672	12,902	133,169
Pennsylvania.....	2,328	606	2,579,294	1,008	3,967,581	2,307	4,947,579	2,211	2,262	40,917	486,487
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	2,341	368	1,299,463	885	2,671,240	2,324	3,926,205	2,287	2,317	38,766	409,440
Indiana.....	1,636	239	549,819	910	1,617,700	1,606	2,353,954	1,559	1,568	24,551	244,902
Illinois.....	1,947	371	1,018,192	1,053	2,889,015	1,930	3,814,826	1,866	1,895	30,775	304,468
Michigan.....	1,279	195	758,791	601	1,344,650	1,271	2,140,958	1,205	1,252	17,126	175,168
Wisconsin.....	796	103	136,271	353	962,400	783	902,598	707	740	8,556	72,746
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	639	119	330,670	319	711,875	619	982,512	560	585	7,219	69,903
Iowa.....	1,376	212	515,568	914	2,006,125	1,361	2,660,798	1,310	1,334	19,361	193,274
Missouri.....	854	249	703,014	336	569,984	839	898,040	753	769	9,794	85,470
North Dakota.....	278	81	77,971	139	265,615	262	346,093	253	282	2,739	22,545
South Dakota.....	292	53	165,061	154	359,350	280	418,949	276	294	3,169	29,302
Nebraska.....	713	82	113,882	423	877,430	702	1,302,537	653	671	9,606	90,529
Kansas.....	1,200	210	507,708	608	1,113,518	1,178	2,134,717	1,146	1,219	19,240	174,881
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	209	53	103,695	95	270,570	207	301,092	199	204	3,228	30,425
Maryland.....	977	291	499,312	381	940,664	976	1,096,990	955	971	12,931	114,157
District of Columbia.....	40	22	211,166	24	145,900	40	273,972	40	41	1,043	12,838
Virginia.....	321	63	70,223	83	110,449	319	118,108	295	305	2,375	22,093
West Virginia.....	1,002	213	355,032	225	616,505	959	586,247	922	956	9,420	88,504
North Carolina.....	387	136	18,516	110	83,100	336	96,097	360	374	2,456	27,479
South Carolina.....	407	78	33,859	97	119,550	403	156,910	396	418	2,952	28,335
Georgia.....	348	90	48,800	97	79,800	337	121,143	322	332	2,355	19,685
Florida.....	203	44	46,279	64	159,507	196	135,385	177	184	1,408	11,683
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	394	96	35,488	231	170,537	381	189,877	315	326	2,732	26,386
Tennessee.....	729	76	103,062	156	197,005	712	307,854	644	663	4,857	53,432
Alabama.....	361	58	17,683	91	65,923	354	88,080	312	319	2,161	17,012
Mississippi.....	553	178	21,611	142	97,963	549	139,192	518	542	3,670	28,048
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	213	57	14,542	69	52,926	196	61,977	183	189	1,516	11,334
Louisiana.....	256	115	71,333	135	116,725	252	134,120	241	248	1,569	15,341
Oklahoma.....	422	89	162,387	205	275,935	407	385,191	397	422	4,941	45,959
Texas.....	557	166	88,342	261	236,155	529	301,930	520	538	4,379	30,547
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	227	57	37,361	108	179,030	218	260,189	213	278	2,274	19,688
Idaho.....	121	40	83,081	65	95,100	118	192,943	112	122	1,584	14,533
Wyoming.....	50	22	11,475	23	63,950	49	70,404	50	54	588	5,274
Colorado.....	236	77	197,836	131	292,250	229	486,883	228	254	4,032	41,183
New Mexico.....	77	13	8,944	30	47,500	72	52,494	68	85	568	4,912
Arizona.....	39	11	21,000	28	50,450	36	62,440	37	43	462	5,204
Utah.....	29	2	1,000	13	25,600	29	25,593	28	30	306	2,902
Nevada.....	21	4	5,100	13	26,600	21	19,354	19	25	182	1,636
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	406	225	348,902	247	390,580	399	620,293	389	417	5,616	50,715
Oregon.....	296	82	184,108	164	282,850	287	388,449	286	321	3,643	34,597
California.....	652	213	662,137	376	976,260	638	1,482,327	620	655	10,210	99,575



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Methodist Episcopal Cbureb.....	29,342	29,315	3,717,785	22,300	1,187,253	1,840,954	28,136	1,053	28,406	28,134	\$215,104,014
Alabama.....	204	204	12,689	147	3,744	5,044	195	6	197	195	208,275
Arizona Mission.....	37	37	3,638	35	1,285	2,037	27	10	28	27	238,250
Arkansas.....	103	103	6,250	96	2,299	3,535	83	11	83	83	186,300
Atlanta.....	146	146	15,319	21	1,402	2,570	142	4	143	142	357,150
Baltimore.....	452	448	67,549	320	20,392	31,691	447	4	458	447	5,094,875
Blue Ridge Atlantic.....	214	214	12,893	105	2,473	3,127	200	14	200	200	231,055
California.....	253	253	26,478	216	9,682	15,568	246	7	251	246	2,728,471
California, German.....	18	18	1,268	18	499	769	17	1	21	18	298,480
Central Alabama.....	175	175	14,870	120	3,915	6,806	173	2	173	173	266,600
Central German.....	132	132	14,410	120	5,825	8,127	132	.....	132	132	1,109,125
Central Illinois.....	344	342	45,745	253	14,405	23,331	342	2	344	342	2,760,753
Central Missouri.....	113	113	10,177	74	1,946	4,239	108	5	114	108	452,854
Central New York.....	325	325	53,492	295	18,487	30,053	317	8	320	317	3,528,000
Central Pennsylvania.....	655	654	91,268	636	35,830	55,964	638	17	641	638	4,886,056
Central Swedish.....	54	54	6,812	48	2,473	3,729	52	1	55	52	691,600
Central Tennessee.....	142	142	9,150	112	3,010	3,891	136	6	136	136	135,500
Chicago, German.....	100	100	8,684	97	3,684	4,655	100	.....	100	100	581,480
Colorado.....	227	227	37,935	200	13,469	20,484	202	23	205	201	1,798,950
Columbia River.....	229	229	21,717	194	7,392	11,396	218	11	220	219	1,155,272
Dakota.....	275	275	20,689	237	7,566	11,794	238	37	244	238	1,407,975
Delaware.....	274	274	30,316	186	9,256	13,984	271	3	277	270	1,004,255
Des Moines.....	442	442	69,130	335	23,408	34,169	437	5	438	440	2,776,700
Detroit.....	595	595	74,631	499	25,889	41,433	562	32	566	561	5,129,795
East German.....	51	51	5,490	51	2,048	3,442	51	.....	51	51	836,800
East Maine.....	207	206	10,228	170	2,780	5,858	178	29	185	178	824,020
East Tennessee.....	99	99	6,512	66	1,614	3,204	98	1	98	98	257,100
Eastern Swedish.....	38	38	4,794	37	1,775	2,974	35	1	35	35	645,200
Erie.....	475	475	68,417	377	23,321	35,735	469	5	471	469	3,450,040
Florida.....	100	100	5,556	29	875	1,592	99	1	99	99	163,059
Genesee.....	382	382	58,106	340	20,791	33,202	377	5	381	379	4,160,707
Georgia.....	70	70	4,347	63	1,569	2,254	70	.....	70	70	181,833
Gulf.....	80	80	5,419	80	2,114	3,305	69	11	69	69	217,325
Holston.....	515	515	40,620	373	12,592	17,548	494	21	497	493	1,251,500
Idaho.....	109	109	10,131	98	3,633	5,517	92	17	92	92	550,020
Illinois.....	565	565	95,994	460	33,736	50,161	562	2	562	562	4,376,568
Indiana.....	760	760	111,781	548	35,803	54,280	756	3	760	757	3,626,100
Iowa.....	312	312	44,400	219	14,944	22,436	312	.....	315	312	2,040,800
Kansas.....	559	559	78,496	370	23,029	34,732	548	8	556	548	2,760,650
Kentucky.....	301	301	23,148	151	5,008	7,769	297	3	297	298	741,450
Lexington.....	157	157	13,399	56	2,210	4,171	154	3	154	154	544,890
Lincoln.....	75	75	3,174	34	536	971	70	5	71	70	113,780
Little Rock.....	110	110	6,769	63	1,347	2,325	105	4	105	105	155,955
Louisiana.....	219	219	15,768	142	3,100	6,783	212	7	212	212	406,305
Maine.....	139	139	12,800	118	3,793	7,180	132	7	138	132	862,070
Michigan.....	639	639	65,734	540	21,287	36,827	592	47	603	592	3,584,789
Minnesota.....	221	221	23,487	206	8,556	13,502	215	6	217	215	1,577,325
Mississippi.....	287	287	24,024	96	3,148	5,490	282	5	287	282	306,525
Missouri.....	308	308	34,972	239	10,666	16,607	305	3	307	305	1,400,923
Montana.....	95	95	7,291	76	2,227	3,600	80	15	81	80	505,600
Nebraska.....	578	577	72,871	508	25,791	40,312	545	30	549	545	3,265,200
Nevada Mission.....	44	42	1,500	36	478	939	38	4	38	38	148,200
New England.....	247	247	54,520	225	18,161	31,730	244	2	245	246	5,716,309
New England, Southern.....	196	196	25,901	180	8,319	16,042	194	1	195	193	2,286,758
New Hampshire.....	155	155	15,436	147	4,934	9,550	140	14	140	139	1,087,550
New Jersey.....	347	347	67,829	302	22,324	35,455	342	5	347	342	5,030,435
New Mexico.....	85	85	5,061	58	1,622	2,332	62	13	63	61	257,800
New York.....	415	415	59,896	309	18,095	28,992	408	4	412	407	7,204,200
New York, East.....	309	307	75,892	253	23,985	37,538	307	1	318	307	9,398,200
Newark.....	340	339	65,235	294	22,706	35,483	325	15	326	324	5,875,300
North Carolina.....	188	188	14,252	105	3,371	5,001	186	2	186	186	354,809
North Dakota.....	262	262	12,980	237	4,664	7,084	206	51	208	208	927,100
North Indiana.....	491	491	84,066	396	28,207	44,400	483	8	483	483	4,069,355
North Montana.....	128	128	5,231	124	1,900	3,151	80	48	81	80	285,190
Northeast Ohio.....	867	867	157,336	623	51,819	75,606	861	1	867	860	8,505,450
Northern German.....	81	81	5,496	62	2,146	2,315	77	3	80	76	332,747
Northern Minnesota.....	278	277	27,523	239	8,267	12,934	255	18	258	255	2,312,150
Northern New York.....	317	317	35,118	252	11,152	18,079	306	10	308	305	2,297,750
Northern Swedish.....	75	75	3,289	71	1,247	1,869	71	4	72	71	268,900
Northwest German.....	67	67	4,765	67	2,114	2,651	63	4	64	63	242,995
Northwest Indiana.....	322	322	59,519	245	18,814	28,598	317	4	320	319	2,737,250
Northwest Iowa.....	259	259	34,442	232	12,757	19,380	254	5	255	255	2,012,350
Northwest Kansas.....	238	238	21,881	154	6,200	9,820	221	17	221	221	1,028,100
Northwest Nebraska.....	70	70	5,029	62	1,840	2,779	57	13	57	57	153,800
Norwegian and Danish.....	93	93	5,252	88	2,054	3,020	92	1	94	92	433,800
Ohio.....	627	626	99,676	396	28,437	43,564	627	.....	630	627	4,048,475
Oklahoma.....	359	357	38,542	276	12,734	19,554	317	40	318	317	1,400,125
Oregon.....	207	207	22,085	155	7,471	12,137	194	13	197	194	1,081,460
Pacific, Chinese Mission.....	10	10	372	10	284	88	5	5	5	5	73,000
Pacific, German.....	25	25	1,566	25	727	839	25	.....	27	25	96,485
Pacific, Japanese Mission.....	21	21	1,428	21	1,092	336	15	6	16	15	142,250

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916—Continued.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pacific, Swedish Mission.....	23	23	986	22	389	559	20	3	20	20	\$136,400
Philadelphia.....	401	401	104,594	327	34,767	53,359	396	3	412	396	10,917,200
Pittsburgh.....	434	434	107,991	299	34,729	51,467	425	6	432	420	7,617,170
Puget Sound.....	221	221	22,388	217	7,514	12,224	211	10	213	211	1,300,610
Rock River.....	391	390	73,987	329	25,201	39,085	384	7	388	388	6,792,194
St. Johns River.....	51	51	3,909	49	1,416	2,139	44	7	44	44	544,300
St. Louis.....	360	360	44,210	256	14,417	22,425	355	5	358	355	2,658,700
St. Louis, German.....	109	109	10,095	99	4,122	5,543	105	1	105	105	660,985
Savannah.....	130	130	8,979	46	1,048	1,894	122	8	122	122	157,240
South Carolina.....	406	406	52,533	226	12,023	16,245	396	10	397	396	733,635
South Florida Mission.....	36	36	2,131	7	450	705	30	6	30	30	52,850
Southern California.....	318	318	53,932	259	17,982	26,488	292	26	296	292	3,667,720
Southern German.....	55	55	3,889	44	1,393	1,538	49	6	49	49	170,600
Southern Illinois.....	515	515	55,409	351	16,504	27,022	511	4	513	511	1,998,062
Southern Swedish Mission.....	15	15	1,359	14	592	744	13	.....	13	13	99,350
Southwest Kansas.....	359	359	48,157	304	17,265	24,565	311	37	319	310	2,051,556
Tennessee.....	140	140	10,387	77	2,064	4,240	134	.....	134	134	190,624
Texas.....	250	250	18,137	141	3,861	6,882	240	10	241	240	401,698
Troy.....	361	359	53,809	318	17,916	29,820	352	6	359	351	2,971,050
Upper Iowa.....	288	288	45,223	258	15,961	25,087	282	1	286	286	2,715,650
Upper Mississippi.....	261	261	20,859	89	2,922	5,142	256	4	256	256	258,371
Utah Mission.....	29	29	1,848	26	593	1,109	26	3	26	26	204,950
Vermont.....	157	157	12,160	141	4,094	7,158	147	10	148	147	821,850
Washington.....	354	354	32,994	240	8,806	15,321	348	6	348	348	1,522,533
West German.....	107	107	7,576	101	3,327	3,988	105	2	107	105	413,475
West Ohio.....	740	734	131,705	507	41,009	62,695	738	1	743	738	6,821,471
West Texas.....	184	184	14,169	101	3,177	5,483	176	8	177	176	346,926
West Virginia.....	938	938	77,618	588	21,252	29,794	881	29	885	876	3,237,565
West Wisconsin.....	387	387	27,652	337	9,041	15,384	356	27	357	356	1,604,185
Western Norwegian-Danish.....	23	23	960	20	359	465	22	1	23	22	123,900
Western Swedish.....	48	48	3,122	45	1,274	1,693	48	.....	49	48	198,000
Wilmington.....	398	398	48,103	300	15,041	20,928	388	7	388	388	2,596,901
Wisconsin.....	275	275	26,807	240	8,951	14,811	259	12	264	259	2,075,850
Wyoming.....	445	445	66,158	330	21,642	32,901	423	14	428	423	3,185,455
Wyoming State.....	50	50	4,293	44	1,568	2,612	37	13	37	37	182,250

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	29,342	6,332	\$16,615,195	14,262	\$34,751,557	28,791	\$43,993,681	27,549	28,580	391,949	3,872,264
Alabama.....	204	6	1,602	36	22,048	196	37,140	157	161	1,091	9,670
Arizona Mission.....	37	10	20,000	27	50,150	35	63,453	36	42	463	5,249
Arkansas.....	103	9	6,955	30	33,050	87	28,960	76	78	792	6,491
Atlanta.....	146	64	11,423	44	28,500	146	63,120	143	147	1,100	10,556
Baltimore.....	452	93	483,929	177	710,825	450	890,066	437	445	7,813	75,151
Blue Ridge Atlantic.....	214	62	5,777	36	42,900	169	28,408	198	201	1,216	16,346
California.....	253	64	182,425	156	391,900	248	483,826	232	244	3,372	29,671
California, German.....	18	4	76,900	16	78,100	18	30,956	18	19	183	1,019
Central Alabama.....	175	53	19,281	59	46,875	173	54,473	166	169	1,143	8,999
Central German.....	132	25	37,937	91	259,300	131	289,472	123	127	2,103	15,597
Central Illinois.....	344	29	165,559	187	535,650	340	748,316	326	331	5,347	50,223
Central Missouri.....	113	34	81,469	61	51,754	110	89,794	93	96	673	5,615
Central New York.....	325	50	374,453	200	518,850	325	648,259	322	336	5,531	53,386
Central Pennsylvania.....	655	158	402,536	231	776,156	651	807,044	614	620	9,909	109,631
Central Swedish.....	54	19	60,050	31	123,050	54	134,346	54	62	843	7,481
Central Tennessee.....	142	4	750	27	21,250	137	18,648	119	120	749	7,440
Chicago, German.....	100	17	7,062	57	175,200	98	107,550	85	85	1,079	6,311
Colorado.....	227	71	188,636	127	280,250	222	475,634	221	247	3,975	40,846
Columbia River.....	229	81	145,799	153	181,100	224	329,101	215	229	3,057	26,839
Dakota.....	275	52	164,361	143	338,750	264	401,839	261	274	2,952	28,151
Delaware.....	274	112	206,595	132	171,752	273	225,585	264	270	2,518	25,189
Des Moines.....	442	78	122,829	341	537,375	434	768,368	420	422	6,328	62,521
Detroit.....	595	92	558,760	278	673,900	588	1,144,050	565	586	8,139	90,069
East German.....	51	5	23,700	40	187,100	51	115,850	50	53	800	5,754
East Maine.....	207	35	36,691	150	198,800	197	160,623	196	233	2,024	19,839
East Tennessee.....	99	28	16,282	36	25,355	98	38,306	93	100	624	5,287
Eastern Swedish.....	38	26	140,020	14	69,200	37	111,945	34	37	528	3,941
Erle.....	475	48	218,118	195	570,175	467	715,288	452	461	6,998	77,074
Florida.....	100	18	12,200	23	25,107	97	23,811	92	95	509	3,781
Genesee.....	382	149	457,519	290	690,000	379	770,568	359	375	5,944	60,329

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916—Continued.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Georgia.....	70	4	\$31,200	18	\$23,350	69	\$20,357	57	59	435	3,707
Gulf.....	80	11	8,435	26	44,520	69	40,467	69	71	639	5,838
Holston.....	515	29	86,024	87	148,350	508	243,673	454	473	3,649	44,565
Idaho.....	109	34	80,750	56	93,100	105	180,952	104	117	1,363	12,600
Illinois.....	565	102	122,442	363	789,365	560	1,012,536	543	546	9,366	88,485
Indiana.....	760	53	94,342	439	515,750	741	741,133	710	712	9,242	93,710
Iowa.....	312	30	101,777	133	336,750	311	517,623	289	292	4,230	41,713
Kansas.....	559	88	220,098	264	476,160	546	889,823	533	556	9,132	85,624
Kentucky.....	301	54	20,738	167	123,950	292	118,743	234	243	2,100	21,522
Lexington.....	157	84	59,703	97	74,587	152	124,851	138	141	1,029	8,791
Lincoln.....	75	34	13,852	40	27,880	75	33,196	71	74	462	2,471
Little Rock.....	110	48	7,587	39	19,876	109	33,017	107	111	724	4,843
Louisiana.....	219	108	66,083	122	87,725	218	107,946	206	210	1,185	11,750
Maine.....	139	22	15,009	90	213,700	135	180,968	137	146	1,891	18,717
Michigan.....	639	93	188,726	292	607,050	638	941,610	598	623	8,456	81,791
Minnesota.....	221	38	117,185	141	274,900	218	391,398	204	207	2,800	27,135
Mississippi.....	287	123	10,143	92	63,983	285	71,437	268	279	1,961	15,064
Missouri.....	308	39	60,193	164	212,780	301	283,934	285	288	3,802	30,413
Montana.....	95	23	22,000	45	107,100	92	133,667	90	111	1,057	10,405
Nebraska.....	578	61	97,229	342	728,600	569	1,153,786	535	549	8,248	79,812
Nevada Mission.....	44	4	5,100	26	47,200	40	39,979	39	50	345	2,912
New England.....	247	64	294,650	176	793,880	247	990,912	243	249	5,739	58,546
New England, Southern.....	196	27	130,936	142	396,075	195	430,353	187	189	3,300	29,055
New Hampshire.....	155	14	31,555	115	233,135	153	238,943	146	153	2,013	18,753
New Jersey.....	347	104	516,823	225	883,900	341	794,135	338	353	6,979	73,939
New Mexico.....	85	16	20,244	32	49,800	77	75,185	73	90	621	5,546
New York.....	415	66	581,552	328	1,133,600	414	877,215	388	390	5,017	45,639
New York, East.....	309	80	757,907	242	1,399,450	308	1,222,273	298	313	7,326	74,752
Newark.....	340	123	536,682	213	1,021,700	332	911,649	318	330	6,188	61,633
North Carolina.....	188	77	13,939	76	41,700	182	70,722	176	187	1,336	11,903
North Dakota.....	262	78	76,721	133	251,315	249	338,231	243	272	2,678	22,123
North Indiana.....	491	79	213,872	219	571,800	487	884,793	482	483	8,988	86,651
North Montana.....	128	30	13,761	59	67,430	122	123,763	122	166	1,212	9,213
Northeast Ohio.....	867	144	660,025	357	1,090,380	864	1,603,972	857	873	15,351	160,693
Northern German.....	81	5	1,125	38	108,100	81	66,847	63	65	814	5,087
Northern Minnesota.....	278	63	196,408	111	268,925	261	472,414	252	271	3,265	34,909
Northern New York.....	317	42	125,425	247	453,450	317	450,762	294	302	4,291	39,552
Northern Swedish.....	75	26	17,147	36	69,950	75	58,361	57	57	441	3,052
Northwest German.....	67	1	400	40	115,400	64	75,365	65	70	807	4,777
Northwest Indiana.....	322	88	228,018	206	442,800	315	661,065	312	316	5,558	59,097
Northwest Iowa.....	259	51	135,455	213	451,600	258	628,500	252	257	3,705	39,159
Northwest Kansas.....	238	37	92,379	125	231,000	235	412,043	225	250	3,545	29,146
Northwest Nebraska.....	70	10	6,811	36	62,230	69	74,191	61	64	705	6,324
Norwegian and Danish.....	93	26	27,310	48	110,600	90	93,436	69	74	628	4,783
Ohio.....	627	98	267,619	180	532,110	626	819,736	597	601	8,641	95,091
Oklahoma.....	359	71	166,185	185	282,835	349	366,489	342	361	4,562	44,646
Oregon.....	207	54	151,053	102	189,750	203	304,267	203	226	2,691	26,793
Pacific, Chinese Mission.....	10					10	8,057	10	10	67	504
Pacific, German.....	25	4	1,930	22	53,900	25	30,993	24	24	279	1,327
Pacific, Japanese Mission.....	21	6	10,540	5	11,500	21	16,653	20	21	64	709
Pacific, Swedish Mission.....	23	13	15,580	9	20,600	21	15,675	20	20	130	800
Philadelphia.....	401	169	1,073,845	241	1,257,300	400	1,609,910	388	403	10,033	128,134
Pittsburgh.....	434	140	618,302	159	872,300	429	1,237,330	428	436	8,673	115,197
Puget Sound.....	221	155	213,379	126	209,680	218	331,902	215	238	3,283	31,084
Rock River.....	391	96	450,518	221	917,025	389	1,338,834	386	395	7,960	87,648
St. Johns River.....	51	7	19,100	28	121,950	49	94,283	48	52	648	5,999
St. Louis.....	360	173	599,270	117	224,450	357	476,579	318	326	4,487	44,353
St. Louis, German.....	109	9	15,650	73	165,400	107	130,450	95	97	1,366	9,670
Savannah.....	130	22	6,177	35	27,950	123	37,787	119	123	744	5,133
South Carolina.....	406	78	33,859	97	119,550	402	156,835	395	417	2,944	28,278
South Florida Mission.....	36	18	11,779	9	9,450	34	13,637	29	29	194	1,385
Southern California.....	318	139	397,422	178	452,680	313	909,527	312	329	6,290	66,063
Southern German.....	55	3	1,000	30	48,800	55	54,502	51	53	613	4,300
Southern Illinois.....	515	109	143,761	194	351,725	511	417,820	482	485	6,182	61,892
Southern Swedish Mission.....	15	2	3,800	10	29,800	15	22,091	12	12	94	807
Southwest Kansas.....	359	76	198,643	174	342,428	349	788,900	344	371	6,038	57,165
Tennessee.....	140	26	13,759	39	29,830	135	45,065	128	123	844	6,566
Texas.....	250	59	20,339	79	63,050	234	89,109	241	243	1,946	12,510
Troy.....	361	45	159,991	263	593,950	353	650,866	328	343	5,443	51,526
Upper Iowa.....	288	44	149,849	178	549,100	287	662,260	278	290	4,226	44,437
Upper Mississippi.....	261	55	11,468	48	32,580	259	67,055	245	253	1,690	12,784
Utah Mission.....	29	2	1,000	13	25,600	29	26,593	28	30	306	2,902
Vermont.....	157	15	56,909	99	212,800	153	158,886	142	142	1,671	13,729
Washington.....	354	182	197,376	108	180,436	354	246,494	345	350	2,956	25,923
West German.....	107	5	3,570	75	139,100	105	134,167	98	100	1,368	8,350
West Ohio.....	740	85	326,366	293	912,800	729	1,296,302	732	740	13,480	143,184
West Texas.....	184	93	32,718	123	48,635	180	78,167	172	182	1,264	8,154
West Virginia.....	938	182	330,730	195	537,725	893	521,168	857	887	8,529	83,368
West Wisconsin.....	387	43	64,066	149	378,600	378	429,910	343	361	3,942	34,546
Western Norwegian-Danish.....	23	11	8,050	19	44,400	22	23,851	15	15	106	717
Western Swedish.....	48	11	11,640	35	77,700	45	49,061	39	40	411	3,269
Wilmington.....	398	78	148,860	174	489,370	396	512,971	386	394	6,224	55,437
Wisconsin.....	275	35	62,165	138	417,400	272	359,986	259	273	3,509	31,962
Wyoming.....	445	71	268,113	213	634,950	444	767,884	412	419	6,627	65,492
Wyoming State.....	50	22	11,475	28	63,950	49	70,404	50	54	588	5,274

## METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The general revolt against ecclesiastical rule which characterized the earlier years of the last century was the occasion for the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church at that time vested an unlimited legislative, executive, and judicial power in the ministry, to the exclusion of all the lay members. In 1821, after years of desultory discussion, the Wesleyan Repository was established as a medium for the special consideration of what came to be called the "mutual rights" of the ministry and laity. Later it was superseded by a paper called "Mutual Rights," which vigorously discussed and earnestly advocated the right of the laity to an equal representation with the ministers in the lawmaking bodies of the church.

Union societies were formed in order to develop sentiment in favor of the movement, and in 1827 a convention was called which formally petitioned the General Conference of 1828 to concede the principle of lay representation in all the conferences of the church. The reply was unfavorable, and the petitioners were charged with being disturbers of the peace of the church. The result was an increase of agitation and of intensity of feeling. The union societies became more active, and their organ, Mutual Rights, more pronounced than ever. Then followed citations for trial before church courts on the charge of "speaking evil of magistrates and ministers," the expelling of some, and the withdrawal of many who sympathized with them. A number of local independent societies were organized, and a convention was held in Baltimore in November, 1828, where a provisional organization was formed under the name of The Associated Methodist Churches. Two years later another convention was held at the same place, and the Methodist Protestant Church was formed, enrolling 83 ministers and about 5,000 members. During the succeeding quadrennium the membership increased rapidly, new annual conferences were formed, the territorial limits of the church were considerably extended, and one or two schools were established.

With the development of the discussion concerning slavery a serious difficulty arose. The word "white" had been left in the Discipline, and thus Negroes were excluded from suffrage and eligibility to office. The churches in the North and West demanded the suppression of this word, as both offensive and unchristian, while the churches of the slaveholding states were just as determined on its retention. All attempts at compromise failed, and in 1858 the two sections divided. After the close of the war and the settlement of the slavery question they were reunited in 1877.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Methodist Protestant Church stands on the same basis as the Methodist Episcopal Church. In polity, however, there are certain radical differences. The Methodist Protestant Church has no bishops or presiding elders and no life officers of any kind. It makes ministers and laymen equal in number and in power in the legislative bodies of the church, and grants to ministers the right of appeal from the stationing authority of the conference. With these exceptions, the general organization, including the system of quarterly, annual, and general conferences, is similar to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

## WORK.

The denominational boards of the church, which have charge of its activities, are appointed by and are responsible to the General Conference.

The home missionary work is under the care of a board of 7 members, with official headquarters at Pittsburgh. It has so far been limited chiefly to denominational extension, but work is now being done among the immigrants and mountaineers. During 1916 the board had an income of \$21,154, employed 26 missionaries, and assisted, in one form or another, 28 churches. A Woman's Board of Home Missions, with headquarters at Baltimore, Md., is doing good work. It reported an income during the year of about \$1,600.

The foreign missionary work, under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, is carried on in Japan, China, and India. The report for 1916 shows 80 stations, occupied by 16 American missionaries and 128 native helpers; 19 churches, with about 2,000 members; 12 schools, with 1,514 pupils; 1 hospital, treating 7,570 patients; and 11 homes and orphanages, including 1 asylum and school for the blind, reporting in all 50 inmates. The amount contributed in the United States for the foreign work during the year was \$65,436. The value of property is estimated at \$138,000; and the amount of endowment is \$15,700.

The educational work of the church is represented by 5 institutions, including the University at Kansas City, Kans., 3 colleges, and a theological seminary. They are located in Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, and Texas. In 1916 the total number of students was 655; the amount contributed was \$50,000; the value of school property \$1,250,000; and the amount of endowment \$225,000.

There are 2 homes for the aged and 1 orphanage, having a combined capacity for 70 inmates. The amount contributed for this work during the year

was about \$8,000, and the value of property is estimated at \$60,000.

The young people's work is represented by 469 societies of Christian Endeavor, with 16,063 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Methodist Protestant Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences or missions, on pages 465 to 468, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE <sup>1</sup> 1906 to 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,473	2,843	-370	-13.0
Members.....	186,908	178,544	8,364	4.7
Church edifices.....	2,266	2,457	-191	-7.8
Value of church property.....	\$7,944,467	\$6,053,048	\$1,891,419	31.2
Debt on church property.....	\$484,679	\$247,524	\$237,155	95.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	679	661	18	2.7
Value.....	\$1,385,160	\$910,645	\$474,515	52.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	2,116	2,181	-65	-3.0
Officers and teachers.....	20,778	18,970	1,808	9.5
Scholars.....	177,918	141,086	36,832	26.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$146,190	\$91,580	\$54,610	59.6
Domestic.....	\$80,754	\$62,974	\$17,780	28.2
Foreign.....	\$65,436	\$28,606	\$36,830	128.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has lost in number of organizations and in church edifices but has gained in membership and in other particulars. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 2,473 as against 2,843 in 1906, a decrease of 13 per cent; the membership advanced from 178,544 in 1906 to 186,908 in 1916, an increase of 4.7 per cent. The number of church edifices fell from 2,457 in 1906 to 2,266 in 1916, or 7.8 per cent; but the value of church property increased from \$6,053,048 to \$7,944,467, or 31.2 per cent; and the debt on church property advanced from \$247,524 as reported by 244 organizations in 1906 to \$484,679 as reported by 250 organizations in 1916, an increase of 95.8 per cent. The number of Sunday schools decreased by 65, or 3 per cent, but the number of scholars advanced from 141,086 to 177,918, or 26.1 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$91,580 to \$146,190, or 59.6 per cent, the greater advance being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,509,243 were reported by 2,393 organizations and cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 2,171 organizations in 1916, was 10,664, constituting 6.1 per cent of the 173,772 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 13,136 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 11,470.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 2,473 organizations, 2,472, with 186,756 members, reported church services conducted in English only, and 1, with 152 members, reported services in German and English. The report was not materially different from that for 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,340. Schedules were received from 928 of these, distributed, by states, as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	928	533	242	153	\$832
Alabama.....	28	8	19	1	487
Arkansas.....	25	5	18	2	373
Connecticut.....	4	1	3	—	350
Delaware.....	17	14	1	2	776
District of Columbia.....	6	6	—	—	1,283
Florida.....	1	1	—	—	—
Georgia.....	15	2	9	—	150
Illinois.....	37	23	11	3	837
Indiana.....	64	40	13	11	745
Iowa.....	13	11	—	2	855
Kansas.....	18	8	—	7	706
Kentucky.....	8	—	6	2	—
Louisiana.....	21	6	9	6	360
Maryland.....	82	62	6	14	1,038
Massachusetts.....	1	—	—	1	—
Michigan.....	74	49	12	13	717
Mississippi.....	20	4	15	1	383
Missouri.....	26	4	15	7	781
New Jersey.....	42	30	7	5	795
New York.....	67	39	13	15	673
North Carolina.....	50	31	12	7	725
Ohio.....	87	62	9	16	1,030
Oklahoma.....	13	3	8	2	647
Pennsylvania.....	56	41	5	10	1,187
South Carolina.....	13	1	8	4	—
Tennessee.....	8	1	6	1	200
Texas.....	53	19	23	11	549
Virginia.....	16	12	3	1	736
Washington.....	2	2	—	—	1,660
West Virginia.....	61	49	7	5	755

Of the 928 ministers reporting, 775 were in pastoral work and 153 not in pastoral work. Of the latter, 92 were on the retired list, 9 in denominational work, 8 in educational work, 21 in evangelistic work, and 23 in other occupations. The average annual salary reported by 524 pastors was \$832.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Methodist Protestant Church.....	2,473	2,473	186,908	2,463	75,692	110,721	2,262	206	2,266	2,276	\$7,944,467
New England division:											
Connecticut.....	5	5	128	5	52	76	5		5	5	20,650
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	75	75	4,376	75	1,606	2,770	67	8	67	68	289,100
New Jersey.....	46	46	6,076	46	2,362	3,714	46		46	46	404,750
Pennsylvania.....	130	130	15,015	130	6,013	9,002	127	3	128	127	1,551,820
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	233	233	25,629	233	10,225	15,404	232	1	232	232	946,025
Indiana.....	130	130	10,367	130	4,228	6,139	128	2	128	129	386,500
Illinois.....	86	86	4,948	86	1,995	2,953	84	2	84	84	218,400
Michigan.....	134	134	5,797	134	2,278	3,519	126	8	126	129	351,050
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	49	49	3,426	49	1,401	2,025	49		49	49	131,400
Missouri.....	73	73	4,216	73	1,711	2,505	65	8	65	65	92,230
Kansas.....	26	26	1,490	26	545	945	25	1	25	26	72,900
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	40	40	4,598	40	1,939	2,659	40		40	40	194,450
Maryland.....	189	189	22,174	189	8,742	13,432	188	1	188	188	1,329,210
District of Columbia.....	6	6	1,486	6	538	948	6		6	6	214,500
Virginia.....	44	44	4,028	44	1,750	2,278	44		44	44	148,000
West Virginia.....	316	316	18,948	316	7,975	10,973	285	29	287	285	619,060
North Carolina.....	187	187	18,033	187	7,802	10,231	185	2	185	184	400,420
South Carolina.....	25	25	2,324	25	1,046	1,278	25		25	25	25,975
Georgia.....	50	50	2,884	50	1,251	1,633	46	4	46	46	59,145
Florida.....	3	3	141	3	54	87	3		3	3	2,500
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	37	37	1,836	37	803	1,033	22	15	22	24	15,750
Tennessee.....	30	30	1,759	30	700	1,059	27	3	27	29	20,650
Alabama.....	100	100	7,088	100	2,932	4,156	95	5	95	95	108,441
Mississippi.....	102	102	4,531	102	1,858	2,673	90	12	90	90	38,950
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	77	77	4,087	77	1,596	2,491	65	10	65	67	44,420
Louisiana.....	84	84	3,010	74	1,010	1,505	71	13	71	72	44,100
Oklahoma.....	30	30	1,113	30	451	662	16	14	16	16	13,550
Texas.....	164	164	7,002	164	2,698	4,304	98	65	99	100	105,991
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	398	2	131	267	2		2	2	94,500

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Protestant Church .....	2,473	250	\$484,679	679	\$1,385,160	2,393	\$1,509,243	2,081	2,116	20,778	177,918
New England division:											
Connecticut .....	5	2	8,792	2	2,500	5	4,148	5	5	42	293
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	75	11	20,864	51	98,770	72	62,029	63	67	754	5,664
New Jersey .....	46	20	42,940	33	94,850	46	82,809	46	47	873	8,238
Pennsylvania .....	130	24	113,830	35	122,550	127	164,868	119	120	1,544	14,891
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	233	19	28,460	70	146,300	233	198,902	230	230	2,830	24,267
Indiana .....	130	11	13,134	48	76,900	129	94,513	124	125	1,518	10,991
Illinois .....	86	4	4,350	31	55,400	84	56,617	80	80	766	5,816
Michigan .....	134	11	19,873	58	91,200	134	87,914	126	127	1,177	8,633
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	49	4	7,900	15	27,200	48	32,550	46	46	486	3,006
Missouri .....	73	4	715	19	16,775	72	19,726	58	58	498	3,352
Kansas .....	26	3	2,000	13	15,700	26	18,361	25	25	246	1,770
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware .....	40	10	23,505	16	43,600	40	44,186	39	39	522	4,572
Maryland .....	189	36	117,541	81	241,015	189	281,378	178	178	2,451	21,567
District of Columbia .....	6	6	31,500	3	22,000	6	22,105	6	6	176	1,748
Virginia .....	44	7	7,521	17	39,800	43	30,478	41	41	477	3,845
West Virginia .....	316	17	7,490	56	119,850	298	97,221	275	290	2,257	19,643
North Carolina .....	187	27	25,588	39	71,450	186	100,282	173	173	1,377	14,580
South Carolina .....	25	3	223	8	11,775	25	7,567	21	24	135	1,486
Georgia .....	50	3	970	4	5,400	49	8,654	36	38	240	2,045
Florida .....	3					3	367	1	1	6	60
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	37	1	35	3	2,200	36	4,510	23	24	121	1,442
Tennessee .....	30			2	1,700	24	3,775	17	17	116	1,047
Alabama .....	100	9	3,825	17	23,450	94	18,554	65	65	425	3,168
Mississippi .....	102			3	2,600	102	7,972	54	54	292	2,706
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	77	5	350	11	8,395	68	9,321	54	56	326	3,150
Louisiana .....	84	1	150	10	5,700	84	8,887	49	49	260	2,378
Oklahoma .....	30	2	1,800	2	1,300	28	3,919	23	25	144	1,324
Texas .....	164	10	1,323	31	26,780	140	31,590	102	104	674	5,666
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	2			1	10,000	2	6,040	2	2	45	580

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Methodist Protestant Church.....	2,473	2,473	186,908	2,463	75,692	110,721	2,262	206	2,266	2,276	\$7,944,467
Alabama.....	94	94	6,884	94	2,855	4,029	89	5	89	89	104,991
Alabama Mission.....	4	4	139	4	50	89	4	.....	4	4	2,950
Arkansas.....	66	66	3,565	66	1,363	2,202	61	4	61	63	40,295
Charleston Mission.....	9	9	1,019	9	422	597	9	.....	9	9	7,275
Colorado-Texas.....	34	34	1,118	34	412	706	12	22	12	12	13,500
Colorado-Texas Mission.....	17	17	771	17	225	546	12	5	12	12	11,241
Eastern.....	98	98	8,074	98	3,235	4,839	94	4	94	94	524,620
Florida Mission.....	3	3	141	3	54	87	3	.....	3	3	2,500
Fort Smith Mission.....	15	15	676	15	300	376	8	6	8	8	6,725
Georgia.....	31	31	1,944	31	844	1,100	27	4	27	27	36,465
Georgia Mission.....	19	19	940	19	407	533	19	.....	19	19	22,680
Indiana.....	129	129	10,357	129	4,220	6,137	127	2	127	128	381,000
Iowa-Missouri.....	72	72	4,962	72	2,050	2,912	71	1	71	71	170,635
Kansas.....	26	26	1,490	26	545	945	25	1	25	26	72,900
Kentucky.....	30	30	1,460	30	644	816	15	15	15	15	11,100
Louisiana.....	83	83	2,942	73	983	1,464	69	14	69	70	42,700
Maryland.....	292	292	34,930	292	13,824	21,106	291	1	291	291	2,128,860
Michigan.....	138	138	5,918	138	2,327	3,591	130	8	130	133	362,050
Mississippi.....	87	87	3,797	87	1,551	2,246	78	9	78	78	33,200
Missouri.....	50	50	2,650	50	1,062	1,618	43	7	43	43	52,995
Muskingum.....	137	137	16,147	137	6,381	9,766	137	.....	137	137	516,725
North Carolina.....	200	200	19,227	200	8,444	10,783	198	2	198	197	418,320
North Illinois.....	44	44	3,086	44	1,283	1,803	43	1	43	43	178,450
North Mississippi.....	20	20	1,010	20	418	592	17	3	17	17	8,200
Ohio.....	89	89	8,602	89	3,474	5,128	88	1	88	88	374,800
Oklahoma.....	30	30	1,113	30	451	662	16	14	16	16	13,550
Onondaga.....	60	60	2,961	60	1,114	1,847	53	7	53	54	162,300
Pittsburgh.....	84	84	12,997	84	5,129	7,868	84	.....	84	84	1,504,900
South Carolina.....	10	10	674	10	279	395	10	.....	10	10	8,900
South Illinois.....	42	42	1,862	42	712	1,150	41	1	41	41	39,950
Tennessee.....	25	25	1,222	25	494	728	23	2	23	25	16,350
Texas.....	110	110	5,027	110	2,021	3,006	72	37	73	74	80,050
Virginia.....	12	12	862	12	349	513	9	3	9	11	8,500
Washington Mission.....	2	2	398	2	131	267	2	.....	2	2	94,500
West Virginia.....	311	311	17,913	311	7,639	10,274	282	27	284	282	490,290



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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Protestant Church .....	2,473	250	\$484,679	679	\$1,385,160	2,393	\$1,509,243	2,081	2,116	20,778	177,918
Alabama .....	94	9	3,825	17	23,450	88	17,835	62	62	412	3,092
Alabama Mission .....	4					4	634	3	3	13	76
Arkansas .....	66	5	350	10	7,920	65	8,874	46	47	251	2,620
Charleston Mission .....	9	3	223	4	1,275	9	1,987	9	12	60	585
Colorado-Texas .....	34	4	375	8	4,580	27	3,078	16	18	105	872
Colorado-Texas Mission .....	17	2	283	2	1,100	15	2,787	15	15	86	532
Eastern .....	98	32	60,371	53	144,750	96	109,789	90	90	1,296	11,878
Florida Mission .....	3					3	367	1	1	6	50
Fort Smith Mission .....	15			1	475	7	778	9	10	81	620
Georgia .....	31			4	5,400	30	4,780	19	19	143	1,377
Georgia Mission .....	19	3	970			19	3,874	17	19	97	668
Indiana .....	129	10	12,484	45	72,900	128	93,322	123	124	1,482	11,011
Iowa-Missouri .....	72	5	8,200	24	35,000	71	41,252	66	66	682	4,310
Kansas .....	26	3	2,000	13	15,700	26	18,361	25	25	246	1,770
Kentucky .....	30	1	35			29	2,960	18	19	112	1,375
Louisiana .....	83	1	150	10	5,700	83	8,681	49	49	261	2,328
Maryland .....	292	66	210,967	126	387,465	292	415,356	276	277	3,934	34,939
Michigan .....	138	13	20,873	61	95,200	138	89,898	130	131	1,237	8,803
Mississippi .....	87			3	2,600	87	6,728	42	42	219	1,976
Missouri .....	50	3	415	10	8,975	49	11,024	38	38	302	2,048
Muskingum .....	137	8	17,410	37	84,650	137	119,196	135	135	1,635	15,140
North Carolina .....	200	27	25,588	43	83,250	199	106,167	186	186	1,464	15,543
North Illinois .....	44	2	3,100	26	50,900	43	45,515	42	42	448	3,741
North Mississippi .....	20					20	1,679	15	15	92	922
Ohio .....	89	10	10,700	31	55,150	89	67,420	88	88	1,103	8,020
Oklahoma .....	30	2	1,800	2	1,300	28	3,919	23	25	144	1,324
Onondaga .....	60	3	7,275	39	51,170	57	37,486	49	53	531	3,281
Pittsburgh .....	84	15	87,880	21	98,400	83	148,947	80	81	1,147	11,966
South Carolina .....	10			2	2,000	10	1,897	6	6	32	359
South Illinois .....	42	2	1,250	5	4,500	41	11,102	38	38	318	2,075
Tennessee .....	25			5	3,900	25	3,006	11	11	53	510
Texas .....	110	4	665	21	21,100	95	25,600	70	70	476	4,222
Virginia .....	12					5	2,030	11	11	74	615
Washington Mission .....	2			1	10,000	2	6,040	2	2	45	580
West Virginia .....	311	17	7,490	55	106,350	293	86,964	271	286	2,191	18,690

## WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION OF AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

As the slavery question began to compel attention, not only in political but in church life, there developed a disposition on the part of the ecclesiastical authorities in the Methodist Episcopal Church to repress or suppress those who felt called upon to testify to their convictions. This went so far as to result in the expulsion of a number of persons and the withdrawal of more, in protest against what they considered the denial of the right of "liberty of testimony" and freedom of discussion, and the improper exercise of ecclesiastical authority. These persons joined forces, and in 1841 a small connection was formed in Michigan which took the name of Wesleyan Methodists. The next year a paper was established, called the True Wesleyan, and a convention was called to prepare for the organization of a church that should be anti-slavery and nonepiscopal. The result was the formation, on May 31, 1843, at Utica, N. Y., of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

About 6,000 members, most of them in New York state, united in this organization. They chose what they called a "republican form of government," in which the majority should rule and the laity have equal rights with the ministry. Owing to the special conditions of the times, three restrictions were emphasized: First, all connection with slavery was prohibited, and any person who in any sense believed in slavery was debarred from membership; second, the use or manufacture of intoxicants, or aiding or abetting the same, either directly or indirectly, was prohibited; third, membership in secret societies was prohibited on the ground that "the God-ordained relations of 'Home,' 'State,' and 'Church'" are sufficient to meet the obligations and duties of mankind toward God and man. With the settlement of the slavery question the Wesleyan Methodists became prohibitionists almost en masse, so that it is probable that there is not a minister in the connection who is not a prohibitionist.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church is in accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist bodies in general throughout the world. It holds that man is not only justified by faith in Christ, but also sanctified by faith, and that all who accept Him as Saviour and Lord will be so delivered from sin and its consequences that they will enter upon the eternal state without "impairment," either in body, soul, or spirit.

## POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization of the church is essentially that of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

except in respect to the episcopacy and the participation of the laity in church government. No minister can be ordained without the consent of, or without first being recommended by, the laity, and the ministry and government of the church are just what the laity make them. The General Conference, which meets every four years, is the lawmaking body of the connection, limited by a constitution. The limitations are:

The articles of faith can not be changed except by the consent of the annual conferences, churches, and members. While the church has an itinerant ministry, yet it is by agreement between the ministry and the churches, and this can not be abolished except by vote of the annual conferences, churches, and members. No new conditions of membership can be instituted except by vote of the general and annual conferences, and a majority of the membership. In all these things the General Conference has veto power, the annual conferences have veto powers, and should these two bodies pass any measure that the membership did not approve of, the membership can veto the same by voting against it.

## WORK.

The missionary activities of the church are carried on through the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection. All pastors are regarded as home missionary workers and agents, but there are 14 special missionaries in the home field. No help is given to specific churches, but the work is general evangelism. It extends through different parts of the United States and Canada, but is mostly confined to the Southern states, especially North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The receipts for this work in 1917 were \$5,500. In addition, the various annual conferences have funds of their own which they expend as they deem best, without reference to the Missionary Society and without making any report to the General Conference.

The foreign missionary work is carried on at Kunso, near Freetown, Sierra Leone, and in India they have strong mission stations in the Surat and Sanjan districts. The appropriations by the Missionary Society are, for the most part, merely supplementary to amounts raised in the mission churches or appropriated by the annual conferences. In addition to the mission station at Kunso, there are 3 out stations where missionaries reside. In 1917 there were 17 American missionaries in Africa and India; 18 native workers; 3 church organizations, including several congregations and reporting 100 members; 4 church schools, with about 65 students; and 3 general schools open to all. Medical work is as yet unorganized, though there is a medical missionary who treats a number of patients. All the workers have received more or less private instructions, so as to be able to use simple remedies. The total amount received for the work during the year was \$17,682, and the property is valued at \$11,200.

The home educational work of the church includes 4 institutions of higher grade in New York, Indiana, Kansas, and South Carolina, with a total of 700 students. The property is valued at \$132,000, and there is an endowment of \$100,000. During the year 1917 the contributions for education were \$66,100, part of which was used in erecting buildings.

Young people's work is represented by 345 young missionary workers' bands, with a membership of 10,224.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection for 1916 and 1906 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 471 and 472, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	579	594	-15	-2.5
Members.....	20,778	20,043	735	3.7
Church edifices.....	529	489	40	8.2
Value of church property.....	\$787,731	\$637,117	\$150,614	23.6
Debt on church property.....	\$37,060	\$18,914	\$18,146	95.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	217	176	41	23.3
Value.....	\$243,650	\$159,175	\$84,475	53.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	529	505	24	4.8
Officers and teachers.....	3,912	3,442	470	13.7
Scholars.....	29,850	21,463	8,387	39.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$89,282	\$39,003	\$50,279	128.9
Domestic.....	\$71,600	\$28,942	\$42,658	147.4
Foreign.....	\$17,682	\$10,061	\$7,621	75.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has suffered a loss in number of organizations, but has gained in every other particular, although in most cases not greatly. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 579 as against 594 in 1906, a decrease of 2.5 per cent. The membership rose from 20,043 in 1906 to 20,778 in 1916, an increase of 3.7 per cent. The number of church edifices increased from 489 to 529, or 8.2 per cent, and the value of church property from \$637,117 to \$787,731, or 23.6 per cent. Debt reported in 1916 by 84 organizations amounted to \$37,060, while in 1906, 49 organizations reported a debt of \$18,914. There was an increase of 41, or 23.3 per cent, in the number of churches reporting parsonages, and an increase of \$84,475, or 53.1 per cent, in the value of the parsonages. Sunday schools advanced in number from 505 to 529, or 4.8 per cent, and the scholars increased from 21,463 to 29,850, or 39.1 per cent. The contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$39,003 to \$89,282, or 128.9 per cent, the principal increase being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$329,294, reported by 525 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 382 organizations in 1916, was 822, constituting 5.6 per cent of the 14,761 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,017 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,157.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 579 organizations, 578, with 20,717 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 1, with 61 members, reported the use of an Indian language in connection with English. In 1906, 2 organizations reported the use of an Indian language alone.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 436. As shown by the following table, 414 sent in schedules, reporting 287 in pastoral work and 127 not in pastoral work. The number reporting full salaries was 176, and the average annual salary reported was \$529. Of those not in pastoral work, 34 were on the retired list, 58 were in denominational, educational, or evangelistic work, and 35 reported other occupations.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	414	178	109	127	\$529
Alabama.....	10	2	5	3	266
California.....	3	1	1	2	441
Florida.....	2	1	1	1	290
Georgia.....	18	6	7	5	466
Illinois.....	7	4	3	3	780
Indiana.....	45	20	13	12	653
Iowa.....	18	10	3	5	495
Kansas.....	30	8	9	13	483
Michigan.....	50	21	17	12	516
Minnesota.....	3	1	1	2	.....
Montana.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Nebraska.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
New York.....	78	43	10	25	565
North Carolina.....	41	13	14	14	441
Ohio.....	19	6	8	5	545
Oklahoma.....	8	2	3	3	374
Oregon.....	2	1	.....	1	483
Pennsylvania.....	21	13	4	4	499
South Carolina.....	16	8	1	7	495
South Dakota.....	15	10	1	4	581
Tennessee.....	6	4	1	1	205
Vermont.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....
Virginia.....	5	2	2	1	500
West Virginia.....	4	2	.....	2	550
Wisconsin.....	9	2	6	1	550

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection.....	579	579	20,778	536	7,508	12,380	515	37	529	514	\$787,731
New England division:											
Vermont.....	3	3	96	3	30	66	3		4	3	4,200
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	73	73	2,365	68	846	1,477	68	3	71	66	141,250
Pennsylvania.....	46	46	1,386	43	454	872	38	5	38	38	54,710
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	40	40	1,803	36	626	1,078	36	1	39	36	73,925
Indiana.....	96	96	4,511	92	1,688	2,679	90	5	90	91	180,247
Illinois.....	7	7	248	7	98	150	6	1	6	6	11,600
Michigan.....	72	72	2,411	66	841	1,383	62	8	62	62	103,750
Wisconsin.....	10	10	256	10	100	156	10		10	10	11,150
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	54	2	16	38	1		1	1	2,000
Iowa.....	19	19	556	16	198	346	17	1	17	17	25,250
South Dakota.....	7	7	294	7	121	173	6		6	6	15,700
Kansas.....	28	28	1,004	20	368	489	25	2	25	24	28,900
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	1	1	73	1	27	46	1		1	1	1,200
West Virginia.....	8	8	216	8	83	133	8		8	8	10,900
North Carolina.....	48	48	1,477	47	513	917	44	2	48	45	37,754
South Carolina.....	35	35	1,613	34	588	965	30	2	33	30	39,555
Georgia.....	39	39	1,005	32	360	573	31	2	31	31	18,300
Florida.....	8	8	91	8	36	55	8		8	8	2,450
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	11	11	354	11	136	318	10		10	10	7,800
Alabama.....	11	11	642	11	267	375	10	1	10	10	9,750
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	15	15	323	14	112	191	11	4	11	11	7,340

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection.....	579	84	\$37,060	217	\$243,650	525	\$329,294	500	529	3,912	29,850
New England division:											
Vermont.....	3			3	1,900	2	2,548	2	3	31	187
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	73	16	3,825	43	59,750	69	57,164	65	71	509	3,618
Pennsylvania.....	46	2	2,150	14	17,050	44	23,323	43	46	343	2,532
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	40	3	3,550	17	24,000	32	36,844	35	38	304	2,284
Indiana.....	96	19	11,470	34	31,550	87	74,550	90	90	793	5,764
Illinois.....	7	1	1,460	4	7,000	7	4,903	7	7	62	423
Michigan.....	72	3	3,741	42	42,650	66	37,056	60	65	499	3,834
Wisconsin.....	10			2	2,500	10	4,447	8	8	52	319
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2			1	1,500	1	1,252	2	2	17	99
Iowa.....	19			12	15,400	15	10,191	16	17	121	759
South Dakota.....	7			5	10,100	7	9,294	7	7	47	405
Kansas.....	28	3	495	17	15,500	25	20,074	24	25	209	1,544
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	1					1	1,051	1	1	9	91
West Virginia.....	8	1	1,228			8	3,971	8	8	51	408
North Carolina.....	48	17	4,720	7	4,400	44	12,490	43	47	287	2,674
South Carolina.....	35	10	2,170	3	3,750	33	13,325	32	35	224	2,278
Georgia.....	39	2	300	5	3,750	38	6,974	23	23	128	1,104
Florida.....	8			1	200	3	380	3	3	13	99
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	11	4	986			10	1,996	9	10	64	321
Alabama.....	11	2	900	1	250	9	5,421	10	11	73	690
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	15	1	65	6	2,400	14	2,040	12	12	76	417

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection.....	579	579	20,778	536	7,508	12,380	515	37	529	514	\$787,731
Alabama.....	10	10	592	10	249	343	9	1	9	9	8,450
Allegheny.....	45	45	1,271	41	404	787	42	.....	42	42	66,675
Champlain.....	33	33	1,010	30	339	666	33	.....	37	31	64,150
Dakota.....	7	7	294	7	121	173	6	.....	6	6	15,700
Georgia.....	47	47	1,096	40	396	628	39	2	39	39	20,750
Illinois.....	7	7	248	7	98	150	6	1	6	6	11,600
Indiana.....	98	98	4,578	94	1,716	2,718	92	5	92	93	182,647
Iowa.....	21	21	610	18	214	384	18	1	18	18	27,250
Kansas.....	28	28	1,004	20	368	489	25	2	25	24	28,900
Lockport.....	18	18	646	18	233	413	17	1	17	17	30,100
Michigan.....	43	43	1,671	38	566	918	42	1	42	42	77,900
North Carolina.....	54	54	1,703	53	574	1,082	48	2	52	49	43,909
North Michigan.....	29	29	740	28	275	465	20	7	20	20	25,850
Ohio.....	16	16	733	16	295	438	15	1	16	15	23,450
Oklahoma.....	15	15	323	14	112	191	11	4	11	11	7,340
Rochester.....	40	40	1,320	37	481	761	30	7	30	30	65,110
South Carolina.....	34	34	1,577	33	580	937	30	2	33	30	39,600
South Ohio.....	16	16	819	14	259	522	14	.....	16	14	33,100
Tennessee.....	8	8	287	8	128	159	8	.....	8	8	4,100
Wisconsin.....	10	10	256	10	100	156	10	.....	10	10	11,150

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection.....	579	84	\$37,060	217	\$243,650	525	\$329,294	500	529	3,912	29,850
Alabama.....	10	2	900	1	250	8	5,019	9	10	67	646
Allegheny.....	45	5	3,878	14	20,500	42	44,099	41	41	335	2,810
Champlain.....	33	1	125	22	28,250	28	19,742	25	29	204	1,522
Dakota.....	7	.....	.....	5	10,100	7	9,294	7	7	47	405
Georgia.....	47	2	300	6	3,950	41	7,354	26	26	141	1,203
Illinois.....	7	1	1,460	4	7,000	7	4,903	7	7	62	423
Indiana.....	98	19	11,470	35	32,350	89	76,154	92	92	806	5,854
Iowa.....	21	.....	.....	13	16,900	16	11,443	18	19	138	858
Kansas.....	28	3	495	17	15,500	25	20,074	24	25	209	1,544
Lockport.....	18	2	2,000	13	19,550	18	17,046	18	20	136	1,169
Michigan.....	43	2	3,100	24	28,700	42	26,070	40	40	350	2,510
North Carolina.....	54	20	5,646	7	4,400	50	15,285	47	51	317	2,900
North Michigan.....	29	1	641	18	13,950	24	10,986	20	25	149	1,324
Ohio.....	16	.....	.....	7	7,900	13	7,686	15	17	136	969
Oklahoma.....	15	1	65	6	2,400	14	2,040	12	12	76	417
Rochester.....	40	12	1,500	17	21,900	39	29,018	38	42	311	1,781
South Carolina.....	34	10	2,170	3	3,750	32	13,193	31	34	220	2,268
South Ohio.....	16	2	3,250	3	3,800	13	4,655	14	15	103	688
Tennessee.....	8	1	60	.....	.....	7	786	8	9	53	240
Wisconsin.....	10	.....	.....	2	2,500	10	4,447	8	8	52	319

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

Among the features of the evangelistic movement in this country during the first decade of the nineteenth century was one that was distinctively American—the camp meeting. The first one appears to have been conducted in eastern Kentucky in 1800 by a union of Methodists and Presbyterians. Subsequently the Presbyterians withdrew to a considerable degree, and the camp meeting became a special feature of Methodist revival work, particularly throughout the West and the South. So much attention was attracted to this institution that several accounts were printed in the Methodist magazines of England, and early in the nineteenth century an American named Lorenzo Dow went over to England and aroused in the hearts of several members of the Wesleyan Connection a strong desire to have one in that country. Accordingly arrangements were made and one was held at Mow Cop, Staffordshire, on Sunday, May 31, 1807. So successful was this that other meetings followed, and a large number of converts were organized into societies or classes. When they sought admission into the Wesleyan Connection, however, they were refused unless they would break off all connection with the camp meeting Methodists, the conference declaring the meetings highly improper and likely to be productive of considerable mischief. A few persisted in holding them, and the immediate result was the expulsion from the Methodist body in June, 1808, of Hugh Bourne, and in September, 1810, of William Clowes, two of the leaders, who have always been considered the founders of the Primitive Methodist Church.

The meeting at Mow Cop is regarded as the real beginning of Primitive Methodism, although the first society or church was organized in March, 1810, at Standley, and was composed of 10 converts, none of whom belonged to any other church. The name "Primitive" was officially assumed at a meeting held at Tunstall, England, in February, 1812, in order to distinguish the new societies, which up to that time had been known as "Camp Meeting Methodists," from the original Methodist body, which later adopted the name Wesleyan. The subsequent emigration of considerable numbers of members to America led to the formation of societies in various parts of the United States and Canada, the first missionaries arriving in July, 1829, while Bourne himself visited America in 1844. As the work extended, three conferences were formed—the Western, the Pennsylvania, and the Eastern.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrine of the Primitive Methodist Church is essentially that of other branches of Methodism. It lays especial emphasis on one triune God; the divinity of Christ; the divinity and personality of the Holy

Spirit; the innocence, fall, and redemption of mankind; the necessity of repentance, justification, regeneration, sanctification producing holiness of heart and life; the resurrection of the dead and the conscious future existence of all men, the general judgment, and eternal rewards and punishments.

In polity the church is in general accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church, having a quadrennial General Conference and annual and quarterly conferences. General and district committees of the annual conferences conduct the work between sessions. There are, however, no bishops or presiding elders, and there is no time limit for the pastorate. Each church is supplied with a pastor by the annual conference, largely by its "invitation." A society meeting is called the first week in March, at which three ministers are designated as first, second, and third choice for pastor for the ensuing year beginning in May. If the first declines, the second is invited; if he declines, the third is invited; if he declines, another society meeting is called, and the same course pursued. When an invitation is accepted by a minister, the annual conference simply ratifies the agreement, "except for grave reasons." The invitation is for one year, but may be renewed indefinitely. All uninvited ministers are stationed by the annual conference, and no candidates for the ministry are received unless there are churches for them.

## WORK.

The general activities of the Primitive Methodist Church are under the care of committees elected by the conference. The home mission work is under the direction of conference missionary boards, the members of which are elected annually by the 3 conferences of the denomination. Each board has jurisdiction within the bounds of its own conference and reports to it annually. During the year 1916 there were 9 missionaries employed, serving 9 churches, and contributions were reported to the amount of \$6,731.

The foreign mission work is under the care of a general foreign missionary committee, composed of 2 representatives from each annual conference, 1 minister and 1 layman, elected by the General Conference. Until about 10 years ago all contributions for foreign work were made through channels outside the denomination, but then the church undertook the support of a mission at Bani, West Africa, with the hope of adding other missions in the interior. The report for 1916 shows 1 station, 1 American missionary, 1 native helper, 1 organized church, with 125 members, and 2 schools, with 250 pupils. The total amount contributed for the foreign work was \$1,000.

The educational work of the church is carried on through a nonresident school of theology, affiliated with the Bible School of New York City and the

Moody school at Northfield, Mass. It embraces courses of study for Sunday school workers, lay preachers, candidates for the ministry, and ministerial probationers, with academic and collegiate courses leading to degrees. During 1916 the sum of \$200 was contributed for this work.

The Wesley League of Christian Endeavor reported 70 societies, with 2,700 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Primitive Methodist Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, in the tables below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	93	96	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	9,353	7,558	1,795	23.7
Church edifices.....	93	101	-8	-7.9
Value of church property.....	\$829,035	\$630,700	\$198,335	31.4
Debt on church property.....	\$85,869	\$90,965	-\$5,096	-5.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	51	49	2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$164,300	\$103,600	\$60,700	58.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	93	98	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	1,557	1,563	-6	-0.4
Scholars.....	14,918	13,177	1,741	13.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$7,931	\$6,716	\$1,215	18.1
Domestic.....	\$6,931	\$5,916	\$1,015	17.2
Foreign.....	\$1,000	\$800	\$200	25.0

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a slight loss in the denomination in organizations, in church edifices, and in Sunday schools, but a con-

siderable increase in membership, in value of church property and parsonages, and in the number of Sunday school scholars. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 93, as against 96 in 1906; the number of church edifices 93, as against 101; but the value of church property rose from \$630,700 to \$829,035, an increase of 31.4 per cent. Debt showed a decrease of 5.6 per cent; 2 more churches reported parsonages; and there was an increase of 58.6 per cent in the value of parsonages. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$6,716 to \$7,931, or 18.1 per cent, the greater part being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$147,695, reported by 92 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 81 organizations in 1916, was 734, constituting 8.5 per cent of the 8,682 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 671 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 791.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 74, of whom 62 sent in schedules reporting an average annual salary of \$836.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organ- izations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organ- izations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organ- izations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organ- izations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Primitive Methodist Church.....	93	93	9,353	91	3,366	5,863	91	93	91	\$829,035	
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	11	11	1,599	11	604	995	11	11	11	280,000	
Rhode Island.....	8	8	500	8	195	305	8	8	8	45,000	
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	205	2	69	136	2	2	2	36,000	
Pennsylvania.....	42	42	5,793	40	2,096	3,573	42	42	42	367,335	
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	232	4	87	145	4	4	4	33,300	
Illinois.....	2	2	259	2	78	181	2	2	2	19,000	
Wisconsin.....	22	22	725	22	217	508	20	22	20	45,400	
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2	2	40	2	20	20	2	2	2	3,000	

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Primitive Methodist Church.....	93	36	\$85,869	51	\$164,300	92	\$147,695	90	93	1,557	14,918
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	11	8	24,000	7	32,000	11	24,894	11	12	244	2,643
Rhode Island.....	8	6	12,155	3	8,000	8	11,273	8	8	106	867
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	2	2	8,600	1	4,000	2	4,460	2	2	28	219
Pennsylvania.....	42	17	39,514	31	101,500	42	85,587	42	43	928	9,132
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	1	900	1	4,000	4	5,801	4	4	40	318
Illinois.....	2	1	500	2	4,000	2	3,813	2	2	26	364
Wisconsin.....	22	1	200	5	10,300	21	11,727	19	20	165	1,210
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2			1	500	2	140	2	2	20	165

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Primitive Methodist Church.....	93	93	9,353	91	3,366	5,863	91	93	91	\$829,035	
Eastern.....	21	21	2,304	21	868	1,436	21	21	21	361,000	
Pennsylvania.....	46	46	6,025	44	2,183	3,718	46	46	46	400,635	
Western.....	26	26	1,024	26	315	709	24	26	24	67,400	

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Primitive Methodist Church.....	93	36	\$85,869	51	\$164,300	92	\$147,695	90	93	1,557	14,918
Eastern.....	21	16	44,755	11	44,000	21	40,627	21	22	378	3,729
Pennsylvania.....	46	18	40,414	32	105,500	46	91,388	46	47	968	9,450
Western.....	26	2	700	8	14,800	25	15,680	23	24	211	1,739

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

HISTORY.

The early history of Methodism in America was closely identified with slaveholding sections. The southern colonies furnished the majority of the young men who entered the ministry of the church during the Revolutionary War, and out of approximately 15,000 members of the Methodist societies in 1783, only about 2,000 resided in what, in later years, were known as the "free states." All the conferences between 1776 and 1808 were held either in Baltimore or in that region, and 6 out of the 9 bishops elected previous to 1844 had been natives of slaveholding states. Nevertheless, the

Methodist preachers of the time were, with practical unanimity, opposed to human bondage.

The "Christmas Conference" of 1784, which organized the scattered congregations into the Methodist Episcopal Church, enacted a specific rule which required all slaveholding members, under penalty of expulsion for noncompliance, to emancipate their slaves; but it stirred up so much strife, and proved to be so impracticable of execution, that in less than six months it was suspended. After various and somewhat conflicting measures had been adopted, the General Conference of 1808 provided that thereafter each annual conference should deal with the whole matter according



to its own judgment. In 1816 this provision was modified by another statute which remained in force until 1844, to the effect that no slaveholder should be appointed to any official position in the church, if the state in which he lived made it possible for him to liberate his slaves. This compromise proceeded upon the supposition that, while slavery was an evil to be mitigated in every possible way, it was not necessarily a sin.

In 1844 a new issue was raised. Bishop James O. Andrew, of Georgia, a man of high Christian character and "eminent beyond almost any living minister for the interest that he had taken in the welfare of the slaves," became by inheritance and by marriage a nominal slaveholder. Under the laws of Georgia it was not possible for him or his wife to free their slaves. He was therefore exempt, as scores of other southern ministers were, from the operation of the law of 1816. In the General Conference of 1844, held in New York, a preamble and resolution were adopted, calling attention to the embarrassment which would result from this connection with slavery in the bishop's exercise of his office as an itinerant general superintendent, and declaring it "the sense of this General Conference that he desist from the exercise of his office so long as this impediment remains." The southern delegates resented this action, which virtually deposed him from the episcopacy, and entered a protest against it. They said that if Bishop Andrew had violated any law of the church they did not object to his being put upon trial for the offense; but they did object to his deposition by a mere majority vote, and without any specific allegation based upon the law of the church being brought against him. Such action they regarded as a flagrant violation of the constitution of the church, according to which, as they interpreted it, the episcopacy was not a mere office subject to the control of an omnipotent General Conference, but a coordinate and independent branch of the church government. The result was that after long debate, conducted for the most part in an admirably Christian spirit, a provisional plan of separation was adopted, to become effective whenever the southern conferences should deem it necessary. A convention of representatives from the southern conferences was held at Louisville, Ky., and on May 17, 1845, by an almost unanimous vote, the plan of separation was approved, and the annual conferences in the slaveholding states were erected into a distinct ecclesiastical connection, separate from the jurisdiction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the name chosen for the new body being the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Its first General Conference was held at Petersburg, Va., in 1846.

Although the General Conference of 1844 had adopted the provisional plan of separation, many northern leaders in the church, including some of those

who had voted for it, regretted the action taken, and declared the plan unconstitutional and void. Furthermore, the part of the plan relating to the division of the property of the Book Concern, while receiving a majority of votes in the annual conferences, failed to obtain the requisite three-fourths required by the constitution of the church; and in the General Conference of 1848, held at Pittsburgh, Pa., the entire plan was repudiated and declared null and void. A fraternal delegate from the South was denied reception, the conference stating that it did "not consider it proper, at present, to enter into fraternal relations with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." Suits were finally decided by the Supreme Court of the United States declaring the plan valid and binding in all its parts.

The Southern Church began with 2 bishops, Joshua Soule and James O. Andrew, and 16 annual conferences. In 1846 there were 1,519 traveling preachers, 2,833 local preachers, 327,284 white members, 124,961 Negro members, and 2,972 Indian members, or a total of 459,569. The growth was rapid, and when the Civil War began the membership had increased to 757,205, including 207,776 Negroes.

The war wrought havoc. Hundreds of church buildings were burned or dismantled, college buildings were abandoned, and the endowments were swept away. During the war, the annual conferences met irregularly or in fragments; the General Conference of 1862 was not held; and the whole order of the itinerancy was interrupted. Many of the most liberal supporters of the church and its institutions were reduced to abject want; the publishing house was seized for a United States printing office, and the church press was silent. The missionaries in China were cut off from their home board and would have suffered much but for the fact that the treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church indorsed the drafts for their support. By 1866 the membership had been reduced to 511,161, showing a loss of 246,044. Three-fourths of the Negro members had joined either the African Methodist churches, or the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose representatives were to be found everywhere throughout the South. The remainder formed, in 1870, an independent organization, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

In spite of these facts the work of reconstruction was begun at once. At the General Conference of 1866 changes were made in regard to lay representation in annual and general conferences, the probationary system, class meetings, and the itinerancy. In 1874 the first fraternal delegation from the Methodist Episcopal Church was received. Since the war contributions to foreign missions have greatly advanced, and home mission work for Indians, Mexicans, and others has developed. Vanderbilt University was opened for the

reception of students in 1875, and 4 years later reported 519 students. In 1884, the centennial year of Episcopal Methodism, a special contribution of \$1,382,771 was made, mostly for local objects. By 1882 the membership had increased to 860,687, and at the General Conference in 1890 it was reported as 1,177,150.

The church has entered heartily into the various movements for church unity and fellowship, is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, is represented on the Committee on a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order, and is closely identified with interdenominational movements, as the Y. M. C. A., American Bible Society, etc. It has participated with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the consideration of plans for the union of the two churches. It has taken a prominent part in the war work of the churches, establishing its own commission and raising a fund for work in the cantonments and in the field.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in agreement with other branches of Methodism throughout the world, putting special emphasis upon the universality of the atonement, the witness of the Spirit, and the possibility of holiness in heart and life.

In polity it is in close accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church and emphasizes the episcopate. The bishops hold office for life, unless removed by due process of law for personal or official misconduct, and have a limited veto on constitutional questions over the acts of the General Conference. There is equal clerical and lay representation in the General Conference, and effective lay representation in the annual conferences. Attendance on class meeting ceased to be a condition of membership in 1866. The fixed probation of six months is not required of candidates for membership, nor are they required to subscribe to the 25 Articles of Religion, as in the northern branch of the church. The itinerancy is still maintained, the pastoral term being limited to four consecutive years. In other respects there is little difference from the polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### WORK.

The general denominational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is under the care of the General Board of Missions, which includes the home and foreign missionary work of the women, a Board of Church Extension, a Sunday School Board, and an Epworth League Board, supplemented by special boards in the several annual conferences.

The home mission work is conducted by the Home Department of the General Board of Missions, by the annual conference boards, the Board of Church Extension, and women's boards of city missions in various cities, the last-named being auxiliary to the

women's department of the general board. The general board gives particular attention to the work among immigrants, mountain people, miners, Negroes, and Indians, as well as to work in congested quarters of the cities. The various city mission boards deal chiefly with the last-named problem by means of social settlements and the like. The annual conference boards of missions are concerned chiefly in supplementing pastoral support in poor territory, where without their help preachers could not be maintained. During 1916 these various home mission agencies employed 268 missionaries, gave missionary support in whole or in part to about 2,400 mission workers and pastors, and aided 2,390 churches. The Board of Church Extension assisted in the building of 285 churches during the year, and has a loan fund of \$976,461 which is used for this purpose. The church contributed to all of these home mission causes in 1916 the sum of \$1,243,329.

The foreign missionary work of the church is carried on by the General Board of Missions, and the fields occupied are China, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, and Africa. The report for 1916 shows 60 stations, occupied by 382 missionaries, and 444 native preachers and other helpers; 589 churches, with 34,040 members; 222 schools, with 15,021 pupils; and 8 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 55,050 patients. There were 669 Sunday schools, which enrolled 40,345 scholars. The contributions of the church to foreign missions in 1916 were \$984,306, an increase of \$63,682 over the total for the previous year. The board has property in mission lands valued at \$4,000,000.

The educational institutions of the church in the United States include 45 colleges and 34 secondary institutions, with 1,359 teachers and 19,736 students. During 1916 the contributions for education amounted to \$344,518, while the value of property devoted to this cause was estimated at \$15,840,080, and the value of endowments was \$9,196,224.

The church has under its care 4 hospitals, with property valued at \$1,800,000; and 13 orphanages, valued at \$1,240,000 and caring for 1,739 orphans. It reports, also, endowment for these institutions amounting to \$1,262,000, and about \$450,000 contributed for their establishment and maintenance.

The young people of the church are organized in 3,841 Epworth Leagues, with a membership of 137,333; and there are 1,924,698 enrolled in the Sunday schools. In 1916 the Church Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., with branches at Richmond, Va., and Dallas, Tex., had assets of \$1,548,749, and reported sales amounting to \$1,029,906. The publishing house in Nashville publishes 16 periodicals, including Sunday school literature having an aggregate circulation of more than a million and a half. In addition there are 16 periodicals supported by the annual conferences, which have a circulation of about 150,000.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are given, by states and conferences or missions, on pages 479 to 482, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	19,220	17,831	1,389	7.8
Members.....	2,114,479	1,638,480	475,999	29.1
Church edifices.....	17,251	15,933	1,318	8.3
Value of church property.....	\$62,428,433	\$37,278,424	\$25,150,009	67.5
Debt on church property.....	\$3,849,850	\$1,256,093	\$2,593,757	206.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	5,327	4,566	761	16.7
Value.....	\$11,777,753	\$7,265,610	\$4,512,143	62.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	16,690	14,306	2,384	16.7
Officers and teachers.....	152,177	113,328	38,849	34.3
Scholars.....	1,688,559	1,040,160	648,399	62.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$3,022,153	\$2,214,316	\$807,837	36.5
Domestic.....	\$2,037,847	\$1,447,689	\$590,158	40.8
Foreign.....	\$984,306	\$766,627	\$217,679	28.4

From this table it is seen that the denomination has gained largely in membership, in value of church property, in value of parsonages, in number of Sunday school scholars, and in the amount of contributions, but to a less degree in other items. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 19,220 as against 17,831 in 1906, an increase of 7.8 per cent, while the membership advanced from 1,638,480 to 2,114,479, or 29.1 per cent. The value of church property increased from \$37,278,424 to \$62,428,433, and the debt on church property from \$1,256,093, reported by 1,914 organizations, to \$3,849,850, reported by 1,914 organizations. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 4,566 to 5,327, or 16.7 per cent, and the value of the parsonages increased from \$7,265,610 to \$11,777,753, or 62.1 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased from 14,306 to 16,690, or 16.7 per cent, and the number of scholars rose from 1,040,160 in 1906 to 1,688,559 in 1916, an increase of 62.3 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$2,214,316 in 1906 to \$3,022,153 in 1916, or 36.5 per cent, over two-thirds of the increase being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$17,139,398 were reported by 18,751 organizations and cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 13,918 organizations in 1916, was 150,836,

constituting 9.4 per cent of the 1,599,436 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 515,043 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 199,408.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 19,220 organizations, 19,068, with 2,104,837 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 31, with 3,936 members, reported foreign languages in connection with English; and 121 organizations, with 5,706 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 8. The Indian languages were reported alone, or in connection with English, by 72 organizations, with 2,839 members; 67 organizations, with 2,535 members, using the Indian only. Next in order was Spanish reported alone, or in connection with English, by 45 organizations, with 4,115 members; 38 organizations, with 2,402 members, using Spanish only. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 3 in the number of languages reported—the Dutch, Japanese, and Korean—but almost the same proportion of organizations using foreign languages exclusively in the conduct of church services.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was given as 7,498. Schedules were received from 4,812, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	4,812	3,922	189	701	\$1,037
Alabama.....	320	268	15	37	940
Arizona.....	8	8			1,056
Arkansas.....	224	177	9	38	1,097
California.....	54	38	7	9	1,040
Colorado.....	11	8	2	1	960
Connecticut.....	1		1		
District of Columbia.....	10	6		4	667
Florida.....	141	128	4	9	1,078
Georgia.....	388	313	10	65	1,095
Idaho.....	8	4	3	1	583
Illinois.....	35	22	6	7	538
Indiana.....	3	1		2	1,000
Iowa.....	2	2			820
Kansas.....	10	5	4	1	851
Kentucky.....	258	216	10	32	895
Louisiana.....	116	100	1	15	993
Maryland.....	55	48	3	4	1,060
Mississippi.....	262	220	7	35	918
Missouri.....	333	260	12	61	1,051
Montana.....	13	10	1	2	923
Nebraska.....	1	1			
New Mexico.....	26	21	1	4	1,020
New York.....	2			2	
North Carolina.....	376	325	8	43	1,058
North Dakota.....	1			1	
Ohio.....	1		1		
Oklahoma.....	182	153	7	22	929
Oregon.....	14	11		3	846
Pennsylvania.....	1	1			
South Carolina.....	233	202	4	27	1,122
Tennessee.....	366	279	21	66	966
Texas.....	774	642	17	115	1,118
Virginia.....	419	338	18	63	1,093
Washington.....	8	5	2	1	777
West Virginia.....	156	110	15	31	1,010

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

Of the 4,812 ministers reporting, 4,111 were in pastoral work, 189 being supplies and assistants; reports from 3,920 pastors gave an average annual salary of \$1,037. Of the 701 not in pastoral work, 282 were on

the retired list, 186 in denominational service, including bishops and others, 121 in educational and editorial work, and 80 in evangelistic and philanthropic work.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	19,220	19,184	2,114,479	17,993	810,703	1,157,001	17,138	1,784	17,251	17,133	\$62,428,433
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	15	15	811	15	360	451	14	1	14	14	24,450
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	2	428	2	168	260	2		2	2	12,509
Illinois.....	105	104	7,328	104	2,935	4,393	102	3	102	102	141,500
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2	2	116	2	49	67	2		2	2	2,600
Missouri.....	1,114	1,114	133,756	1,047	48,259	73,610	1,057	34	1,070	1,058	5,130,709
Nebraska.....	3	3	184	1	8	11	3		3	3	3,200
Kansas.....	23	23	1,795	23	671	1,124	20	3	20	20	62,000
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	155	155	15,751	152	6,040	9,361	151	1	153	151	812,350
District of Columbia.....	7	7	2,666	7	1,021	1,645	7		7	7	216,500
Virginia.....	1,595	1,594	202,648	1,506	78,138	108,997	1,525	62	1,535	1,524	6,436,294
West Virginia.....	687	687	53,020	629	20,938	29,821	560	109	582	562	1,868,095
North Carolina.....	1,662	1,661	199,764	1,594	81,024	112,173	1,592	70	1,602	1,591	5,453,145
South Carolina.....	851	851	105,306	712	37,162	50,431	807	44	809	806	2,928,638
Georgia.....	1,665	1,665	219,755	1,432	79,214	107,603	1,607	17	1,611	1,612	5,913,257
Florida.....	590	590	51,505	590	20,430	31,075	492	52	503	491	1,721,210
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	1,086	1,084	114,795	1,010	43,027	64,395	1,026	59	1,033	1,026	3,746,710
Tennessee.....	1,524	1,518	167,270	1,491	67,143	95,889	1,435	89	1,435	1,434	4,580,995
Alabama.....	1,507	1,506	167,938	1,506	71,414	96,524	1,381	125	1,389	1,381	3,990,086
Mississippi.....	1,157	1,154	114,409	1,030	43,030	58,201	1,091	66	1,093	1,080	2,771,370
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,216	1,205	110,993	1,168	42,360	65,067	997	174	1,003	994	2,562,989
Louisiana.....	403	402	38,940	403	15,347	23,593	345	13	347	347	1,490,795
Oklahoma.....	721	716	60,263	689	23,105	35,218	485	229	486	485	1,552,459
Texas.....	2,787	2,785	316,812	2,567	118,868	171,282	2,196	538	2,205	2,197	9,340,073
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	16	16	1,258	16	508	750	15		15	15	85,400
Idaho.....	16	16	680	16	325	355	12	4	12	12	25,130
Colorado.....	16	16	1,858	16	712	1,146	15	1	15	15	116,500
New Mexico.....	114	114	7,120	101	2,472	4,009	47	67	47	47	203,800
Arizona.....	22	22	1,939	22	745	1,194	18	1	19	18	135,100
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	9	9	620	9	220	400	7	1	7	7	31,359
Oregon.....	30	30	2,515	30	976	1,539	27	2	30	27	185,950
California.....	120	118	12,176	104	4,034	6,417	100	19	100	103	883,278

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	19,220	1,914	\$3,849,850	5,327	\$11,777,753	18,751	\$17,139,398	16,308	16,690	152,177	1,688,559
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	15			2	3,500	15	2,698	12	12	88	665
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	1	1,100	1	2,000	2	2,650	2	3	35	471
Illinois.....	105	9	2,700	37	40,800	105	44,500	98	100	921	7,151
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	2			1	1,000	2	1,430	2	2	13	130
Missouri.....	1,114	97	164,516	371	743,615	1,098	1,148,295	978	990	10,278	117,273
Nebraska.....	3			1	1,500	3	2,256	2	2	17	180
Kansas.....	23			9	14,100	22	14,941	19	20	170	1,916
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	155	15	19,904	52	145,150	151	153,533	146	150	1,721	15,754
District of Columbia.....	7	5	29,900	2	9,500	7	55,013	7	7	183	2,485
Virginia.....	1,595	152	485,004	392	1,227,300	1,584	1,624,268	1,485	1,532	16,097	171,256
West Virginia.....	687	55	130,626	132	383,602	682	463,336	591	612	5,149	54,006
North Carolina.....	1,662	182	302,446	388	1,018,137	1,655	1,467,995	1,518	1,567	12,874	162,569
South Carolina.....	851	129	260,897	227	675,975	843	706,487	772	783	6,826	87,479
Georgia.....	1,665	130	248,650	440	1,030,336	1,594	1,610,207	1,416	1,453	12,942	149,771
Florida.....	590	64	129,112	155	395,600	508	507,807	475	493	4,232	44,558
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	1,086	90	134,163	304	639,258	1,070	841,941	928	950	7,764	85,010
Tennessee.....	1,524	127	256,729	383	853,640	1,512	1,168,617	1,357	1,372	12,041	131,868
Alabama.....	1,507	137	224,980	364	823,835	1,484	1,077,283	1,236	1,255	11,059	116,196
Mississippi.....	1,157	76	139,198	303	576,100	1,140	888,682	944	981	7,230	75,772
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1,216	106	212,097	311	473,195	1,163	839,961	950	964	8,790	91,355
Louisiana.....	403	38	62,548	115	256,920	345	456,188	333	342	3,154	32,686
Oklahoma.....	721	124	124,438	247	331,540	701	604,423	531	537	4,922	53,259
Texas.....	2,787	336	851,643	914	1,802,440	2,724	3,096,317	2,228	2,278	22,991	258,711
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	16	2	3,250	11	31,300	16	16,015	13	13	123	1,117
Idaho.....	16	1	400	7	4,600	16	6,779	13	13	98	729
Colorado.....	16	1	200	13	23,350	16	20,495	15	15	157	2,591
New Mexico.....	114	10	20,876	35	52,900	114	81,635	72	76	598	6,332
Arizona.....	22	6	11,402	10	17,400	22	28,763	21	23	240	2,503
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	9	1	200	4	9,800	9	13,642	8	8	82	832
Oregon.....	30	5	2,270	19	27,360	30	32,105	27	27	263	2,418
California.....	120	15	30,601	77	162,000	118	161,136	109	110	1,119	11,516

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	19,220	19,184	2,114,479	17,993	810,703	1,157,001	17,138	1,784	17,251	17,133	\$62,428,433
Alabama.....	745	745	75,469	745	31,885	43,584	671	73	675	672	1,955,373
Baltimore.....	696	696	72,473	696	29,039	43,434	651	37	653	651	2,827,469
Central Texas.....	611	611	80,642	611	32,810	47,832	517	52	519	520	2,123,175
Columbia.....	21	21	1,902	21	735	1,167	20	1	23	20	165,450
Denver.....	20	20	2,227	20	840	1,387	19	1	19	19	129,200
East Columbia.....	34	34	1,913	34	786	1,127	26	6	26	26	76,980
East Oklahoma.....	410	405	30,818	403	12,008	18,810	282	121	283	282	824,609
Florida.....	474	474	41,501	474	16,360	25,141	404	24	414	402	1,468,610
German Mission.....	29	29	1,835	29	800	1,035	27	2	29	27	100,890
Holston.....	881	874	81,209	874	33,782	47,427	778	84	802	776	2,304,100
Illinois.....	106	105	7,428	105	2,975	4,453	103	3	103	103	144,000
Kentucky.....	317	317	33,358	317	13,288	20,070	300	17	304	300	1,279,760
Little Rock.....	525	525	50,961	525	19,947	31,014	465	22	470	465	1,208,779
Los Angeles.....	41	41	5,070	41	1,895	3,175	33	5	34	37	331,100
Louisiana.....	403	402	38,940	402	15,347	23,593	345	13	347	347	1,490,795
Louisville.....	561	560	58,239	505	21,266	31,821	540	20	541	540	1,789,450
Memphis.....	605	604	75,755	568	28,806	41,003	582	23	584	582	1,929,035
Mexican Border Mission.....	9	9	469	511	21,536	29,665	9	42	9	9	34,500
Mississippi.....	554	554	57,178	420	19,573	29,195	512	8	512	503	1,365,055
Missouri.....	447	447	53,132	420	19,573	29,195	435	8	442	435	1,745,087
Montana.....	16	16	1,258	16	508	750	15	15	15	15	85,400
New Mexico.....	134	134	9,610	123	3,571	5,468	61	73	61	61	355,850
North Alabama.....	874	873	102,392	873	43,561	58,831	794	80	799	794	2,283,563
North Arkansas.....	691	680	60,032	643	22,413	34,053	532	152	533	529	1,354,210
North Carolina.....	772	772	93,008	705	37,145	49,296	746	26	754	745	2,601,245
North Georgia.....	853	853	123,937	675	41,874	56,421	839	3	839	840	3,471,004
North Mississippi.....	607	604	57,372	523	21,532	28,579	583	24	585	581	1,410,065
North Texas.....	529	527	70,407	432	24,392	35,043	460	69	460	460	2,131,430
Northwest Texas.....	444	444	40,077	444	16,776	23,301	234	210	234	234	1,001,205
Pacific.....	97	95	8,759	81	2,767	4,267	82	15	82	81	671,778
Pacific Mexican Mission.....	4	4	286	4	117	169	3	1	3	3	15,500
St. Louis.....	353	353	41,529	330	14,489	22,585	315	23	319	315	1,816,600
South Carolina.....	428	428	51,884	362	18,583	25,434	417	11	417	416	1,429,808
South Georgia.....	798	798	94,954	743	37,042	50,616	756	12	760	760	2,430,853
Southwest Missouri.....	342	342	41,190	323	14,925	23,032	332	6	334	333	1,636,822
Tennessee.....	701	701	77,092	701	31,713	45,379	655	46	655	655	1,941,510
Texas.....	695	695	76,886	589	26,431	37,591	596	99	598	594	2,299,060
Texas Mexican Mission.....	46	46	2,072	46	1,005	1,067	28	7	30	28	39,593
Upper South Carolina.....	423	423	53,422	350	18,579	24,997	390	33	392	390	1,498,830
Virginia.....	847	847	128,132	756	47,415	64,854	834	10	841	835	4,189,850
West Oklahoma.....	311	311	29,445	286	11,097	16,408	203	108	203	203	727,850
West Texas.....	400	400	41,565	390	15,427	23,713	307	93	308	307	1,445,470
Western North Carolina.....	896	895	106,908	895	43,923	62,985	851	45	853	851	2,854,150
Western Virginia.....	470	470	31,743	402	11,740	17,229	386	84	387	387	1,443,370

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS: 1916.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	19,220	1,914	\$3,849,850	5,327	\$11,777,753	18,751	\$17,139,398	16,308	16,690	152,177	1,688,559
Alabama.....	745	52	89,268	153	422,750	726	483,006	604	618	5,076	51,538
Baltimore.....	696	61	186,339	183	572,550	690	641,539	632	642	6,657	68,601
Central Texas.....	611	58	124,275	220	446,110	583	797,712	535	547	5,808	65,823
Columbia.....	21	2	1,310	13	22,060	21	22,246	21	21	181	1,719
Denver.....	20	1	200	15	24,650	20	23,233	19	19	197	3,073
East Columbia.....	34	5	1,560	17	19,700	34	30,280	27	27	262	2,260
East Oklahoma.....	410	63	42,111	135	177,940	404	332,428	293	294	2,628	26,626
Florida.....	474	59	120,077	137	363,500	402	436,242	384	400	3,584	37,232
German Mission.....	29	2	1,800	16	45,100	29	26,152	27	31	239	2,294
Holston.....	881	43	90,030	170	506,950	872	568,331	765	796	6,450	80,674
Illinois.....	106	10	3,800	37	40,800	106	45,360	99	102	936	7,326
Kentucky.....	317	18	15,530	99	226,653	310	268,100	270	275	2,305	24,209
Little Rock.....	525	36	121,429	129	201,650	498	378,242	413	420	4,021	40,609
Los Angeles.....	41	14	31,777	24	42,900	41	75,752	40	42	514	5,646
Louisiana.....	403	38	62,548	115	256,920	345	456,188	333	342	3,154	32,686
Louisville.....	561	51	80,957	155	313,805	554	394,870	469	479	3,869	41,535
Memphis.....	605	73	169,050	165	364,600	601	511,850	550	580	5,137	55,699
Mexican Border Mission.....	9			2	600	9	1,779	8	10	43	481
Mississippi.....	554	35	52,683	143	257,800	544	403,906	440	457	3,519	35,663
Missouri.....	447	29	48,063	147	298,700	441	416,759	401	407	4,146	42,625
Montana.....	16	2	3,250	11	31,300	16	16,015	13	13	123	1,117
New Mexico.....	134	16	35,076	45	81,600	134	126,550	85	89	783	8,223
North Alabama.....	874	89	144,397	228	432,435	861	664,702	720	727	6,613	71,857
North Arkansas.....	691	70	90,668	182	271,545	665	461,719	537	544	4,769	50,746
North Carolina.....	772	94	103,516	187	499,487	768	728,407	703	727	6,238	73,692
North Georgia.....	853	59	155,660	236	576,660	829	821,405	770	780	7,453	85,928
North Mississippi.....	607	42	86,865	161	319,050	599	485,916	507	527	3,729	40,236
North Texas.....	529	74	259,295	186	353,400	521	612,833	451	458	4,999	57,259
Northwest Texas.....	444	61	67,169	141	236,445	436	457,994	289	296	2,849	33,658
Pacific.....	97	7	10,226	62	133,000	95	112,267	86	87	805	8,008
Pacific Mexican Mission.....	4			1	3,500	4	1,880	4	4	40	365
St. Louis.....	353	46	73,941	111	214,565	344	377,640	282	285	2,920	38,686
South Carolina.....	428	79	176,518	119	351,225	423	368,556	401	407	3,357	41,920
South Georgia.....	798	71	92,990	203	452,176	751	786,022	634	661	5,389	63,050
Southwest Missouri.....	342	22	42,512	124	246,950	340	372,523	318	322	3,412	38,181
Tennessee.....	701	45	63,297	172	334,190	698	495,714	616	618	5,243	54,951
Texas.....	695	61	210,673	188	389,385	680	620,934	544	554	5,073	56,611
Texas Mexican Mission.....	46	5	640	11	9,600	46	9,707	40	42	195	2,326
Upper South Carolina.....	423	50	84,379	108	324,750	420	337,931	371	376	3,469	45,559
Virginia.....	847	105	341,025	233	726,200	838	1,108,818	810	840	10,163	100,363
West Oklahoma.....	311	61	82,327	112	153,600	297	271,995	238	243	2,294	26,633
West Texas.....	400	69	173,591	138	291,800	396	521,553	317	323	3,560	37,886
Western North Carolina.....	896	89	198,588	201	518,650	893	739,777	821	846	6,652	88,965
Western Virginia.....	470	47	110,440	92	220,502	467	324,565	406	412	3,323	36,043

## CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The same general influences that led to the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1830, two decades later led to the establishment of the Congregational Methodist Church. Soon after the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church, there arose in Georgia considerable objection to certain features of the episcopacy and itinerancy, and a number of ministers and members withdrew in order to secure what they considered a more democratic form of church government. A conference was held at Forsyth, Monroe County, Ga., in May, 1852, and was presided over by a layman, the Hon. William L. Fambro, while its secretary was a clergyman, the Rev. Hiram Phinazee. This conference adhered strictly to the doctrine of Methodism, but adopted the congregational form of government, although modified by a certain degree of connectionalism, and the name chosen was the Congregational Methodist Church.

In a few years the movement extended into the neighboring states of Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi, and at present churches are to be found in most of the Southern and some of the Northern states.

The denomination suffered a considerable loss in 1887-88 when nearly one-third of its churches joined the Congregationalists. Later a number of them returned, and the church gained in strength for a time, but within the past decade has suffered heavy losses, apparently through general disorganization.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrinal position of the church is distinctly Methodist, and its polity, while congregational in some respects, coincides very closely with that of the Methodist Episcopal Church of to-day.

The local church has large powers, and calls its own pastor, while every minister is free to accept or reject any call that comes to him. Its internal affairs are controlled by the church conference, over which the pastor presides, and which includes the other church officers—class leaders, stewards, deacons, and secretary. The action of the church conference, however, is reviewable by the district conference, which is subordinate to the annual conference, and that in turn to the General Conference. The district conference, which convenes once or twice a year, is composed of representatives from the local churches, who may be either ministers or laymen. Representatives are elected by the district conferences to the annual conferences, and by the annual conferences to the General Conference, which meets quadrennially. Each of these conferences constitutes a church court, and may condemn opinions and practices considered to be contrary to the Word of God, cite offending churches and

ministers for trial, and admonish, rebuke, suspend, or expel from its membership.

The ministers are licensed and ordained by the district conference, on the recommendation of the church conferences and after proper examination.

## WORK.

The missionary work of the denomination is carried on through a General Missionary Union, composed of annual or state unions, which in turn are composed of local societies. The Missionary Union operates through a mission board which has immediate supervision of all work done. Most of the work up to this time has been done in India, where the denomination has assisted in a missionary effort begun several years ago by private parties. The amount contributed in 1915-16 toward this work was \$522, while during the same period \$120 was contributed for needy churches of communities on the home field. The denomination has a church paper called "The Messenger," published at Ellisville, Miss.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Congregational Methodist Church for 1916 are given, by states, on page 484, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 to 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	197	325	-128	-39.4
Members.....	12,503	14,729	-2,226	-15.1
Church edifices.....	195	262	-67	-25.6
Value of church property.....	\$166,932	\$194,275	-\$27,343	-14.1
Debt on church property.....	\$4,353	\$9,477	-\$5,124	-54.1
Personages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....		\$1,500	-\$1,500	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	147	182	-35	-19.2
Officers and teachers.....	790	1,146	-356	-31.1
Scholars.....	8,034	8,785	-751	-8.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$642		\$642	
Foreign.....	\$120		\$120	
Total.....	\$522		\$522	

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The denomination suffered considerable loss during the decade. Thus, against 325 organizations reported in 1906, there were only 197 in 1916, a loss of 39.4 per cent, and the membership had fallen from 14,729 to 12,503, a decline of 15.1 per cent. Other items also showed considerable decrease, as 67, or 25.6 per cent, in number of church edifices; \$27,343, or 14.1 per cent, in value of church property; 35, or 19.2 per cent, in number of Sunday schools; and 751, or 8.5 per cent, in number of Sunday school scholars. Contributions for benevolent purposes, reported for the first time in 1916, amounted to \$642.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$13,806, reported by 139 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 135 organizations in 1916, was 563, constituting 6 per cent of the 9,411 members reported by

these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 748.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was 250. Schedules were received from 66, and of these, 14 reported an average annual salary of \$138. A considerable number reported themselves as supplementing their salaries by other work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Congregational Methodist Church.....	197	197	12,503	197	5,331	7,172	195	2	195	195	\$166,932
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	5	5	201	5	89	112	5		5	5	18,500
Pennsylvania.....	2	2	38	2	16	22	2		2	2	5,200
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	12	12	676	12	266	410	12		12	12	13,200
South Atlantic division:											
Georgia.....	37	37	2,385	37	995	1,390	37		37	37	32,925
Florida.....	9	9	249	9	110	139	9		9	9	3,100
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	12	12	508	12	226	282	10	2	10	10	5,500
Alabama.....	38	38	3,073	38	1,289	1,784	38		38	38	24,060
Mississippi.....	31	31	2,148	31	920	1,228	31		31	31	27,750
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	18	18	1,281	18	590	691	18		18	18	11,897
Texas.....	30	30	1,896	30	808	1,088	30		30	30	23,700
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	48	3	22	26	3		3	3	1,100

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Congregational Methodist Church.....	197	10	\$4,353	139	\$13,806	147	147	790	8,034
Middle Atlantic division:									
New Jersey.....	5	3	2,007	3	105	5	5	26	276
Pennsylvania.....	2	1	2,200	2	60	2	2	14	188
West North Central division:									
Missouri.....	12	1	25	4	683	12	12	48	467
South Atlantic division:									
Georgia.....	37	2	74	29	2,845	25	25	151	1,322
Florida.....	9			5	160	6	6	20	162
East South Central division:									
Tennessee.....	12			11	606	10	10	56	459
Alabama.....	38			25	2,012	27	27	150	1,540
Mississippi.....	31	1	20	28	3,291	19	19	124	1,356
West South Central division:									
Louisiana.....	18			10	1,149	18	18	73	889
Texas.....	30	2	27	20	2,835	21	21	120	1,315
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			2	60	2	2	8	60

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

## FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The Free Methodist Church had its origin in an agitation started about 1850 in the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the state of New York. A number of ministers, prominent among whom was the Rev. Benjamin T. Roberts, felt very strongly that the Methodism of their time had come to be removed in no small degree from its primitive standards of faith, experience, and practice, especially in regard to the following points: "The evangelical conception of doctrine; nonconformity to the world; simplicity, spirituality, and freedom in worship; discrimination against the poor in connection with the system of pew renting; the subject of slavery; the employment of executive power and ecclesiastical machinery in unjust discrimination against, and in inexcusable oppression of, devoted and loyal preachers and members." In addition it was claimed by them that "many ministers of the Genesee Conference were members of secret societies, whose vows and spirit were not in conformity with Christianity, and that some of these members had formed a union for the control of the conference, and for the destruction of the influence of those who stood for old-fashioned Methodism, and that the teachings of this powerful coterie (the 'Regency'), as represented in their organ, the Buffalo Christian Advocate, were liberal to the verge of Unitarianism." The work of revival and reform was of a thoroughly radical character, and soon acquired such proportions and momentum as to arouse most formidable opposition.

In 1857 Mr. Roberts published two articles setting forth the evidences of defection from original Methodism of which the reform party complained. For this he was brought before the conference, declared guilty of unchristian and immoral conduct, and sentenced to be reprimanded by the bishop. Later the same articles were republished by a layman, and Mr. Roberts was charged with the responsibility for their republication and circulation. He protested his innocence, offering the testimony of the layman himself, but was declared guilty and was expelled from the conference and the church on the charge of contumacy. Other prosecutions and expulsions, on what were considered by the reform party unjust grounds, followed in quick succession.

A large number of laymen met in convention on two occasions and solemnly protested against this proscription of reputable preachers. This action of the laymen was followed by their being "read out" of the church as having withdrawn, a method which had never been used before, and which has never been adopted since. An appeal was made by the expelled preachers to the General Conference of 1860, which, however, refused to entertain it; and this refusal being taken as an indication of what would result in the other cases pending, all were withdrawn. A motion to reverse the action of the Genesee Conference was lost in the committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of that conference, by a majority of two. Then followed hundreds of withdrawals from the church, both of preachers and of laymen. Another convention was called, this time of preachers and laymen together, at Pekin, N. Y., in 1860, and the Free Methodist Church was organized, Mr. Roberts being elected the first general superintendent.

## DOCTRINE.

As its standard of doctrine the new church adopted the Articles of Faith held by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with two additions—one on entire sanctification, which was defined as being saved from all inward sin, and as a work which takes place subsequently to justification and is wrought instantaneously upon the consecrated, believing soul; and the other on future rewards and punishments, embodying the stricter view as to a general judgment and the future condition of the righteous and the wicked.

## POLITY.

The general organization of the church is essentially that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the exception that on credentials of proper election, laymen, including women, are admitted to the district, annual, and general conferences in equal numbers and on the same basis as ministers.

In place of the episcopacy, general superintendents are elected to supervise the work at large, preside at the conferences, etc. They are elected for four years at a time, but may be, and so far have been, continued in office by reelection until death or failing powers terminate their term of service. District elders are appointed over the conference districts.

The probationary system and the class meeting are emphasized, being regarded as important parts of the church's economy, so far as it relates to spiritual culture and wholesome discipline.

With respect to disciplinary regulations and usages, this body aims to exemplify Methodism of the primitive type. Its "general rules" are those formulated by John Wesley and still subscribed to by Methodist churches generally, with the addition of one against slavery and one forbidding the production, use, or sale of narcotics. It insists upon a practical observance of the general rules by all its members, including simplicity and plainness of attire, abstinence from worldly amusements, and separateness from all secret societies. It also excludes instrumental music and choir singing from public worship and requires that the seats be free in all its churches.

#### WORK.

In charge of the general activities of the church are, an executive committee, with certain powers delegated to it by the General Conference; a General Missionary Board, having supervision of all home and foreign missionary work; a Board of Church Extension; a Board of Conference Claimants, having charge of funds for disabled and superannuated preachers; and a Board of Education. It has also a well organized Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The boards are all elected by the General Conference. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is independent, but works in harmony with the boards of the church.

In its home missionary work, 13 agents were employed during 1916 and 125 churches were aided, and the amount contributed by the churches for this work was \$12,000.

The foreign missionary work is in British South Africa; Portuguese East Africa; Central India; Province of Honan, China; Japan; and the Dominican Republic, West Indies. The report of 1916 shows 26 stations, occupied by 85 missionaries and 221 native helpers; 15 organized churches, with 3,000 members; 91 schools, academies, etc., with 2,900 pupils; 3 hospitals, treating during the year about 2,500 patients; and 2 homes, with 100 inmates. The contributions for the foreign work were \$67,000, and the value of property on the foreign field was estimated at \$196,175.

The educational institutions of the church are 2 colleges and 7 seminaries, with a total of 1,525 students. They have property valued at \$475,000, and an endowment of \$135,000. The amount contributed during the year for their support was \$157,500.

There are 2 philanthropic institutions, with 200 inmates, for which \$24,000 was contributed during 1916. The property value of these institutions is \$75,000, and there is an endowment of \$20,000.

The young people's societies numbered 335, with a membership of 6,335.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Free Methodist Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 488 to 491, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,606	1,553	53	3.4
Members.....	35,291	32,838	2,453	7.5
Church edifices.....	1,217	1,140	77	6.8
Value of church property.....	\$2,236,325	\$1,688,745	\$547,580	32.4
Debt on church property.....	\$121,979	\$61,124	\$60,855	99.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	700	598	102	17.1
Value.....	\$946,618	\$612,050	\$334,568	54.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,197	1,124	73	6.5
Officers and teachers.....	8,763	7,493	1,270	16.9
Scholars.....	58,553	41,443	17,110	41.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$260,500	\$119,954	\$140,546	117.2
Domestic.....	\$193,500	\$63,669	\$129,831	203.9
Foreign.....	\$67,000	\$56,285	\$10,715	19.0

The table above shows that during the decade the denomination has made some gain in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 1,606 as against 1,553 in 1906, a gain of 3.4 per cent. The membership reported advanced from 32,838 to 35,291, or 7.5 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 77, and the parsonages by 102. The increase in the number of Sunday schools was considerably greater than the increase in church organizations, and the increase in the number of scholars—41.3 per cent—was much greater than the increase in church membership—7.5 per

cent. Debt on church property was \$121,979, reported by 171 organizations in 1916, as against \$61,124, reported by 112 organizations in 1906. The contributions for missions and benevolences showed a marked increase, from \$119,954 to \$260,500—a gain of 117.2 per cent—and they were apportioned as follows: Domestic work \$193,500, foreign work \$67,000.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$772,038 were reported by 1,426 organizations, and cover general running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,083 organizations in 1916, was 1,018, constituting 4 per cent of the 25,426 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 9,865 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,413.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 1,606 organizations, 1,600, with 35,022 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 3, with 246 members, German and English; 2, with 13 members, Japanese and English; and 1, with 10 members, Swedish and English. In 1906 there were 4 organizations which reported foreign languages in the conduct of their services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 1,397. Schedules were received from 969 of these, distributed, by states, as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	969	505	243	221	\$563
Alabama.....	1		1		
Arizona.....	1	1			
Arkansas.....	5		4		800
California.....	40	18	14	8	648
Colorado.....	19	6	9	4	360
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	2			2	
Georgia.....	5	1	4		200
Idaho.....	10	4	3	3	370
Illinois.....	85	47	10	28	597
Indiana.....	27	14	9	4	630
Iowa.....	41	28	6	7	507
Kansas.....	56	25	13	18	527
Kentucky.....	3	2		1	822
Louisiana.....	2		2		
Maryland.....	6	3		3	880
Massachusetts.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	125	71	26	28	543
Minnesota.....	17	7	9	1	348
Missouri.....	14	4	6	4	432
Montana.....	4	2	2		234
Nebraska.....	29	9	11	9	419
New Jersey.....	3	2		1	525
New Mexico.....	2	1		1	
New York.....	140	30	21	39	519
North Dakota.....	4	1	3		500
Ohio.....	43	31	8	4	869
Oklahoma.....	19	10	6	3	433
Oregon.....	30	17	6	7	458
Pennsylvania.....	106	65	18	23	601
South Dakota.....	15	9	6		507
Tennessee.....	6		6		
Texas.....	25	7	16	2	301
Vermont.....	1	1			
Washington.....	57	27	14	16	603
West Virginia.....	4	1	1	2	1,162
Wisconsin.....	19	9	8	2	480
Wyoming.....	1			1	

Of the 969 ministers reporting, 748 were in pastoral work and 221 not in pastoral work. Annual salaries averaging \$563 were reported by 493 ministers. There were reported 175 supplies and assistants, and 68 of the pastors reported other occupations. The total number on the retired list was 71, 79 were engaged in general evangelistic and philanthropic work, and 45 in general denominational work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Methodist Church of North America.	1,606	1,598	35,291	1,467	11,424	21,956	1,193	179	1,217	1,205	\$2,236,325
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2	2	29	2	16	13		1			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	128	127	3,774	118	1,212	2,429	113	6	115	110	294,400
New Jersey.....	4	4	213	4	85	128	3		3	3	12,000
Pennsylvania.....	190	189	4,697	179	1,447	2,966	151	25	155	151	342,350
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	73	73	1,717	70	515	1,043	60	8	60	60	94,450
Indiana.....	48	47	1,128	45	330	677	43	3	44	43	76,800
Illinois.....	137	137	3,690	127	1,196	2,360	126	1	133	130	263,850
Michigan.....	254	252	5,554	239	1,816	3,516	216	20	217	215	325,800
Wisconsin.....	39	37	689	36	221	458	33	2	33	33	44,300
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	28	28	514	25	152	310	16	2	16	16	22,000
Iowa.....	86	85	1,614	82	555	1,027	69	8	69	69	112,550
Missouri.....	28	28	370	19	98	143	17	6	18	18	24,550
North Dakota.....	16	16	239	7	47	91	7	3	7	7	15,400
South Dakota.....	26	26	418	22	142	263	12	9	12	12	22,500
Nebraska.....	76	76	736	67	256	416	32	19	33	32	40,200
Kansas.....	78	78	1,794	73	607	1,140	55	10	55	56	81,900
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	7	7	199	7	77	122	7		7	7	46,250
West Virginia.....	17	17	256	17	97	159	12	2	12	12	20,600
Georgia.....	9	9	212	8	66	137	4	2	4	5	7,300
Florida.....	2	2	30	2	13	17	2		2	2	2,300
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	13	13	145	8	36	70	10		11	10	10,400
Tennessee.....	13	13	178	5	38	64	6	3	6	8	6,700
Alabama.....	2	2	27	2	12	15	1	1	1	1	850
Mississippi.....	8	8	59	8	27	32	1		1	1	500
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	7	7	50	6	18	31	4	1	4	5	3,650
Louisiana.....	12	12	171	12	59	112	9	2	9	9	3,200
Oklahoma.....	56	56	985	48	331	533	31	10	31	31	34,350
Texas.....	46	46	619	38	172	374	23	8	23	23	22,100
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	8	8	101	7	35	59	1	4	1	2	3,000
Idaho.....	16	16	181	13	80	93	6	4	6	6	7,500
Colorado.....	35	35	520	35	169	351	18	5	18	17	35,150
New Mexico.....	4	4	43	4	14	29	1	1	1	1	1,000
Arizona.....	3	3	108	3	41	67	2		2	2	5,500
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	52	52	1,680	51	590	1,082	41	7	41	42	73,575
Oregon.....	40	40	850	35	283	499	26	5	26	26	38,900
California.....	38	38	1,585	38	533	1,052	37		38	37	130,250
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	116	5	38	78	3	1	3	3	10,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Methodist Church of North America.	1,606	171	\$121,979	700	\$946,618	1,426	\$772,038	1,150	1,197	8,763	58,553
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	2					2	1,886	2	2	9	63
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	128	15	23,538	78	143,750	116	90,043	104	107	839	5,216
New Jersey.....	4	1	2,000	2	8,000	4	3,970	3	3	31	180
Pennsylvania.....	190	41	27,813	94	119,900	177	103,913	146	149	1,117	8,570
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	73	9	6,599	31	51,100	67	35,960	63	66	512	3,688
Indiana.....	48	6	3,732	22	28,100	45	24,995	36	37	313	2,090
Illinois.....	137	7	6,145	71	115,000	123	79,239	105	112	938	6,875
Michigan.....	254	29	13,058	111	137,970	225	110,146	188	202	1,434	8,272
Wisconsin.....	39	2	1,100	11	15,100	34	15,264	28	29	189	1,127
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	28	1	1,200	13	12,400	27	11,839	20	20	146	1,045
Iowa.....	86	3	658	44	57,700	72	34,292	56	57	400	2,560
Missouri.....	28	3	3,060	6	5,600	25	6,104	15	15	92	502
North Dakota.....	16	1	2,300	6	3,200	13	7,227	10	10	64	347
South Dakota.....	26			10	17,100	21	12,883	14	14	100	635
Nebraska.....	76	2	1,025	25	19,020	66	17,054	33	34	200	1,118
Kansas.....	78	3	550	42	41,700	70	54,970	62	64	488	3,312
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	7					6	2,586	6	6	49	445
West Virginia.....	17	3	4,800	2	5,000	14	6,462	12	12	67	603
Georgia.....	9	2	350	2	1,800	7	2,488	8	8	54	472
Florida.....	2			1	1,200	2	650	2	2	12	47
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	13	1	250	3	2,340	12	1,289	6	6	36	262
Tennessee.....	13	1	120	3	2,000	12	1,251	6	6	34	240
Alabama.....	2					2	98	1	1	7	30
Mississippi.....	8					8	458	2	2	13	88
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	7					5	702	2	2	8	62
Louisiana.....	12			1	200	12	1,775	11	11	60	423
Oklahoma.....	56	2	400	18	12,250	53	14,798	33	35	223	1,384
Texas.....	46	5	758	13	9,500	31	7,372	22	23	138	974
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	8	2	1,775	3	3,500	7	2,212	7	7	36	197
Idaho.....	16	3	820	3	1,450	11	3,679	9	9	59	349
Colorado.....	35	4	1,030	8	5,688	27	12,447	19	20	134	680
New Mexico.....	4					4	595	3	4	14	120
Arizona.....	3	1	391	2	3,500	3	4,358	2	2	20	157
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	52	10	4,665	31	38,650	48	37,073	45	49	395	2,868
Oregon.....	40	3	1,965	17	17,600	33	14,058	30	30	191	1,102
California.....	38	9	8,677	26	63,300	37	45,302	36	38	323	2,340
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	2	3,200	1	3,000	5	2,600	3	3	18	110

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia.

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CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Free Methodist Church of North America.	1,606	1,598	35,291	1,467	11,424	21,956	1,198	179	1,217	1,205	\$2,236,325
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	15	15	130	14	55	74	7	3	7	8	6,850
California.....	15	15	455	15	160	295	14	1	15	14	39,200
Central Illinois.....	66	66	1,958	58	636	1,200	58	1	62	63	96,100
Colorado.....	37	37	554	37	178	376	19	5	19	18	36,150
Columbia River.....	39	39	646	33	240	381	18	10	18	19	24,900
East Michigan.....	116	114	2,262	104	713	1,370	95	11	95	94	133,600
East Texas.....	20	20	204	20	68	136	8	2	8	8	7,400
Genesee.....	57	56	1,814	51	564	1,181	52	1	53	52	148,000
Georgia and Florida.....	11	11	242	10	79	154	6	2	6	7	9,600
Illinois.....	53	52	1,236	52	367	869	46	4	48	46	130,100
Iowa.....	36	36	859	36	304	555	33	3	33	33	57,750
Kansas.....	43	43	1,095	42	357	720	35	3	35	34	49,500
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	26	26	323	13	74	134	16	3	17	18	17,100
Louisiana.....	22	22	257	22	98	159	11	3	11	11	4,550
Michigan.....	53	53	1,485	53	503	982	50	1	51	50	108,200
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	18	18	399	18	135	264	12	3	12	12	24,300
Missouri.....	18	18	245	9	41	75	13	3	14	13	13,350
Nebraska.....	24	24	331	15	104	163	17	2	18	17	22,100
New York.....	70	70	1,516	66	517	918	46	15	46	46	160,050
North Dakota.....	19	19	270	10	60	109	7	5	7	7	15,400
North Michigan.....	95	95	2,014	92	668	1,303	82	8	82	82	112,300
North Minnesota.....	20	20	327	17	89	186	11	1	11	11	11,500
Ohio.....	63	63	1,488	62	449	917	53	5	53	53	82,150
Oil City.....	99	98	2,400	95	734	1,547	87	9	90	87	168,250
Oklahoma.....	56	56	985	48	331	533	31	10	31	31	34,350
Oregon.....	28	28	677	24	232	379	21	2	21	21	33,800
Pittsburgh.....	81	81	2,101	76	662	1,318	59	12	60	59	153,500
Platte River.....	53	53	407	53	153	254	15	17	15	15	18,100
South Dakota.....	27	27	420	23	143	264	13	9	13	13	24,000
Southern California.....	26	26	1,238	26	414	824	25	1	25	25	96,550
Southern Oregon.....	9	9	155	9	47	108	5	1	5	5	5,100
Susquehanna.....	56	56	1,682	52	561	1,057	52	1	53	49	108,300
Texas.....	27	27	422	19	108	241	15	7	15	15	14,700
Wabash.....	58	58	1,462	54	475	854	55	1	57	55	94,150
Washington.....	37	37	1,303	37	456	847	30	5	30	31	59,175
West Iowa.....	39	38	541	35	178	331	28	3	28	28	39,500
West Kansas.....	35	35	699	31	250	420	20	7	20	22	32,400
Wisconsin.....	39	37	689	36	221	458	33	2	33	33	44,300

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Free Methodist Church of North America.	1,606	171	\$121,979	700	\$946,618	1,426	\$772,038	1,150	1,197	8,763	58,553
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	15					11	1,470	5	5	28	161
California.....	15	3	4,080	12	26,050	14	13,431	13	14	96	657
Central Illinois.....	66	6	6,920	26	28,250	60	33,627	49	53	442	3,367
Colorado.....	37	4	1,030	8	5,688	30	12,947	22	24	148	800
Columbia River.....	39	6	2,995	15	15,450	30	16,793	26	30	215	1,352
East Michigan.....	116	14	4,607	50	53,720	99	42,145	80	86	625	3,703
East Texas.....	20	3	483	2	800	16	2,987	10	11	58	362
Genesee.....	57	5	11,206	39	65,700	53	42,060	48	48	408	2,516
Georgia and Florida.....	11	2	350	3	3,000	9	3,138	10	10	66	519
Illinois.....	53	2	725	32	71,650	50	36,212	38	39	335	2,442
Iowa.....	36	2	608	20	26,500	30	16,010	26	26	206	1,438
Kansas.....	43	2	150	26	23,150	39	40,558	34	35	293	2,150
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	26	2	370	6	4,340	24	2,540	12	12	70	502
Louisiana.....	22			1	200	22	2,331	14	14	80	541
Michigan.....	53	8	4,507	27	49,700	50	37,485	38	39	293	2,074
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	18	1	1,200	10	18,000	17	11,943	14	15	110	809
Missouri.....	18	1	60	6	5,600	17	3,567	11	11	65	363
Nebraska.....	24	2	1,025	13	9,320	22	10,246	15	15	95	561
New York.....	70	13	18,600	21	29,550	62	33,254	41	41	310	1,972
North Dakota.....	19	1	2,300	7	3,700	16	8,089	13	13	77	407
North Michigan.....	95	8	4,051	39	44,750	86	36,186	77	84	567	2,981
North Minnesota.....	20			10	6,600	19	6,719	14	14	96	644
Ohio.....	63	5	5,700	29	46,300	62	31,170	54	57	440	3,104
Oil City.....	99	16	8,297	51	50,600	96	50,181	88	89	579	3,891
Oklahoma.....	56	2	400	18	12,250	53	14,798	33	35	223	1,384
Oregon.....	28	3	1,965	11	11,300	24	11,583	23	23	148	867
Pittsburgh.....	81	24	18,915	31	69,350	66	50,951	63	65	551	5,135
Platte River.....	53			12	9,700	44	6,808	18	19	105	557
South Dakota.....	27			11	18,100	22	13,083	14	14	100	635
Southern California.....	26	7	4,988	16	40,750	26	36,229	25	26	247	1,840
Southern Oregon.....	9			5	4,800	7	1,475	7	7	43	235
Susquehanna.....	56	8	5,232	37	69,250	52	39,804	45	48	354	2,257
Texas.....	27	2	275	11	8,700	16	4,480	12	12	80	612
Wabash.....	58	6	5,125	30	33,000	50	30,494	48	51	430	2,710
Washington.....	37	9	4,265	22	29,150	35	26,359	32	32	262	2,002
West Iowa.....	39	1	50	16	18,000	32	11,259	22	22	134	714
West Kansas.....	35	1	400	16	18,550	31	14,412	28	29	195	1,162
Wisconsin.....	39	2	1,100	11	15,100	34	15,264	28	29	189	1,127

NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH.

HISTORY.

In 1881 the Board of Domestic Missions of the Georgia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, finding itself compelled by financial stringency to cut off some of its work, decided to consolidate several of the smaller churches in the southern part of the state. In protest against this action, taken without consultation with the churches interested, the Waresboro Mission called a conference of such churches, and it was decided to form a new body, on the general plan of the Congregational Methodist Church in the northern part of the state. A committee was appointed to frame a constitution, and in September the New Congregational Methodist Church was organized, adopting as a general basis the congregational polity and the Methodist system of doctrine. The features specially emphasized were: The parity of the ministry; the right of the local church to elect its own officers annually; the rejection of the principle of assessments, all offerings to be absolutely freewill; and permission for those who desired it to observe the ceremony of foot-washing in connection with the administration of

the Lord's Supper. The general organization included church and district conferences, the latter holding the right of approval or rejection for ordination, of receiving appeals, and of exercising a general supervisory authority. In place of the episcopacy, a general superintendent was appointed, rather for the purpose of securing information as to the needs of the churches than for the exercise of any authority.

For a time the new organization grew rapidly and embraced a large number of congregations. As, however, it became evident that it required for the pastorate a more liberally educated ministry than was available, a considerable number of the churches withdrew, some joining the Congregational Methodist body and others the Congregational body, while still others disbanded. Later, through the energetic efforts of a member of the church, there was a considerable extension of the organization, particularly in the states of Louisiana and Arkansas, but it took the form of evangelistic meetings rather than of regular churches, and with the death of this leader, they practically dropped out.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the New Congregational Methodist Church, for 1916, are given, for the state of Georgia and for two divisions, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	24	35	-11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	1,256	1,782	-526	-29.5
Church edifices.....	18	34	-16	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$14,450	\$27,650	-\$13,200	-47.7
Debt on church property.....	\$76	.....	\$76	.....
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	27	-21	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	29	143	-114	-79.7
Scholars.....	302	1,298	-996	-76.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination suffered a considerable loss during the decade, largely through disintegration. Churches that were reported in 1906 in Florida have apparently dropped out entirely; the total number of organizations, reported in 1906 as 35, was only 24 in 1916; and the membership fell from 1,782 to 1,256, a decrease of 29.5 per cent.

There was a large decrease in the number of church edifices and a similar one in the value of church property, which fell from \$27,650 to \$14,450, or 47.7 per cent. No parsonages were reported and no contributions. The number of Sunday schools dropped from 27 to 6 and the number of scholars from 1,298 to 302, a decrease in scholars of 76.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,372, reported by 16 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 15 organizations in 1916, was 22, constituting 3 per cent of the 722 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 38.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers in the denomination was given as 27, and of these, 10 reported. Most of them were engaged in other occupations and received no regular salaries.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES AND DIVISIONS: 1916.

STATE AND DIVISION.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.		VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.					Female.
New Congregational Methodist Church ..	24	24	1,256	19	349	548	18	.....	18	\$14,450
Georgia.....	24	24	1,256	19	349	548	18	.....	18	14,450
Pine Valley division.....	15	15	775	10	175	241	9	.....	9	8,900
Pleasant Hill division.....	9	9	481	9	174	307	9	.....	9	5,550

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES AND DIVISIONS: 1916.

STATE AND DIVISION.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
New Congregational Methodist Church.....	24	2	\$76	16	\$1,372	6	6	29	302
Georgia.....	24	2	76	16	1,372	6	6	29	302
Pine Valley division.....	15	.....	.....	9	1,160	4	4	19	202
Pleasant Hill division.....	9	2	76	7	212	2	2	10	100

## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

Soon after the Revolutionary War Negro members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in different places, dissatisfied with conditions, began to hold separate services, hoping thus to secure larger privileges and more freedom of action than they believed were possible in continued association with their white brethren, and also to avoid certain humiliating discriminations practiced against them. They styled themselves, for the most part, African Methodists, simply because they were of African descent and Methodists, and not because they thought of permanently dissociating themselves from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thus as early as 1787 a company of Negro Methodists in Philadelphia withdrew, built a chapel, and obtained a Negro preacher through ordination by Bishop White of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1793 Bishop Asbury dedicated, in Philadelphia, the Bethel Church, built by Richard Allen, a well-to-do Negro, and the platform adopted by the congregation included the following:

We consider every child of God a member of the mystical body of Christ, \* \* \* yet in the political government of our church we prohibit our white brethren from electing or being elected into any office among us, save that of a preacher or public speaker.

As reasons for this action they gave the inconveniences arising from white people and people of color mixing together in public assemblies, more particularly in places of public worship.

In 1799 Allen was ordained deacon, and the church, according to an arrangement already made, remained under the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the jurisdiction of a white elder. This arrangement, however, did not work very well, and contentions between the white and Negro Methodists of the city increased to such an extent that an appeal was made to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The court declared in favor of the Bethel Church, which thus became an independent body. In 1814 the Methodist Episcopal elders announced that the white preachers could no longer maintain pastoral responsibility for the Negro congregation, and in 1816 Richard Allen and 15 others called a number of similar societies, which had been formed in New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland to meet in Philadelphia, to organize a church of Negro persons with autonomous government. This convention was held in April of that year, and resulted in the organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The movement received the cordial assistance and sympathy of a number of white persons, among whom were Dr. Benjamin Rush, Robert Ralston, William McKean, and Bishop White of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The general doctrine and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church were adopted, and Richard Allen

was elected bishop and consecrated by five regularly ordained ministers, one of whom was a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Among the points emphasized in this first conference were the duty of loyalty and obedience to civil government, and the parity of the ministry on such basis that any minister coming from another denomination should be received in the same official standing that he held in the church from which he came.

For the first twenty years the operations of the new denomination were confined chiefly to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Later they were extended to the New England states, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Louisiana, in the last state being represented in New Orleans alone. Previous to the Civil War, comparatively little was done in the Southern states, but during the war, through the influence of two chaplains in the United States Army, the Rev. W. H. Hunter and the Rev. H. M. Turner, and of some Negro soldiers who were also preachers, two organizations were formed on the South Atlantic coast. After the war the church extended rapidly throughout the South, and to-day it is represented in each of the original slave states, while its northern field includes the Northern states from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and Ontario in Canada.

The following figures, illustrating the development of the church, by decades from 1826 to 1916, are furnished by Bishop B. W. Arnett, for many years the church statistician:

YEAR.	Churches.	Bishops.	Ministers.	Members.	Value of property.
1826.....	33	1	17	7,937	\$75,000
1836.....	86	2	27	7,594	125,000
1846.....	198	4	67	16,190	225,000
1856.....	210	6	165	19,914	425,000
1866.....	286	3	265	73,000	825,000
1876.....	1,833	6	1,418	206,331	3,164,911
1886.....	3,394	7	2,857	403,550	5,341,889
1896.....	4,850	9	4,365	618,854	8,650,000
1916.....	6,900	16	6,550	620,000	15,238,630

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

As already indicated, the African Methodist Episcopal Church is, in doctrine and polity, in substantial agreement with the Methodist Episcopal Church.<sup>1</sup> In polity the chief difference is, that in the latter the bishops are itinerant, traveling at large throughout the denomination, while in the African Church the territory is divided into episcopal districts, over each of which a bishop is appointed, and for which he is held responsible. The place of residence of the bishop is left to each, and is not acted upon by the church officially. In case of the death or disability of a bishop in the interval between the general conferences, the board of bishops is empowered to rearrange the work of episcopal supervision.

<sup>1</sup> See Methodist Episcopal Church, p. 447.

In order to systematize the income of the different departments of church activity and to secure sufficient funds to enable the bishops to devote their whole time to traveling throughout their districts, a general financial plan was adopted by the General Conference of 1840. Every preacher holding a charge was instructed to collect 2 cents a month from each member, the amount thus raised to be applied to the relief of the distressed itinerant, superannuated, and supernumerary preachers; to the bishops' salaries; and to a fund for carrying on the work of the Book Concern. This general plan has been retained by subsequent General Conferences, though with some changes. In 1868 the "dollar law" was enacted, providing that each preacher should collect \$1 from each member per annum, of which one-fourth was to go to the general book steward; one-fourth to the treasurer of Wilberforce University; and the remainder to the annual conference of the preacher. At present the apportionment is as follows: 40 per cent to the financial department; 36 per cent to annual conference appropriations; 8 per cent to church extension department; 8 per cent to educational department; 8 per cent to missionary department.

The 40 per cent to the financial department covers the expenses of salaries of bishops and general officers, allowances for widows and children of deceased bishops, the general expenses of all meetings of the bishops in council, expenses of all special committees representing the church organization, and emergency claims of a general nature, not otherwise provided for; disbursed through the financial department direct.

The 36 per cent is applied toward allowances for superannuated ministers, widows, and orphans of deceased ministers, special help for missionary preachers, and the contingent expenses of each annual conference; disbursed by the finance committee of each annual conference.

The 8 per cent to the church extension department is used to extend the work of building new churches; disbursed through the department of church extension.

The 8 per cent to the department of education is used to supplement money raised on "educational day" for the support of schools and colleges; disbursed through the department of education.

The 8 per cent to the missionary department is used to supplement the funds for mission work, with the special direction that one-half of it is to be applied to the work in foreign fields and the other one-half for home mission work; disbursed through the department of missions.

The following statement shows the amount of "dollar money" received during each administration since the organization of the department in 1872:

Rev. J. H. Burley, 1872-1876.....	\$95, 554
Rev. J. C. Embry, 1876-1880.....	99, 925
Rev. B. W. Arnett, 1880-1888.....	368, 895
Rev. J. A. Handy, 1888-1892.....	313, 341
Rev. J. H. Armstrong, 1892-1896.....	351, 942
Rev. M. M. Moore, 1896-1900.....	406, 074
Rev. P. A. Hubbard, 1900-1902.....	229, 417
Rev. E. W. Lampton, 1904-1908.....	1, 190, 488
Rev. John Hurst, 1908-1912.....	790, 088
Mr. J. R. Hawkins, 1912-1916.....	850, 214

This does not include any money raised in the churches for local purposes or for payment of salaries of presiding elders and pastors, nor does it include any of the thousands of dollars raised on the "general days" for mission work and church extension, or "educational day" in September for schools and colleges, and the thousands of dollars raised in special rallies.

A review of the collections in a single year, taken from the minutes of the annual conferences for 1916, shows that fully \$3,000,000 were raised in the management of church activities. Among the items included in the presentation were the following: "Dollar money," \$245,522; for missionary purposes, \$66,409; for educational purposes, \$125,000; for benevolent and charitable purposes, \$90,995; the sum expended by stewards for current expenses of local churches, \$1,304,404; by trustees for building, repairs, and debts of local churches, \$1,104,378. The pastors received in salary \$1,259,435, and the presiding elders, \$253,902. There were 407 superannuated ministers and the approximate amount paid to these was \$17,580; 830 widows and orphans received \$16,145.

#### WORK.

The missionary work of the church is carried on by the Home and Foreign Missionary Department, the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society with their auxiliaries.

The Home and Foreign Missionary Department, which has the general charge of the missionary activities of the church, was organized in 1844, as a result of the report of the work of William Paul Quinn, who was commissioned by the General Conference of 1840 as the church's first general missionary, and was sent out to organize churches and temperance societies, and to establish schools for children. The missionary work in the South was begun as early as 1863, but at present the society conducts mission schools and organized churches throughout the United States and in foreign lands. Outside of the United States, the fields occupied are Canada; West Africa, including Liberia and Sierra Leone; South Africa, including the Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal, and Cape Town; the West Indies; and Dutch and British Guiana, in South America.

In 1898 Bishop H. M. Turner organized the Transvaal and the South African conferences of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa, the former with a church membership of 7,175, and the latter with a membership of 3,625. The membership of these conferences has since been materially increased by their connection with the movement known as the Ethiopian Movement in South Africa, a number of churches formerly connected with the Wesleyan Missionary Society of England having withdrawn from that organization on account of its position on the race question. The report for 1916 shows for the entire foreign field, 156 stations, occupied by 4 American missionaries and 152 native helpers; 121 organized churches, with about 29,000 members; and 6 schools of higher grade, with about 1,000 pupils. The total amount contributed for work on the foreign field during the year was \$25,908.

There is published under the auspices of the missionary department a paper called the "Voice of Missions," giving general church news, but emphasizing missionary matters.

The general financial support of the missionary department is secured by 50 per cent of the annual collections taken by the churches and the Sunday schools on Easter Sunday of each year, and 8 per cent of the "dollar money" fund, which is supplemented by money raised by the auxiliary missionary societies. The receipts for the quadrennium 1912-1916 were \$178,387. They include the following: Easter collections, \$37,734; Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society collection, \$9,569; 8 per cent of "dollar money," \$64,371; Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society, \$17,795; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, \$17,348; and designated receipts, \$31,570. The receipts for 1916 were \$51,816, of which one-half, or \$25,908, was apportioned to the home field and one-half to the foreign work.

In close relation with the missionary department is the department of church extension, organized for the purpose of caring for weak and struggling churches and assisting in the mission work. At first it was connected with the Home and Foreign Missionary Department, but in 1892 it was established on a separate footing. It is supported by revenues accruing from 8 per cent of the "dollar money" fund, 25 per cent of all "children's day money" admission fees, and special receipts. The receipts for 1916 were \$20,701. If this amount be added to the amount apportioned to the missionary society, the total amount for home missions in 1916 will be \$46,609.

The interest of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in education is indicated by the fact that a special educational department was organized in 1884. There are now under its supervision 17 institutions,

including primary, industrial, normal, collegiate, and university courses. Wilberforce University at Wilberforce, Ohio, is the central institution, and connected with it is the Payne Theological Seminary. There is also the Turner Theological Seminary, at Atlanta, Ga.

The income of these institutions includes a nominal sum from the students for tuition, board, room rent, etc.; an appropriation by the General Conference of 8 per cent of the "dollar money;" and other contributions and appropriations as may be specifically needed. A special Sunday in September of each year is set apart as educational endowment day, and all churches and Sunday schools in the connection are required to hold a rally for that cause. The report for 1916 shows \$350,000 expended in the maintenance of these schools, in which there were a total of 6,500 students. The value of school property is estimated at \$1,000,000 and of the endowments at \$40,000.

The Sunday School Union has for its special purpose the systematizing of Sunday school work among Negroes, providing literature and textbooks, and distributing Sunday school literature among the Sunday schools of the connection. For the purpose of forwarding this work a special children's day, the second Sunday in June, has been set apart, and 50 per cent of the amount raised on that day is devoted to the general interests of the Sunday school work.

The publication department is the oldest in the church, originating in 1817. In 1841 the first number of the African Methodist Episcopal Magazine appeared and was followed by a number of weekly papers—the Christian Herald (since 1852 called the Christian Recorder), the Southern Christian Recorder, and others. The publication department publishes also the official book of discipline, hymn books, catechisms, records, books for ministers' study, and other official literature. The special magazine of the church is the African Methodist Episcopal Church Review.

The General Conference of 1900, at Columbus, Ohio, organized the Allen Christian Endeavor League, on the same general plan as the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor Society. The report for 1916 shows 4,151 of these societies, with 123,956 members.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 497 to 500, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	6,636	6,647	-11	-0.2
Members.....	548,355	494,777	53,578	10.8
Church edifices.....	6,302	6,538	-236	-3.6
Value of church property.....	\$14,631,792	\$11,303,489	\$3,328,303	29.4
Debt on church property.....	\$1,518,332	\$1,191,921	\$326,411	27.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1,867	1,783	84	4.7
Value.....	\$2,025,552	\$1,255,246	\$770,306	61.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6,277	6,285	-8	-0.1
Officers and teachers.....	45,350	41,941	3,409	8.1
Scholars.....	311,051	292,689	18,362	6.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$422,517	\$172,030	\$250,487	145.6
Domestic.....	\$396,609	\$162,280	\$234,329	144.4
Foreign.....	\$25,908	\$9,750	\$16,158	165.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased in almost every respect. Its membership has advanced from 494,777 as reported in 1906 to 548,355 in 1916, a gain of 10.8 per cent. Church property has risen in value from \$11,303,489 to \$14,631,792, or 29.4 per cent. The debt on church property as reported by 2,437 organizations in 1916 was \$1,518,332, as against \$1,191,921 reported by 2,574 organizations in 1906. The number of organizations reporting parsonages has increased by 84, or 4.7 per cent, and the value of parsonages from \$1,255,246 to \$2,025,552, or 61.4 per cent. There has been a small decrease in the number of organizations and in church edifices reported, occasioned by the general consolidation and elimination of weak churches. So, also, the number of Sunday schools is less by 8, but the number of officers and teachers increased 8.1 per cent, and the number of scholars rose from 292,689 to 311,051, a gain of 6.3 per cent. General contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$172,030 to \$422,517, a gain of 145.6 per cent, the increase in gifts being at a slightly greater rate for foreign than for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by 6,516 organizations, amounted to \$3,413,395, and covered running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 5,411 organizations in 1916, was 40,068, constituting 8.8 per cent of the 456,268 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 92,087 members reported by the organizations from which no answer

to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 48,155.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 6,636 organizations, 6,635, with 548,305 members, reported church services conducted in English only, and 1, with 50 members, reported services in an Indian language and English. In 1906 also the Indian and English languages were reported by 1 organization, with 33 members.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 8,175, and schedules were received from 2,696. These are distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	2,696	1,885	789	22	\$478
Alabama.....	133	81	52	.....	491
Arizona.....	2	2	.....	.....	335
Arkansas.....	225	131	93	1	386
California.....	8	6	2	.....	547
Colorado.....	7	5	2	.....	690
Connecticut.....	4	3	1	.....	581
Delaware.....	16	16	.....	.....	459
District of Columbia.....	3	3	.....	.....	381
Florida.....	304	196	164	4	411
Georgia.....	258	160	95	3	456
Idaho.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	35	29	6	.....	769
Indiana.....	33	26	6	1	589
Iowa.....	10	9	.....	1	509
Kansas.....	25	19	6	.....	674
Kentucky.....	110	91	18	1	451
Louisiana.....	97	69	37	.....	393
Maryland.....	33	29	3	1	570
Massachusetts.....	7	6	1	.....	302
Michigan.....	7	6	1	.....	736
Minnesota.....	5	5	.....	.....	730
Mississippi.....	168	121	46	1	770
Missouri.....	75	52	23	.....	415
Montana.....	4	3	1	.....	551
Nebraska.....	3	1	2	.....	315
New Jersey.....	42	39	3	.....	637
New Mexico.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	27	25	2	.....	485
North Carolina.....	130	90	35	5	519
Ohio.....	51	39	12	.....	690
Oklahoma.....	42	31	10	1	365
Oregon.....	2	2	.....	.....	338
Pennsylvania.....	64	59	5	.....	740
Rhode Island.....	3	2	1	.....	975
South Carolina.....	239	226	62	1	517
South Dakota.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	195	122	73	.....	447
Texas.....	113	96	15	2	417
Utah.....	3	2	1	.....	445
Virginia.....	73	66	7	.....	613
Washington.....	6	6	.....	.....	492
West Virginia.....	15	12	3	.....	333
Wisconsin.....	5	4	1	.....	468
Wyoming.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....

Of the 2,696 ministers reporting, 2,674 were in pastoral work and 22 not in pastoral work. Of those designating themselves as pastors, 1,844 reported annual salaries averaging \$478. Also, of those in pastoral work, 743 reported other occupations, 326 of them being engaged in farming. Of ministers not in pastoral work, 13, including the bishops, were in denominational work and 4 were recorded as retired.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	6,636	6,633	548,355	6,620	201,625	344,894	6,214	265	6,302	6,232	\$14,631,792
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	15	15	1,581	15	574	1,007	13	2	13	12	176,900
Rhode Island.....	5	5	614	5	216	398	5		5	5	57,000
Connecticut.....	6	6	516	6	221	295	6		6	6	26,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	45	45	3,214	45	987	2,227	35	3	35	35	219,350
New Jersey.....	76	76	7,230	76	2,534	4,696	69	3	71	70	342,025
Pennsylvania.....	140	140	16,798	140	6,298	10,500	136	3	136	137	1,145,390
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	104	104	11,149	104	3,911	7,238	102	1	103	102	785,782
Indiana.....	52	52	4,961	52	1,690	3,271	52		52	52	237,830
Illinois.....	101	101	16,280	101	4,962	11,318	98	3	98	99	636,750
Michigan.....	28	28	4,964	28	1,838	3,126	28		28	27	248,750
Wisconsin.....	5	5	319	5	88	231	4	1	4	4	37,000
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	5	5	1,426	5	549	877	3	1	3	4	30,300
Iowa.....	21	21	2,248	20	727	1,383	21		21	21	108,350
Missouri.....	127	127	13,616	127	4,402	9,214	126		127	126	472,850
Nebraska.....	9	9	723	9	247	476	8		8	9	29,475
Kansas.....	69	69	4,975	69	1,715	3,260	68	1	68	68	212,025
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	46	46	3,290	46	1,217	2,073	46		47	46	150,992
Maryland.....	107	107	10,509	103	3,480	5,586	107		110	107	593,730
District of Columbia.....	9	9	2,353	9	912	1,441	9		9	9	192,300
Virginia.....	120	120	13,581	120	5,151	8,430	119	1	126	119	463,025
West Virginia.....	33	33	1,325	33	530	795	26	3	26	30	117,515
North Carolina.....	247	247	20,433	247	7,488	12,945	237	10	242	239	583,286
South Carolina.....	645	645	90,469	645	35,209	55,260	621	14	632	623	1,056,244
Georgia.....	1,146	1,144	89,295	1,143	34,526	54,759	1,091	34	1,103	1,097	1,518,872
Florida.....	698	698	39,402	698	14,729	24,673	625	31	636	616	871,601
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	144	144	10,187	144	3,536	6,651	141	3	141	142	409,475
Tennessee.....	291	291	23,497	291	8,237	15,260	267	15	271	266	635,851
Alabama.....	525	524	42,658	522	15,659	26,922	462	55	467	464	636,835
Mississippi.....	498	498	26,133	497	9,469	16,608	477	10	482	480	476,407
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	435	435	30,457	433	11,081	19,291	422	4	440	423	642,376
Louisiana.....	196	196	10,260	196	3,595	6,665	181	8	181	181	247,985
Oklahoma.....	152	152	7,250	152	2,655	4,595	137	10	137	139	165,920
Texas.....	464	464	30,857	463	11,221	19,634	402	48	404	405	684,311
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	5	199	5	68	131	5		5	5	11,200
Idaho.....	2	2	44	2	12	32	2		2	2	1,250
Wyoming.....	3	3	97	3	25	72	3		3	3	10,000
Colorado.....	15	15	1,849	14	656	1,168	15		15	15	78,100
New Mexico.....	5	5	140	5	52	88	4	1	4	4	8,000
Arizona.....	4	4	234	4	72	162	3		3	3	15,200
Utah.....	2	2	69	2	20	49	2		2	2	13,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	7	7	503	7	188	315	7		7	6	39,000
Oregon.....	3	3	205	3	56	149	3		3	3	9,500
California.....	24	24	2,422	24	812	1,610	24		24	24	228,240
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	23	2	10	13	2		2	2	5,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Nevada and South Dakota.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Methodist Episcopal Church....	6,636	2,437	\$1,518,332	1,867	\$2,025,552	6,516	\$3,413,395	6,084	6,277	45,350	311,051
<b>New England division:</b>											
Massachusetts.....	15	8	16,590	5	20,500	15	26,841	14	14	145	1,085
Rhode Island.....	5	3	4,300	1	3,000	5	9,563	5	5	49	315
Connecticut.....	6	2	1,250	2	6,000	6	7,735	6	6	33	297
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	45	24	18,185	14	18,500	44	41,318	41	41	337	2,130
New Jersey.....	76	46	51,869	39	83,400	76	105,927	70	70	662	5,462
Pennsylvania.....	140	88	224,438	57	158,115	140	233,030	134	137	1,321	12,235
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	104	41	45,675	45	99,471	104	127,041	102	103	1,046	8,090
Indiana.....	52	26	27,199	35	48,780	51	48,397	49	49	402	2,950
Illinois.....	101	65	87,036	50	87,050	100	133,530	98	99	956	6,773
Michigan.....	28	15	16,798	18	52,700	28	50,774	28	28	317	2,017
Wisconsin.....	5	3	4,022	3	13,000	4	8,074	5	5	32	162
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota.....	5	4	4,000	3	13,200	5	7,126	5	5	71	330
Iowa.....	21	13	8,711	14	18,350	21	24,378	21	21	180	998
Missouri.....	127	68	50,808	62	75,000	124	78,824	115	117	780	5,142
Nebraska.....	9	6	4,827	3	3,000	9	10,085	9	9	94	625
Kansas.....	69	32	24,877	29	25,500	67	41,555	57	57	441	2,690
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	46	34	14,427	18	22,050	45	33,244	43	46	366	2,775
Maryland.....	107	65	140,984	44	72,500	107	109,377	103	108	1,018	8,145
District of Columbia.....	9	6	25,737	4	7,400	9	19,089	9	9	105	1,101
Virginia.....	120	56	56,365	44	59,252	119	82,781	114	121	937	10,028
West Virginia.....	33	13	12,882	7	6,660	31	16,309	28	29	178	1,001
North Carolina.....	247	77	44,434	48	41,500	243	110,940	238	245	2,026	13,433
South Carolina.....	645	208	58,987	151	149,275	642	294,245	629	663	5,618	46,280
Georgia.....	1,146	431	84,145	242	203,473	1,130	387,596	1,045	1,062	7,364	46,131
Florida.....	698	181	68,305	167	139,335	679	277,145	590	612	4,285	26,313
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	144	55	39,554	55	37,650	144	76,094	131	133	803	4,954
Tennessee.....	291	71	59,461	70	61,900	291	128,022	269	278	1,614	11,912
Alabama.....	525	114	55,723	131	124,725	514	208,338	482	495	2,781	21,522
Mississippi.....	498	193	46,925	121	66,755	490	157,415	446	466	2,853	16,040
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	435	164	72,338	97	59,475	415	146,814	412	427	3,387	18,533
Louisiana.....	196	61	17,658	76	57,160	191	79,290	173	177	958	7,317
Oklahoma.....	152	47	13,743	38	27,425	149	58,463	136	144	816	4,540
Texas.....	464	177	71,267	136	98,351	447	192,437	409	428	2,856	16,842
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	5	3	356	3	3,800	5	4,751	5	5	36	120
Idaho.....	2	1	200	1	250	2	652	1	1	6	22
Wyoming.....	3	3	440	2	2,500	3	1,937	3	3	14	69
Colorado.....	15	5	6,665	9	17,700	15	21,030	13	13	116	735
New Mexico.....	5	3	940	2	1,500	5	2,255	4	4	33	101
Arizona.....	4	2	1,944	2	.....	4	4,076	4	4	17	80
Utah.....	2	1	3,070	.....	.....	2	2,067	2	2	13	58
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	7	6	8,150	3	5,500	6	9,378	7	7	45	287
Oregon.....	3	1	2,500	1	5,700	3	3,102	3	3	23	131
California.....	24	13	19,643	17	29,150	24	37,200	24	24	207	1,250
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	904	.....	.....	2	150	2	2	9	30

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Nevada and South Dakota.



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	6,636	6,633	548,355	6,620	201,625	344,894	6,214	265	6,302	6,232	\$14,631,792
Alabama.....	102	101	7,349	100	2,630	4,714	101	1	102	101	141,605
Arkansas.....	110	110	7,128	110	2,556	4,572	107	1	115	107	198,780
Atlanta, Ga.....	118	118	14,638	118	5,516	9,122	115	.....	117	114	365,826
Augusta, Ga.....	129	129	11,663	129	4,599	7,064	126	1	128	127	149,283
Baltimore.....	116	116	12,862	112	4,392	7,027	116	.....	119	116	786,030
California.....	25	25	2,427	25	814	1,613	25	.....	25	25	231,040
Central Alabama.....	75	75	8,172	75	2,980	5,192	71	1	74	73	90,690
Central Arkansas.....	45	45	2,976	44	1,184	1,782	43	.....	43	43	71,616
Central Florida.....	95	95	5,109	95	2,088	3,021	87	4	87	86	134,152
Central Mississippi.....	68	68	3,977	68	1,399	2,578	66	.....	67	66	75,375
Central Oklahoma.....	45	45	1,403	45	465	938	39	3	39	39	29,560
Central Texas.....	67	67	7,066	67	2,608	4,458	61	5	61	61	143,600
Chicago.....	65	65	14,433	64	4,403	9,892	59	5	59	61	611,050
Colorado.....	30	30	2,410	29	832	1,553	28	1	28	28	124,400
Columbia.....	152	152	17,890	152	6,721	11,169	147	4	150	148	203,661
East Alabama.....	97	97	7,191	97	2,653	4,538	85	8	85	85	84,655
East Arkansas.....	83	83	5,345	83	2,005	3,340	78	1	78	78	108,500
East Florida.....	101	101	7,554	101	2,643	4,911	87	3	87	81	294,135
East Mississippi.....	62	62	3,770	61	1,309	2,405	59	2	59	59	60,100
East Tennessee.....	49	49	3,248	49	1,117	2,131	38	6	38	38	105,751
Florida.....	114	114	7,203	114	2,491	4,712	105	5	110	103	100,640
Georgia.....	233	233	13,749	233	5,365	8,384	214	17	214	216	272,261
Illinois.....	69	69	6,058	69	1,995	4,063	69	.....	69	69	206,350
Indiana.....	47	47	4,347	47	1,475	2,872	47	.....	47	47	120,830
Kansas.....	77	77	5,677	77	1,955	3,722	75	1	75	76	241,400
Kentucky.....	81	81	5,542	81	1,939	3,603	78	3	78	79	222,750
Louisiana.....	91	91	5,554	91	1,957	3,597	86	5	86	86	135,960
Macon, Ga.....	163	163	15,711	163	6,163	9,548	156	5	158	157	214,005
Michigan.....	32	32	5,378	32	1,989	3,389	32	.....	32	31	273,750
Middle South Florida.....	142	142	6,688	142	2,581	4,107	132	10	132	132	119,081
Mississippi.....	139	139	5,890	139	2,108	3,782	134	4	138	137	128,040
Missouri.....	50	50	6,501	50	2,117	4,384	49	.....	50	49	199,475
New England.....	26	26	2,711	26	1,011	1,700	24	2	24	23	259,900
New Jersey.....	78	78	7,392	78	2,601	4,791	71	3	73	72	355,525
New York.....	45	45	3,214	45	987	2,227	35	3	35	35	219,350
North Alabama.....	135	135	11,226	134	4,269	6,885	90	45	90	90	200,785
North Carolina.....	127	127	11,256	127	4,209	7,047	123	4	124	124	270,886
North Georgia.....	115	114	7,348	113	2,817	4,521	112	2	112	112	154,101
North Louisiana.....	105	105	4,706	105	1,638	3,068	95	3	95	95	112,025
North Mississippi.....	65	65	4,256	65	1,567	2,689	63	2	63	63	99,645
North Missouri.....	46	46	2,573	46	807	1,766	46	.....	46	46	72,000
North Ohio.....	58	58	6,262	58	2,178	4,084	57	.....	58	57	461,352
Northeast Mississippi.....	76	76	4,136	76	1,629	2,507	75	.....	75	75	54,760
Northeast Oklahoma.....	54	54	3,686	54	1,329	2,357	51	2	51	51	83,700
Northeast South Carolina.....	148	148	21,434	148	9,026	12,408	147	1	148	147	188,520
Northeast Texas.....	133	133	8,698	132	3,296	5,400	107	17	107	110	262,550
Northwest Mississippi.....	88	88	4,104	88	1,457	2,647	80	2	80	80	58,487
Ohio.....	46	46	4,887	46	1,733	3,154	45	1	45	45	324,430
Oklahoma.....	53	53	2,161	53	861	1,300	47	5	47	49	52,660
Palmetto.....	111	111	18,071	111	7,140	10,931	106	4	106	106	169,203
Philadelphia.....	120	120	13,281	120	5,007	8,274	119	1	120	120	723,082
Piedmont.....	129	129	17,679	129	6,451	11,228	128	1	128	128	213,795
Pittsburgh.....	64	64	6,645	64	2,441	4,204	61	2	61	61	559,800
Puget Sound.....	17	17	951	17	324	627	17	.....	17	16	60,950
South Arkansas.....	129	129	8,900	129	3,183	5,717	126	2	130	127	138,070
South Carolina.....	105	105	15,395	105	5,871	9,524	93	4	100	94	281,065
South Florida.....	96	96	5,428	96	2,091	3,337	84	3	85	84	132,394
South Georgia.....	184	183	10,011	183	3,809	6,202	171	7	177	173	151,807
Southern Alabama.....	116	116	8,720	116	3,127	5,593	115	.....	116	115	119,100
Southwest Georgia.....	204	204	16,175	204	6,257	9,918	197	2	197	198	211,589
Southwest Missouri.....	31	31	4,542	31	1,478	3,064	31	.....	31	31	201,875
Southwest Texas.....	71	71	4,050	71	1,517	2,533	64	7	64	64	69,881
Tennessee.....	108	108	10,375	108	3,616	6,759	105	1	108	105	262,150
Texas.....	123	123	6,944	123	2,376	4,568	108	13	109	108	162,000
Virginia.....	123	123	13,684	123	5,196	8,488	122	1	129	122	467,025
West Arkansas.....	68	68	6,108	67	2,153	3,880	68	.....	74	68	125,410
West Florida.....	150	150	7,420	150	2,835	4,585	130	6	135	130	91,199
West Kentucky.....	60	60	4,502	60	1,538	2,964	60	.....	60	60	185,175
West North Carolina.....	120	120	9,177	120	3,279	5,898	114	6	118	115	312,400
West Tennessee.....	137	137	10,017	137	3,563	6,454	127	8	128	128	269,500
West Texas.....	70	70	4,099	70	1,424	2,675	62	6	63	62	46,280
West Virginia.....	30	30	1,222	30	485	737	23	3	23	27	113,515



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	6,636	2,437	\$1,518,332	1,867	\$2,025,552	6,516	\$3,413,395	6,084	6,277	45,350	311,051
Alabama.....	102	31	8,889	23	24,900	96	30,953	90	94	536	3,784
Arkansas.....	110	48	27,772	21	13,500	107	38,966	106	111	880	4,881
Atlanta, Ga.....	118	63	27,850	30	32,250	117	67,400	106	107	971	6,361
Augusta, Ga.....	129	50	5,597	32	23,263	126	45,949	123	125	875	5,328
Baltimore.....	116	71	166,721	48	79,900	116	128,466	112	117	1,123	9,246
California.....	25	14	20,118	17	29,150	25	37,275	25	25	209	1,260
Central Alabama.....	75	21	20,148	29	21,275	75	35,723	72	73	486	3,888
Central Arkansas.....	45	20	3,310	8	4,180	33	11,942	32	32	279	1,441
Central Florida.....	95	19	23,088	30	22,450	89	33,151	68	68	495	3,384
Central Mississippi.....	68	22	11,623	18	11,100	68	23,678	65	70	397	2,252
Central Oklahoma.....	45	21	4,817	11	5,150	44	9,360	40	40	217	983
Central Texas.....	67	26	19,483	26	18,151	66	41,328	63	65	531	3,669
Chicago.....	65	42	66,851	34	84,550	64	115,553	64	64	687	5,065
Colorado.....	30	14	13,059	13	21,700	30	31,640	27	27	198	1,078
Columbia.....	152	45	8,945	35	31,725	152	65,196	150	152	1,304	9,396
East Alabama.....	97	13	4,280	15	11,900	94	34,889	91	92	513	3,510
East Arkansas.....	83	34	9,950	23	18,125	79	24,927	81	82	621	3,373
East Florida.....	101	33	17,549	22	35,325	99	66,146	79	81	688	4,475
East Mississippi.....	62	29	11,324	11	6,550	61	22,498	58	59	405	2,632
East Tennessee.....	49	14	12,058	14	21,000	49	24,504	46	51	321	1,839
Florida.....	114	20	1,678	28	12,525	113	31,333	99	104	748	4,248
Georgia.....	233	81	10,714	51	39,300	228	60,709	217	223	1,342	7,509
Illinois.....	69	45	48,547	37	48,050	68	54,030	67	68	558	3,343
Indiana.....	47	24	24,631	33	45,280	46	42,468	44	44	358	2,632
Kansas.....	77	38	29,704	32	28,500	75	51,365	65	65	530	3,280
Kentucky.....	81	28	16,598	34	26,650	81	39,081	72	74	433	2,685
Louisiana.....	91	32	11,335	43	36,235	89	47,968	86	86	484	4,422
Macon, Ga.....	163	49	10,383	31	33,050	162	69,949	156	158	1,091	7,269
Michigan.....	32	18	18,166	19	55,200	32	55,303	32	32	352	2,210
Middle South Florida.....	142	29	3,665	31	25,785	133	44,048	124	125	832	4,516
Mississippi.....	139	44	6,615	46	22,350	139	32,777	116	125	727	3,967
Missouri.....	50	26	21,868	26	36,900	50	32,237	50	51	360	2,785
New England.....	26	13	22,140	8	29,500	26	44,139	25	25	227	1,697
New Jersey.....	78	47	52,669	41	88,900	78	108,177	72	72	676	5,552
New York.....	45	24	18,185	14	18,500	44	41,318	41	41	337	2,130
North Alabama.....	135	22	15,224	37	49,950	135	66,557	123	123	706	6,042
North Carolina.....	127	52	17,023	22	17,750	125	53,504	126	127	1,093	6,546
North Georgia.....	115	44	11,644	25	19,950	113	44,028	95	95	684	4,014
North Louisiana.....	105	29	6,323	33	20,925	102	31,382	87	91	474	2,895
North Mississippi.....	65	32	4,307	20	14,205	64	29,789	63	66	439	2,485
North Missouri.....	46	24	7,145	21	15,750	43	23,841	35	35	226	1,039
North Ohio.....	58	23	24,429	24	61,471	58	72,755	56	57	619	5,107
Northeast Mississippi.....	76	34	5,208	18	8,750	73	20,772	68	69	429	2,122
Northeast Oklahoma.....	54	17	6,682	13	10,975	52	31,828	53	61	378	2,386
Northeast South Carolina.....	148	58	15,314	36	30,175	146	61,650	140	149	1,285	10,622
Northeast Texas.....	133	58	25,094	41	27,800	122	59,019	116	124	813	4,781
Northwest Mississippi.....	88	32	7,848	8	3,806	85	27,901	76	77	456	2,582
Ohio.....	46	18	21,246	21	38,000	46	54,286	46	46	427	2,983
Oklahoma.....	53	9	2,244	14	11,300	53	17,275	43	43	221	1,171
Palmetto.....	111	28	10,928	23	20,250	111	52,701	111	117	838	8,238
Philadelphia.....	120	76	116,016	44	104,765	119	161,053	112	117	1,074	10,628
Piedmont.....	129	48	12,422	21	24,650	129	68,036	128	132	1,429	11,297
Pittsburgh.....	64	45	122,049	29	69,900	64	102,971	63	64	599	4,294
Puget Sound.....	17	11	11,266	8	15,250	16	17,883	16	16	110	560
South Arkansas.....	129	39	14,977	29	13,120	128	47,659	126	129	947	5,117
South Carolina.....	105	23	11,378	36	42,475	104	46,692	100	113	762	6,727
South Florida.....	96	39	15,468	31	29,150	93	64,036	87	92	651	4,589
South Georgia.....	184	58	8,351	33	27,210	181	48,923	165	170	1,011	6,894
Southern Alabama.....	116	27	7,182	27	16,700	114	40,216	106	113	540	4,298
Southwest Georgia.....	204	86	9,606	40	28,450	203	59,638	183	184	1,390	8,756
Southwest Missouri.....	31	18	21,795	15	22,350	31	22,746	30	31	194	1,318
Southwest Texas.....	71	27	8,817	21	14,425	70	28,227	68	69	421	2,475
Tennessee.....	108	33	26,769	27	21,000	108	42,821	100	103	674	5,535
Texas.....	123	40	12,975	35	32,575	122	48,072	110	116	687	3,800
Virginia.....	123	58	56,536	45	59,562	122	83,685	117	124	958	10,095
West Arkansas.....	68	23	16,329	16	10,550	68	23,320	67	73	660	3,721
West Florida.....	150	41	6,857	25	14,100	147	38,431	133	142	841	5,101
West Kentucky.....	60	27	22,966	21	11,000	60	36,501	56	56	354	2,184
West North Carolina.....	120	25	27,411	26	23,750	118	57,436	112	118	933	6,888
West Tennessee.....	137	24	20,634	29	19,900	137	61,109	126	127	635	4,623
West Texas.....	70	26	4,868	13	5,400	67	20,701	62	64	404	2,117
West Virginia.....	30	11	12,711	6	5,350	28	15,405	25	26	157	934

## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

Among the early independent Negro Methodist congregations in this country was one organized in New York City in 1796 by James Varick, Abraham Thompson, William Miller, and others, who were members of the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Their desire to have a separate organization in which "they might have opportunity to exercise their spiritual gifts among themselves, and thereby be more useful to one another," was occasioned largely by the "caste prejudice [which] forbade their taking the sacrament until the white members were all served," by the desire for other church privileges denied them, and by the conviction that it would assist in the development of a ministry adapted to their needs. The first church was built in the year 1800, and was called "Zion." The next year it was incorporated as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and articles of agreement were entered into with the Methodist Episcopal Church by which the latter supplied them with ordained preachers until the year 1820. Meanwhile the organization of the Union Church of Africans (see p. 508) in Wilmington, Del., and of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, as separate and distinct denominations, caused considerable uneasiness, and the Zion Church made application to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the ordination of some of its local preachers as elders. To this no answer was given, and in 1820, as the congregation had developed several preachers of ability, it formally withdrew from the supervision of white pastors, and, in connection with churches which had been formed at New Haven, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., and Newark, N. J., and on Long Island, N. Y., made plans for an entirely separate and independent organization.

The first annual conference was held in Mother Zion Church, corner of Church and Leonard Streets, New York City, June 21, 1821. At that time the denomination consisted of 6 churches, 19 preachers, and 1,426 members. As they had no ordained elders at this time, the conference was presided over by the Rev. William Phoebus, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Joshua Soule (afterwards a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church) acted as secretary. James Varick, who, from his activity and influence, is generally spoken of as the founder of the denomination, was made district chairman.

The second annual conference, which was also the first General Conference, met in Wesley Church, Lombard Street, Philadelphia, May 16, 1822, and was presided over by Abraham Thompson. After some routine business, it adjourned to meet July 18 in Mother Zion Church, New York City. In the meantime, on June 17, James Varick, Abraham Thompson, and Levin Smith were ordained elders by Dr. James Covel, Sylvester Hutchinson, and William Stillwell, white

elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At this conference, on July 21, six persons were elected deacons in the forenoon and elders in the afternoon, and James Varick was elected the first superintendent or bishop of the denomination. No other General Conference was held until 1828, when Christopher Rush was elected the second bishop of the denomination. After Bishop Varick's death, in 1827, Bishop Rush served alone until 1840, when William Miller was elected as his associate. It was not until 1848 that the present name of the church was adopted.

At the General Conference of 1852 a difference of opinion arose with regard to the parity of the superintendents or bishops, which divided the denomination into two wings, but the breach was healed, and in 1860 the two factions reunited.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church did not begin operations in the South until 1863, when Bishop Joseph J. Clinton sent Elder James W. Hood to North Carolina and Elder Wilbur G. Strong to Florida and Louisiana, though work was not begun until the following January. The appointment to North Carolina was specially fortunate, and churches sprang up rapidly. Men only just emancipated from the yoke of slavery felt themselves called to enter the ministry and to preach the gospel to their own people. Before the year closed the North Carolina Conference was organized, the parent of 5 conferences in that state, with a combined membership in 1906 of about 600 local churches, which have increased, in 1916, to 7 conferences, with nearly 800 churches. The success in Florida, Louisiana, and Alabama was not so phenomenal, but the missionary effort in these states proved to be most fruitful. This is especially true of Alabama, where there are 6 large conferences. So successful were the efforts of these early missionaries that when the General Conference met in 1880 at Montgomery, Ala., 15 annual conferences had been organized in the South.

The General Conference of 1880 was an important one. Livingstone College was established at Salisbury, N. C., the Rev. C. R. Harris being its first principal. Two years later, on his return from England, where he had collected \$10,000 for the college, the Rev. Joseph C. Price, considered one of the greatest champions of Negro citizenship, was made president, and continued in this office until his death in 1893. The Star of Zion, the chief weekly organ of the church, was adopted by this General Conference as a permanent organ of the denomination, and the first organized missionary effort was instituted by the formation of a Board of Missions and a Woman's Missionary Society.

At the General Conference of 1892 the denomination took a forward move by the organization of the departments of missions and education, which have been productive of large and far-reaching results in promoting

the cause of education and missions at home and in foreign fields. The founding of the Publication House and the placing in it of a printing plant for publishing literature of all kinds used by the church, and for carrying on a general printing business, was one of the notable achievements of the church in that year. The A. M. E. Zion Quarterly Review, issued first in 1889, was adopted as a denominational periodical in 1892.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is in entire accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church, accepting the Apostles' Creed and adhering strictly to the doctrine of the new birth, regeneration followed by adoption, and entire sanctification. It recognizes the Scriptures as written by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. In polity, also, it is in substantial agreement with that church, having the same system of conferences—quarterly, annual, and general. The itinerancy is maintained throughout all ranks of ministers. A bishop holds office for life or during good behavior, but he may be assigned quadrennially to different districts, and may be retired, when feebleness or general disability warrants it, on \$1,000 a year. The widows of bishops receive a stipend of \$300 annually. The membership of the General Conference is made up of the bishops and general denominational officers *ex officio*, ministerial delegates from the annual conferences in the ratio of 1 for every 15 active pastors where there are over 40 members of conference, and 2 lay delegates from each annual conference, except for such as are entitled to but 1 ministerial delegate. The salaries of bishops and general denominational officers, except such as are paid by their respective departments, are paid from a general fund secured by an annual assessment of one dollar per member of each church. At the General Conference of 1896 a new financial plan was adopted by which the bishops were to receive better support.

#### WORK.

The thorough organization of the general work of the church dates from the General Conference of 1904.

The work of home missions is carried on under the direction of the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions, these two departments having been combined at the General Conference in 1916. Previous to that time Home and Foreign Missions constituted one department, and Church Extension another. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society also shares in the home mission work. At present, portions of Louisiana, Mississippi, and the states beyond the Mississippi River, especially Oklahoma, are regarded as special mission fields. The board maintains a regular loan fund, an emergency fund, and an annuity fund. A certain amount is apportioned to each pas-

toral charge to be raised annually for this work. The report for 1916 shows 327 churches aided by the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions, and \$24,000 contributed for the support of this work, including receipts by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The foreign missionary work is now carried on by the Foreign Mission Board in Liberia and the Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, and in South America, the stations formerly maintained in the Dominican Republic and the Bahama Islands having been abandoned. The report for 1916 shows 52 stations, occupied by 4 American missionaries and 60 native missionaries and helpers; 52 organized churches, with 7,000 members; and 10 schools, of which 9 are in Africa and 1 in South America, with a total enrollment of 1,870 pupils. The total amount contributed for the work in the foreign field was \$9,050, and the value of the property was estimated at \$26,000. These figures include the foreign work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The educational interests of the church are under the direction of a Board of Education, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., which has supervision over all schools. Money collected for education is sent to the corresponding secretary, who, under the advice of the board, apportions to each school its percentage. Funds for the support of the schools are raised by apportionment to each pastoral charge and by a free-will offering from each Sunday school. The report for 1916 showed 5 colleges and academies, with a total of 1,119 students. The principal institution is Livingstone College, at Salisbury, N. C., with which is connected Hood Theological Seminary for the training of young men for the ministry and for work in foreign missions; and there were 6 schools of lower grade, including 2 industrial schools, with a total of 1,058 pupils. The amount contributed toward the support of this work in 1916 was \$59,535, and the value of school property was estimated at \$468,000.

The young people's work is represented by 1,635 societies, called Varick Christian Endeavor Societies, with a membership of about 64,000.

There is a Sunday school department, which has charge of the publication of Sunday school literature, and a Ministerial Brotherhood, established in 1904, which requires each minister to pay annually not less than \$2.50 and not more than \$5 for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of the brotherhood.

The departments of Education, Church Extension, Home and Foreign Missions, and the Varick Christian Endeavor Union are maintained by a fund that is raised on special days, and averages about \$50,000 per annum. There is also a percentage of the general dollar fund set apart for education, church extension, home missions, and for the widows and orphans of retired ministers.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 504 to 507, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,716	2,204	512	23.2
Members.....	257,169	184,542	72,627	39.4
Church edifices.....	2,495	2,131	364	17.1
Value of church property.....	\$7,591,393	\$4,833,207	\$2,758,186	57.1
Debt on church property.....	\$795,437	\$474,269	\$321,168	67.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	485	348	137	39.4
Value.....	\$632,416	\$350,690	\$281,726	80.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	2,544	2,092	452	21.6
Officers and teachers.....	18,982	16,245	2,737	16.8
Scholars.....	135,102	107,692	27,410	25.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$92,585	\$26,000	\$66,585	256.1
Domestic.....	\$83,535	\$23,000	\$60,535	263.2
Foreign.....	\$9,050	\$3,000	\$6,050	201.7

From the above table it appears that the denomination has gained in every particular since 1906. The total number of organizations reported was 2,716, as against 2,204 in 1906, a gain of 23.2 per cent, and the membership rose from 184,542 to 257,169, an increase of 39.4 per cent. The number of church edifices increased by 364, or 17.1 per cent, and the value of church property rose from \$4,833,207 to \$7,591,393, or 57.1 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$795,437 was reported by 793 organizations, as against \$474,269 reported by 724 organizations in 1906. Churches reporting parsonages increased by 137, or 39.4 per cent, and the value of parsonages advanced in an even greater ratio, 80.3 per cent. The number of Sunday schools reported in 1916 was 2,544, as against 2,092 in 1906, a gain of 21.6 per cent, and the number of scholars was 135,102, as against 107,692, a gain of 25.5 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from an estimate of \$26,000 to \$92,585, the greater portion being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,700,737 were reported by 2,641 organizations and cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 2,223 organizations in 1916, was 25,678, constituting 11.1 per cent of the 230,853 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 26,316 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 28,605.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 3,962. Schedules were received from only 616, as shown by the following table. Of these, 599 were in pastoral work and 17 not in pastoral work. All but 1 of the latter were in general denominational work, including the bishops. Of those in pastoral work, 403 reported annual salaries averaging \$502; 191 engaged in other occupations, of whom 89 were farmers and 25 were engaged in teaching.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	616	403	196	17	\$502
Alabama.....	39	32	7		413
Arkansas.....	19	9	8	2	341
California.....	3	2	1		771
Connecticut.....	5	3	2		564
Delaware.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	5	3	2		622
Georgia.....	24	7	17		447
Illinois.....	4	4			823
Indiana.....	3	3			423
Kentucky.....	37	26	11		471
Louisiana.....	10	6	3	1	325
Maryland.....	1	1			
Massachusetts.....	3	3			1,317
Michigan.....	1	1			
Mississippi.....	15	15			331
Missouri.....	3	3			317
New Jersey.....	24	11	11	2	247
New York.....	29	24	3	2	692
North Carolina.....	199	123	71	5	519
Ohio.....	5	4		1	714
Oklahoma.....	1		1		
Pennsylvania.....	27	25	1	1	616
Rhode Island.....	1	1			
South Carolina.....	41	23	18		495
Tennessee.....	72	47	23	2	444
Texas.....	3		3		
Virginia.....	40	25	14	1	480

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church .....	2,716	2,716	257,169	2,711	94,653	162,274	2,488	199	2,495	2,475	\$7,591,393
<b>New England division:</b>											
Massachusetts .....	10	10	1,527	9	490	992	8	1	9	8	136,800
Rhode Island .....	2	2	290	2	95	195	2		2	2	53,000
Connecticut .....	17	17	1,825	17	681	1,144	17		17	17	211,350
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York .....	71	71	9,005	71	3,075	5,930	66	5	66	64	804,700
New Jersey .....	31	31	3,478	31	1,113	2,365	29	2	29	29	228,700
Pennsylvania .....	76	76	14,011	76	4,854	9,157	62	13	63	62	776,600
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio .....	14	14	1,389	14	583	806	10	4	11	10	101,100
Indiana .....	19	19	2,465	19	756	1,709	16	3	16	16	95,000
Illinois .....	12	12	2,184	12	637	1,547	10	2	10	10	64,100
Michigan .....	6	6	515	6	183	332	4	2	4	4	11,700
Wisconsin .....	2	2	34	2	15	19	2		2	2	3,800
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Iowa .....	6	6	143	6	50	93	3	3	3	3	2,200
Missouri .....	16	16	4,046	16	1,130	2,916	14	2	14	14	143,270
Kansas .....	2	2	35	2	11	24	1	1	1	1	1,250
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware .....	5	5	195	5	82	113	3	2	3	3	13,700
Maryland .....	26	26	2,519	26	816	1,703	23	3	23	23	83,050
District of Columbia .....	7	7	2,732	7	953	1,779	6	1	6	6	293,500
Virginia .....	111	111	9,199	110	3,414	5,730	100	10	100	100	214,250
West Virginia .....	8	8	338	8	118	220	3	5	3	3	4,300
North Carolina .....	777	777	74,365	777	28,748	45,617	761	14	763	750	1,790,659
South Carolina .....	192	192	23,169	190	9,102	13,937	187	5	188	187	411,225
Georgia .....	99	99	5,523	99	2,076	3,447	85	14	85	85	152,475
Florida .....	113	113	11,496	113	3,594	7,902	108	4	108	108	216,573
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky .....	82	82	5,578	82	1,979	3,599	67	14	67	67	189,730
Tennessee .....	156	156	8,786	155	3,235	5,539	137	18	137	137	280,740
Alabama .....	479	479	51,284	479	19,167	32,117	452	25	453	452	824,037
Mississippi .....	127	127	7,202	127	2,674	4,528	114	10	114	114	124,504
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas .....	125	125	7,668	125	2,755	4,913	104	14	104	104	117,790
Louisiana .....	44	44	2,831	44	1,010	1,821	39	4	39	39	47,825
Oklahoma .....	16	16	741	16	299	442	15	1	15	15	11,005
Texas .....	20	20	771	20	292	479	13	6	13	13	10,295
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Arizona .....	2	2	50	2	22	28	2		2	2	2,550
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington .....	5	5	72	5	22	50		4			
Oregon .....	5	5	86	5	26	60		4			
California .....	30	30	1,577	30	585	992	23	2	23	23	161,275
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	40	3	11	29	2	1	2	2	8,340

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Maine, and Utah.

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church .....	2,716	793	\$795,437	485	\$632,416	2,641	\$1,700,737	2,535	2,544	18,982	135,102
New England division:											
Massachusetts .....	10	5	38,115	1	2,600	9	19,385	8	8	87	1,089
Rhode Island .....	2	2	14,050			2	4,900	2	2	13	220
Connecticut .....	17	11	38,430	10	36,100	17	29,455	15	15	117	897
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	71	28	92,956	35	111,541	70	116,542	66	66	673	4,569
New Jersey .....	31	18	48,162	8	20,400	30	47,409	28	28	224	2,393
Pennsylvania .....	76	32	85,183	27	68,275	72	102,788	70	70	583	4,736
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	14	6	21,475	4	3,200	12	12,676	14	14	105	660
Indiana .....	19	11	10,810	2	6,000	19	20,955	19	19	126	1048
Illinois .....	12	8	14,582	5	6,000	11	17,892	10	10	83	756
Michigan .....	6	2	3,250	1	1,600	6	6,165	4	4	23	190
Wisconsin .....	2	1	500			2	232	2	2	8	32
West North Central division:											
Iowa .....	6	1	158			6	1,352	6	6	35	111
Missouri .....	16	10	32,485	3	22,100	15	23,258	14	14	109	1,213
Kansas .....	2					2	721	2	2	6	35
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware .....	5	3	4,100			5	1,668	4	4	15	110
Maryland .....	26	9	11,534	4	12,200	26	17,710	23	23	180	1,416
District of Columbia .....	7	7	74,400	2	6,500	7	27,949	7	7	93	936
Virginia .....	111	37	34,644	16	17,100	109	64,287	99	99	727	4,843
West Virginia .....	8	2	220			7	2,386	4	4	28	181
North Carolina .....	777	206	85,490	97	104,261	774	465,201	764	767	6,626	43,697
South Carolina .....	192	68	21,835	18	13,630	191	121,678	188	188	1,496	12,088
Georgia .....	99	29	5,029	9	8,325	93	33,569	81	81	482	3,344
Florida .....	113	24	20,734	37	23,920	108	50,195	106	107	770	6,132
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	82	21	24,226	23	9,350	76	48,512	73	73	498	3,227
Tennessee .....	156	33	17,430	21	11,125	146	65,304	141	141	891	6,103
Alabama .....	479	105	52,376	96	113,519	469	252,518	459	461	2,943	23,047
Mississippi .....	127	46	9,920	19	9,750	123	44,633	118	119	734	4,006
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	125	31	7,876	17	6,410	113	48,284	108	110	717	4,515
Louisiana .....	44	19	4,213	10	7,100	43	14,717	37	37	230	1,578
Oklahoma .....	16	4	392	7	1,460	16	6,531	14	14	81	393
Texas .....	20	2	1,300	3	1,000	20	5,584	16	16	96	507
Mountain division:											
Arizona .....	2	1	1,000	1	1,500	2	1,900	1	1	6	20
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	5					4	330	4	4	20	58
Oregon .....	5			1	1,000	5	1,251	2	2	13	43
California .....	30	11	13,562	8	6,450	28	21,695	24	24	136	865
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	5,000			3	1,105	2	2	8	41

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Idaho, Maine, and Utah.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	2,716	2,716	257,169	2,711	94,653	162,274	2,488	199	2,495	2,475	\$7,591,393
Alabama.....	82	82	9,244	82	3,180	6,064	82	.....	82	82	112,200
Albemarle.....	53	53	6,707	53	2,716	3,991	53	.....	53	53	107,580
Allegheny.....	26	26	4,522	26	1,533	2,989	21	5	21	21	144,100
Arkansas.....	99	99	5,182	99	1,845	3,337	84	9	84	84	86,805
Blue Ridge.....	86	86	4,941	85	1,667	3,262	80	5	80	80	221,550
Cahaba.....	58	58	4,751	58	1,944	2,807	54	4	54	54	90,025
California.....	32	32	1,614	32	600	1,014	25	2	25	25	161,665
Cape Fear.....	116	116	10,436	116	4,140	6,296	114	2	114	114	244,259
Central Alabama.....	46	46	7,275	46	2,945	4,330	46	.....	46	46	149,646
Central North Carolina.....	145	145	14,757	145	5,509	9,248	144	.....	144	144	229,001
East Tennessee and Virginia.....	88	88	3,650	88	1,274	2,376	75	13	75	75	86,845
Florida.....	40	40	2,377	40	851	1,526	35	4	35	35	80,198
Georgia.....	55	55	2,504	55	892	1,612	42	12	42	42	64,000
Indiana.....	19	19	2,389	19	746	1,643	16	3	16	16	93,900
Kentucky.....	38	38	3,467	38	1,196	2,271	33	5	33	33	125,750
Louisiana.....	24	24	2,219	24	772	1,447	23	1	23	23	40,300
Michigan.....	17	17	2,600	17	771	1,829	14	3	14	14	60,700
Missouri.....	26	26	4,389	26	1,242	3,147	19	7	19	19	161,220
New England.....	30	30	3,659	29	1,273	2,341	28	1	29	28	409,150
New Jersey.....	34	34	3,664	34	1,193	2,471	32	2	32	32	249,700
New York.....	46	46	6,530	46	2,243	4,287	43	3	43	41	525,900
North Alabama.....	68	68	6,702	68	2,611	4,091	50	17	50	50	129,030
North Arkansas.....	31	31	2,707	31	983	1,724	26	4	26	26	34,885
North Carolina.....	86	86	7,586	86	2,902	4,684	85	1	86	85	240,400
North Louisiana.....	22	22	580	22	238	342	16	5	16	16	8,203
Ohio.....	24	24	2,427	24	972	1,455	18	6	20	18	255,600
Oklahoma.....	16	16	741	16	299	442	15	1	15	15	11,005
Oregon-Washington.....	12	12	104	12	59	135	1	9	1	1	2,500
Palmto.....	71	71	6,519	71	2,592	3,927	70	1	71	70	104,425
Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	75	75	13,814	75	4,759	9,055	62	12	62	62	856,050
South Alabama.....	89	89	9,604	89	3,453	6,151	89	.....	89	89	131,900
South Carolina.....	125	125	16,849	123	6,643	10,076	121	4	121	121	316,700
South Florida.....	73	73	9,119	73	2,743	6,376	73	.....	73	73	136,375
South Georgia.....	39	39	2,897	39	1,144	1,753	37	2	37	37	82,125
South Mississippi.....	38	38	2,376	38	892	1,484	34	4	34	34	36,425
Southeast Alabama.....	70	70	5,721	70	2,006	3,715	68	2	68	68	27,730
Tennessee.....	108	108	6,034	108	2,251	3,783	90	17	90	90	206,985
Texas.....	20	20	771	20	292	479	13	6	13	13	10,295
Virginia.....	73	73	8,365	72	3,188	5,122	66	6	66	66	183,590
West Alabama.....	66	66	8,570	66	3,141	5,429	66	.....	66	66	196,256
West Central North Carolina.....	135	135	12,817	135	5,115	7,702	135	.....	136	135	257,705
West Kentucky.....	42	42	2,162	42	805	1,357	35	6	35	35	66,780
West Tennessee and Mississippi.....	85	85	4,445	85	1,743	2,702	75	7	75	75	87,201
Western New York.....	25	25	2,384	25	786	1,598	23	2	23	23	270,500
Western North Carolina.....	163	163	16,908	163	6,504	10,404	157	6	157	146	494,234

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	2,716	793	\$795,437	485	\$632,416	2,641	\$1,700,737	2,535	2,544	18,982	135,102
Alabama.....	82	13	4,113	10	9,650	80	41,421	79	79	468	3,849
Albemarle.....	53	26	25,127	6	8,000	53	34,571	52	52	490	4,101
Allegheny.....	26	9	10,303	12	21,425	23	30,984	24	24	178	1,831
Arkansas.....	99	23	3,867	11	3,260	90	36,838	85	85	538	3,221
Blue Ridge.....	86	13	6,414	11	18,110	85	34,222	79	79	518	3,293
Cahaba.....	58	13	5,259	16	13,250	55	22,240	54	54	327	2,151
California.....	32	12	14,562	8	7,450	30	22,995	25	25	138	872
Cape Fear.....	116	27	15,293	14	12,700	116	60,334	116	116	967	6,473
Central Alabama.....	46	14	2,260	18	32,669	45	30,050	43	44	303	3,128
Central North Carolina.....	145	29	8,537	20	19,651	143	83,298	145	147	1,372	8,474
East Tennessee and Virginia.....	88	19	6,458	11	5,575	86	33,473	77	77	454	2,805
Florida.....	40	9	6,435	7	10,000	38	18,674	37	38	251	1,411
Georgia.....	55	14	3,716	3	2,700	53	17,131	43	43	248	1,637
Indiana.....	19	12	12,392	5	8,000	19	20,222	17	17	118	956
Kentucky.....	38	13	21,903	7	4,200	36	30,309	35	35	254	1,789
Louisiana.....	24	12	4,235	8	6,100	24	11,110	23	23	161	1,212
Michigan.....	17	9	12,850	3	3,500	16	23,097	15	15	101	931
Missouri.....	26	12	36,543	4	24,600	25	26,956	24	24	161	1,436
New England.....	30	19	95,595	11	38,700	29	54,720	26	26	223	2,239
New Jersey.....	34	20	49,112	9	21,800	33	51,297	31	31	245	2,531
New York.....	46	18	69,638	22	80,741	45	79,106	42	42	488	3,438
North Alabama.....	68	14	12,862	14	20,600	68	33,550	68	68	359	2,895
North Arkansas.....	31	10	4,041	6	3,150	28	13,535	28	30	203	1,428
North Carolina.....	86	32	8,796	22	13,500	86	58,701	85	85	742	4,703
North Louisiana.....	22	7	487	3	1,300	21	3,059	14	14	66	329
Ohio.....	24	10	22,997	10	31,300	21	27,116	24	24	194	1,206
Oklahoma.....	16	4	392	7	1,460	16	6,531	14	14	81	393
Oregon-Washington.....	12	2	1,500	2	1,500	11	2,306	7	7	39	125
Palmetto.....	71	28	10,863	6	4,900	71	33,886	71	71	492	3,464
Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	75	34	162,427	15	38,050	75	102,525	68	68	593	4,790
South Alabama.....	89	15	3,676	11	10,750	87	45,604	88	89	599	4,324
South Carolina.....	125	45	11,270	12	8,730	124	90,141	121	121	1,023	8,885
South Florida.....	73	15	14,299	30	13,920	70	31,521	69	69	519	4,721
South Georgia.....	39	14	1,283	6	5,625	35	16,191	34	34	232	1,599
South Mississippi.....	38	14	3,728	14	6,150	38	11,345	34	34	242	1,174
Southeast Alabama.....	70	19	3,174	5	5,000	69	32,367	64	64	327	2,653
Tennessee.....	108	22	10,990	13	6,450	98	45,079	93	93	582	4,181
Texas.....	20	2	1,300	3	1,000	20	5,584	16	16	96	507
Virginia.....	73	29	30,695	12	16,100	72	50,692	66	66	573	3,924
West Alabama.....	66	17	20,812	22	22,200	65	55,401	65	65	565	4,239
West Central North Carolina.....	135	38	3,825	12	14,300	135	82,462	131	131	1,103	6,935
West Kentucky.....	42	10	4,773	16	5,150	38	18,923	37	37	239	1,397
West Tennessee and Mississippi.....	85	33	8,448	4	2,700	81	25,837	80	81	477	2,678
Western New York.....	25	10	22,733	12	29,400	25	35,548	23	23	175	1,080
Western North Carolina.....	163	35	16,954	12	17,100	163	109,785	163	164	1,458	9,694

COLORED METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

HISTORY.

In 1840 about 100 members of Negro Methodist churches in Maryland and adjoining states met in Elkton, Cecil County, Md., and organized the Colored Methodist Protestant Church on essentially the same principles as those on which the Methodist Protestant Church had been organized some few years previously. They adopted the book of discipline of the Methodist Church, and the general polity of the Methodist Protestant Church, emphasizing equal rights for members, both lay and clerical. In doctrine, they are in hearty sympathy with the Methodist churches, and in polity they have no episcopacy, their ministers being simply elders. They have adopted an organization for missionary work, but have not as yet developed it greatly.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church for 1916 are given, by states, on page 508; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. The number of organizations was 26, with a membership of 1,967. There were 16 church edifices, with a value of \$52,733; 9 churches reported a debt of \$3,766; 2 churches reported parsonages, valued at \$1,300; and there were 24 Sunday schools, with 870 scholars. No general contributions for missions and benevolences were reported. Church expenditures amounting to \$12,129, reported by 23 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.



The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 23 organizations in 1916, was 199, constituting 12.4 per cent of the 1,603 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 244.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 33. Of these, 17 reported pastoral duties only and 10 reported annual salaries averaging \$320.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Methodist Protestant Church....	26	26	1,967	24	809	1,075	16	10	16	24	\$52,733
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	6	6	375	6	140	235	2	4	2	6	9,000
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	12	12	1,147	10	521	543	10	2	10	11	26,075
District of Columbia.....	4	4	325	4	103	222	2	2	2	4	14,123
Virginia.....	2	2	35	2	12	23	1	1	1	1	2,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	85	2	33	52	1	1	1	2	1,035

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Mississippi and New Jersey.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Methodist Protestant Church....	26	9	\$3,766	2	\$1,300	23	\$12,129	24	24	146	870
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	6					6	4,005	6	6	32	125
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	12	6	2,915	1	300	9	4,263	12	12	79	529
District of Columbia.....	4	1	101	1	1,000	4	2,026	3	3	16	166
Virginia.....	2	1	500			2	860	2	2	13	75
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	250			2	975	1	1	6	35

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Mississippi and New Jersey.

UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

Following the close of the Revolutionary War, the conditions surrounding the Negro members of the Methodist churches became somewhat uncomfortable, and within a few years separate congregations were formed for worship, though there was no distinct ecclesiastical organization. Among these congregations was one in Wilmington, Del., where in 1805 the Negro members of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church withdrew and erected a building for themselves. Having now a church of their own, they thought they could have the rule, but found that they were still under the control of the presiding elder of the district. This did not suit them, but they con-

tinued thus until 1812, when there was a general revolt, and in consequence the trustees, including Peter Spencer, William Anderson, and others, were expelled, and many of the families followed. Plans were immediately formed for an independent organization with a new building, and on September 7, 1813, the Union Church of Africans was incorporated. Thirty-one families joined in it, and Peter Spencer and William Anderson were chosen to supervise the work. They appointed members to positions of trust, ordained elders, and gave them authority to ordain others.

During the next 37 years the church developed until there were 2 annual conferences, Wilmington and New York, including 41 churches in the states of

Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. In 1843 the Rev. William Anderson died, and in 1846, the Rev. Peter Spencer. In 1850 a division occurred over the interpretation of certain clauses in the discipline, and out of the division arose, on the one hand, the African Union Church, and on the other, the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church. For sometime the members of the latter, representing the old organization, were compelled to meet in private houses, but after 4 years a house of worship was erected, and since then the church has grown.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrine is essentially that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but candidates for membership are required to assent only to the Apostles' Creed. The polity is likewise that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the chief difference being the provision for a general convention as a constitutional lawmaking body, to be called only when there is under consideration a change in polity or name. The other conferences—general, annual, district, and quarterly—correspond to those in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work is carried on by the Home Missionary Society, aided by the Southern Volunteer Workers. The report for 1916 showed 20 missionaries employed, 11 churches aided, and the sum of \$3,821 contributed for this work. Outside of the immediate circle of the churches, work is being carried on in Canada, where there are 3 churches, with 204 communicants, and property valued at \$5,500. Plans are being made to begin missionary work in Africa at the conclusion of the war. The educational interests of the church are represented by 2 schools, the Union Industrial and Theological Training School at Wilmington, Del., and the Local Preachers' Training School, at Camden, N. J. The report for 1916 shows 91 pupils in these schools, contributions to the amount of \$1,500, school property valued at \$1,700, and an endowment of \$3,000. There were 61 Christian Endeavor societies, with a total membership of 386.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 510 and 511, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary

of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	67	77	-10	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	3,624	4,347	-723	-16.6
Church edifices.....	59	60	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$182,305	\$170,150	\$12,155	7.1
Debt on church property.....	\$43,091	\$40,796	\$2,295	5.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	5	4	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$6,950	\$6,400	\$550	8.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	54	78	-24	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	308	431	-123	-28.3
Scholars.....	1,982	3,372	-1,390	-41.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$5,321	\$900	\$4,421	491.2
Foreign.....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$4,421	491.2

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Not reported.

<sup>3</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This denomination suffered some loss during the decade, although apparently for other reasons than those that operated in the Southern states. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 67 as against 77 for 1906, and the membership had fallen from 4,347 to 3,624, a loss in membership of 16.6 per cent. There was 1 less church edifice, but the total value of church property had advanced from \$170,150 to \$182,305, a gain of 7.1 per cent. There was a considerable decrease in the number of Sunday schools, and a decrease of 1,390, or 41.2 per cent, in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences, all of which were for domestic work, advanced from \$900 in 1906 to \$5,321 in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$40,664, reported by 65 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 52 organizations in 1916, was 129, constituting 4.3 per cent of the 2,976 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 157.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 205. Schedules were received from 19, and 13 reported an average annual salary of \$477.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	67	67	3,624	66	1,337	2,149	59	7	59	64	\$182,305
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	12	12	710	12	275	435	11	1	11	12	29,080
New York.....	4	4	157	4	52	105	4		4	4	20,500
Pennsylvania.....	20	20	1,267	19	482	647	19		19	19	83,500
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	8	8	732	8	259	473	8		8	8	20,100
Maryland.....	10	10	416	10	149	267	9	1	9	10	12,175
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	11	11	197	11	71	126	6	5	6	9	2,650
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	145	2	49	96	2		2	2	14,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	67	33	\$43,091	5	\$6,950	65	\$40,664	54	54	308	1,982
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	12	6	3,270			12	7,373	11	11	53	315
New York.....	4	2	6,795			4	3,217	3	3	23	130
Pennsylvania.....	20	14	24,739	3	5,750	19	15,747	17	17	109	844
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	8	6	2,117	1	1,000	8	5,763	7	7	44	233
Maryland.....	10	1	3,000			10	3,201	7	7	32	170
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	11	2	870	1	200	10	1,418	7	7	27	123
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	2,300			2	3,945	2	2	20	167

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	67	67	3,624	66	1,337	2,149	59	7	59	64	\$182,305
Baltimore.....	7	7	334	7	118	216	7		7	7	9,300
Delaware.....	31	31	2,081	30	772	1,171	29	1	29	30	106,775
New Jersey.....	11	11	670	11	260	410	10	1	10	11	27,080
New York.....	7	7	342	7	118	226	7		7	7	36,500
South Alabama.....	11	11	197	11	71	126	6	5	6	9	2,650

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	67	33	\$43,091	5	\$6,950	65	\$40,664	54	54	308	1,982
Baltimore.....	7	1	3,000	.....	.....	7	2,160	5	5	20	115
Delaware.....	31	20	26,856	4	6,750	30	22,551	26	26	165	1,132
New Jersey.....	11	6	3,270	.....	.....	11	6,948	10	10	49	300
New York.....	7	4	9,095	.....	.....	7	7,587	6	6	47	312
South Alabama.....	11	2	870	1	200	10	1,418	7	7	27	123

AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

HISTORY.

This body is a union of 2 distinct organizations, the African Union Church and the First Colored Methodist Protestant Church. The former had its origin in the movement started in Wilmington, Del., in 1813, when the Union Church of Africans was incorporated. In 1850 there was a division in the church over the interpretation of certain clauses in the discipline, and out of that arose, on the one hand, the African Union Church, and on the other, the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.<sup>1</sup> In 1865 a movement was started for uniting the African Union Church, which then comprised 9 congregations, with the First Colored Methodist Protestant Church, comprising 14 congregations, an outgrowth of the Methodist Protestant Church. The union was effected in August, 1866, and the name adopted was "The African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church of America or Elsewhere," ordinarily known as the African Union Methodist Protestant Church.

In general, the doctrine is identical with that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while the polity differs considerably, agreeing rather with that of the Methodist Protestant Church. Its accords equal rights to ministers and laymen, has lay delegates in the annual conferences and the General Conference, no bishops, and no higher office than that of elder. The itinerancy is observed, and ministers are paid such salaries as are agreed upon by the members of the church they serve. The conference is divided into three districts, and each district is divided into circuits and home missionary stations.

The church carries on no foreign missionary work, and its home missionary work is conducted by the pastors. There are no educational institutions.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the African Union Methodist Protestant Church for 1916 are given, by states

<sup>1</sup> See Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, p. 508.

and districts, on pages 512 and 513, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	58	69	-11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	3,751	5,592	-1,841	-32.9
Church edifices.....	53	71	-18	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$205,825	\$183,697	\$22,128	12.0
Debt on church property.....	\$11,255	\$20,917	-\$9,662	-46.2
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	10	7	3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$12,950	\$7,500	\$5,450	72.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	49	66	-17	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	275	441	-166	-37.6
Scholars.....	2,813	5,266	-2,453	-46.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This denomination, in common with many other Negro bodies, has lost, though not so heavily as have some. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 58 as against 69 in 1906, and the membership fell from 5,592 to 3,751, a decrease in membership of 32.9 per cent. The number of church edifices likewise was lower, but the value of church property had increased \$22,128, or 12 per cent. The debt on church property, as reported in 1916 by 22 organizations, was \$11,255, as against \$20,917, reported by 41 organizations in 1906. Sunday schools decreased from 66 to 49, and the scholars from 5,266 to 2,813, a loss in scholars of 46.6 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$47,231, reported by 53 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 51 organizations in 1916, was 388, constituting 10.9 per cent of the 3,556 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 409.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported on the rolls of the denomination was 260. Schedules were received from 37, and 32 reported an average annual salary of \$445.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	58	58	3,751	58	1,447	2,304	53	1	53	53	\$205,825
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	101	3	40	61	3		3	3	4,500
New Jersey.....	7	7	498	7	208	290	7		7	7	19,100
Pennsylvania.....	7	7	698	7	247	451	5	1	5	7	79,075
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	13	13	1,629	13	682	947	12		12	12	59,900
Maryland.....	21	21	510	21	185	325	20		20	18	28,550
District of Columbia.....	2	2	85	2	21	64	1		1	1	2,000
Virginia.....	5	5	230	5	64	166	5		5	5	12,700

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	58	22	\$11,255	10	\$12,950	53	\$47,231	49	49	275	2,813
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	1	700	1	1,000	3	2,411	3	3	14	79
New Jersey.....	7	2	1,300	1	600	7	7,425	7	7	40	400
Pennsylvania.....	7	3	2,150	1	1,800	6	10,536	5	5	35	628
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	13	8	4,146	3	4,700	13	11,770	11	11	77	895
Maryland.....	21	7	2,059	4	4,850	18	10,514	16	16	79	458
District of Columbia.....	2					2	1,900	2	2	10	100
Virginia.....	5	1	900			4	2,675	5	5	20	253

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	58	58	3,751	58	1,447	2,304	53	1	53	53	\$205,825
Maryland.....	28	28	825	28	270	555	26		26	24	43,250
Middle.....	15	15	2,025	15	800	1,225	14		14	14	119,800
Philadelphia and New Jersey.....	15	15	901	15	377	524	13	1	13	15	42,775

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African Union Methodist Protestant Church.....	58	22	\$11,255	10	\$12,950	53	\$47,231	49	49	275	2,813
Maryland.....	28	8	2,959	4	4,850	24	15,089	23	23	109	811
Middle.....	15	8	6,225	5	7,400	15	20,087	14	14	92	1,154
Philadelphia and New Jersey.....	15	6	2,071	1	700	14	12,055	12	12	74	848

COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

From the earliest appearance of the Methodists in the South considerable evangelistic work was carried on among the slave population, and special missions were begun as early as 1829 for those on the plantations who were not privileged to organize churches. In 1845, at the time of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there were in that church, according to Bishop McTyeire, 124,000 Negro members, and in 1860 about 207,000. At the close of the war a large number of these joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and other Negro Methodist bodies, only 78,742 remaining.

At this time the practical results of the proclamation of emancipation brought about a crisis in the affairs of the Negro church members. Before the war, so far as the Methodist churches were concerned, the slaves, as a rule, worshiped in the same churches with their masters, the galleries or a portion of the body of the house being assigned to them. If a separate building was needed, the Negro congregation was an appendage to the white, the pastor preaching to it usually once on Sunday, holding separate official meetings, and making return of Negro members for the annual minutes. Under the new order the customs formerly prevailing became inconvenient, and it was apparent that the new conditions must be provided for.

In the General Conference of 1866 of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a committee on the religious interests of the Negroes presented two reports, one of which was as follows:

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following in reference to the education of the colored people:

Whereas the condition of the colored people of the South is now essentially changed; and

Whereas the interests of the white and colored people are materially dependent upon the intelligence and virtue of this race, that we have had and must continue to have among us; and

Whereas the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has always claimed to be the friend of that people, a claim vindicated by the conscious and successful exertions made in their behalf, in instructing and evangelizing them; and it is important that we continue to evince our interest for them in this regard; and as our hearts prompt us to this philanthropy: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend to our people the establishment of day schools, under proper regulations and trustworthy teachers, for the education of colored children.

The other report presented the following answers to the question, "What shall be done to promote the religious interest of colored people?"

1. Let our colored members be organized as separate pastoral charges, wherever they prefer it, and their numbers justify it.
2. Let each pastoral charge of colored members have its own quarterly conference, composed of official members, as provided for in the discipline.
3. Let colored persons be licensed to preach, and ordained deacons and elders, according to the discipline, when in the judgment of the conference having jurisdiction in the case, they are deemed suitable persons for said office and order in the ministry.
4. The bishop may form a district of colored charges and appoint to it a colored presiding elder, when in his judgment the religious interests of the colored people require it.
5. When it is judged advisable by the college of bishops, annual conferences of colored preachers may be organized, to be presided over by our bishops.
6. When two or more annual conferences shall be formed, let our bishops advise and assist them in organizing a separate General Conference jurisdiction for themselves, if they so desire, and the bishops deem it expedient, in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of our church, and bearing the same relation to the General Conference as the annual conferences bear to each other.
7. Let special attention be given to Sunday schools among the people.

These recommendations were adopted, and at the next General Conference, held in Memphis, Tenn., in May, 1870, it was found that in accordance with this plan 5 annual conferences had been organized

among the Negro members, and that it was their unanimous desire to be set apart as a distinct ecclesiastical body. This was approved by the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and steps were taken for the organization of a General Conference of the Negro members. This was effected on December 16, 1870, at Jackson, Tenn., the new body taking the name Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The denomination started with 2 bishops, comparatively few preachers and members, and 5 small annual conferences; it had no schools, but little church property, no learned men, no leaders with experience in the intricacies of church work, and no money with which to carry on that work. Still it entered upon its task with energy, and its growth has been steady. It has now 8 bishops, 7 of whom are active, and 1 retired. The bishops are retired automatically at the age of 70, and are pensioned.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church is in complete harmony with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its polity is also essentially the same, with only such variations as the conditions seem to require. The annual conference includes four lay delegates from each presiding elder's district. The General Conference consists of the bishops, who, however, have no right to vote, and of delegates elected from the annual conferences, both ministers and laymen. The itinerant system is retained; the time limit for preachers to remain in one church has been removed; that for presiding elders in their districts is placed at six years; and that for bishops in their episcopal districts at four years. Admission to church membership is decided largely by the pastors. The probation system is retained, but with no time limit, the pastor deciding when a candidate is fit for full membership.

For financing the general activities of the church a budget assessment of \$75,000 per annum is levied on the general church, in accordance with the action of the General Conference of 1914. This amount is divided among the annual conferences according to membership, and is apportioned as follows: Bishops, 25 per cent; education, 22 per cent; general missions, 22 per cent; publishing, 10 per cent; building fund, 5 per cent; conference claimants, 10 per cent; and contingent fund, 6 per cent. In addition to the regular assessment, during the last few years the church has raised an additional \$25,000 per annum, making the total annual income about \$100,000.

## WORK.

The general activities of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church are chiefly in the line of home missions and education. The home missionary work is carried on under the direction of the Board of Missions and the

Board of Church Extension, assisted by the women's missionary societies of the several conferences. The report for 1916 shows 226 missionaries, employed in 16 states, 434 churches aided, and contributions for the support of the work amounting to \$105,282. No foreign missionary work was reported.

The church has given special attention to the cause of education, and its Board of Education has been active in developing schools of every grade. In 1916 there were 13 schools, including 5 colleges and 8 lower grade schools, with a total attendance of 2,600 students and pupils. The amount contributed during the year for general expenses and for erection of buildings was \$90,000. The property is valued at \$750,000 and the endowments at \$25,000.

Young people's societies—Epworth League chapters—numbered 895, with 61,253 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 515 to 517, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2,621	2,381	240	10.1
Members.....	245,749	172,996	72,753	42.1
Church edifices.....	2,490	2,327	163	7.0
Value of church property.....	\$5,619,862	\$3,017,849	\$2,602,013	86.2
Debt on church property.....	\$311,066	\$215,111	\$95,955	44.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	525	421	104	24.7
Value.....	\$552,106	\$237,547	\$314,559	132.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	2,543	2,328	215	9.2
Officers and teachers.....	18,890	12,375	6,515	52.6
Scholars.....	167,880	92,457	75,423	81.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$195,282	\$113,340	\$81,942	72.3
Domestic.....	\$195,282	\$113,340	\$81,942	72.3
Foreign.....				

This table shows that the denomination reported an increase in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 2,621 as against 2,381 in 1906, an increase of 10.1 per cent, and the membership was 245,749 as against 172,996, an increase of 42.1 per cent. The number of church edifices increased, as did also the number of churches reporting parsonages and the value of parsonages. The value of church property rose from \$3,017,849 in 1906 to \$5,619,862 in 1916, a gain of 86.2 per cent. Debt on church property advanced from \$215,111, as reported by 692 organizations in 1906, to \$311,066 reported by 828 organizations in 1916. There was an increase of 215, or 9.2 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools, and an advance of 75,423, or 81.6 per

cent, in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced 72.3 per cent, from \$113,340 to \$195,282, the entire amount as reported being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,736,692 were reported by 2,613 organizations, and cover general running expenses and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 1,728 organizations in 1916, was 14,229, constituting 7.5 per cent of the 189,173 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 56,576 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 18,484.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 3,402. Schedules were received from 881, distributed, by states, in the following table:

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	881	592	203	86	\$423
Alabama.....	122	90	23	9	411
Arizona.....	1	1	1	1	294
Arkansas.....	102	53	40	9	411
California.....	1	1	1	1	555
District of Columbia.....	4	3	1	1	294
Florida.....	23	14	8	1	412
Georgia.....	152	98	28	26	324
Illinois.....	12	8	4	1	409
Kansas.....	8	7	2	1	389
Kentucky.....	30	27	2	4	392
Louisiana.....	46	30	12	4	425
Maryland.....	2	2	1	1	394
Michigan.....	1	1	1	1	510
Mississippi.....	74	48	19	7	250
Missouri.....	13	12	1	1	225
New Jersey.....	3	1	1	1	470
New Mexico.....	2	2	1	1	494
North Carolina.....	16	8	6	2	378
Ohio.....	5	4	1	1	592
Oklahoma.....	37	20	15	2	360
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	1	1	503
South Carolina.....	40	22	13	5	458
Tennessee.....	70	46	16	8	664
Texas.....	106	85	12	9	
Virginia.....	7	6	1	1	

Of the 881 ministers reporting, 795 were in pastoral work and 86 not in pastoral work. Of the latter, 63 were in denominational work, including the bishops and similar officials, 6 were in other work, and 17 were on the retired list. Schedules reporting an average annual salary of \$423 were received from 577 ministers.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	2,621	2,621	245,749	2,621	94,709	151,040	2,490	58	2,490	2,544	\$5,619,862
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	5	5	126	5	58	68	5	1	5	5	8,500
Pennsylvania.....	6	6	634	6	233	401	5	1	5	5	73,500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	5	5	441	5	170	271	3	1	3	4	15,650
Indiana.....	3	3	258	3	103	155	2	1	2	2	4,800
Illinois.....	15	15	1,865	15	761	1,104	14	1	14	14	37,950
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	28	28	3,282	28	1,127	2,155	25	2	25	25	78,140
Kansas.....	21	21	1,511	21	532	979	20	1	20	20	52,200
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	4	348	4	125	223	4	1	4	4	12,100
District of Columbia.....	4	4	840	4	289	551	4	1	4	4	179,500
Virginia.....	26	26	2,717	26	986	1,731	25	1	25	25	61,300
North Carolina.....	46	46	3,274	46	1,172	2,102	46	1	46	46	99,200
South Carolina.....	81	81	7,342	81	2,657	4,685	77	1	77	78	211,300
Georgia.....	456	456	49,976	456	19,131	30,845	445	5	445	451	1,144,210
Florida.....	65	65	2,832	65	1,122	1,710	61	1	61	65	88,440
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	96	96	8,911	96	3,222	5,689	89	5	89	92	321,900
Tennessee.....	209	209	30,106	209	11,510	18,596	206	1	206	209	623,829
Alabama.....	335	335	34,587	335	13,415	21,172	324	5	324	330	608,660
Mississippi.....	367	367	33,070	367	12,745	20,325	359	5	359	363	594,944
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	216	216	15,269	216	6,281	8,988	195	13	195	198	286,650
Louisiana.....	177	177	13,762	177	5,531	8,231	164	1	164	175	315,040
Oklahoma.....	99	99	5,541	99	2,061	3,480	82	5	82	87	106,159
Texas.....	341	341	28,449	341	11,247	17,202	319	14	319	326	663,040
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	6	6	79	6	30	49	6	1	6	6	4,300
Arizona.....	2	2	88	2	26	62	2	1	2	2	4,800
Pacific division:											
California.....	5	5	252	5	105	147	5	1	5	5	17,300
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	189	3	70	119	3	1	3	3	6,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, Michigan, and West Virginia.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	2,621	828	\$311,066	525	\$552,106	2,613	\$1,736,692	2,541	2,543	18,890	167,880
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	5	1	150	.....	.....	5	1,320	5	5	23	109
Pennsylvania.....	6	2	7,500	1	4,000	6	8,998	5	5	51	378
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5,600	5	4,333	5	5	52	321
Indiana.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	3	2,471	3	3	16	168
Illinois.....	15	6	6,420	6	4,700	15	15,592	15	15	112	836
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	28	12	10,725	12	10,900	27	24,394	26	26	146	1,217
Kansas.....	21	7	4,338	8	7,350	21	14,571	20	20	112	740
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	3	2,300	.....	.....	4	2,538	4	4	35	289
District of Columbia.....	4	3	18,000	.....	.....	4	8,450	4	4	43	445
Virginia.....	26	7	4,706	9	12,700	26	19,740	26	26	193	2,054
North Carolina.....	46	13	5,220	6	5,300	46	37,808	46	46	331	2,731
South Carolina.....	81	40	9,030	17	17,400	81	49,641	80	80	527	4,310
Georgia.....	456	132	43,713	77	92,815	456	312,924	450	450	3,497	33,575
Florida.....	65	33	6,629	13	11,750	65	30,261	57	57	311	2,087
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	96	26	15,440	37	48,690	95	79,802	93	93	712	7,285
Tennessee.....	209	67	35,655	35	54,925	209	169,415	205	205	1,615	14,946
Alabama.....	335	99	37,429	90	80,931	335	224,675	329	330	2,611	22,758
Mississippi.....	367	83	17,208	43	39,100	366	232,172	358	358	3,036	28,462
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	216	77	19,599	42	32,600	216	119,610	208	208	1,354	10,970
Louisiana.....	177	59	17,062	31	31,525	177	102,888	176	176	1,244	10,578
Oklahoma.....	99	28	5,336	14	7,325	96	40,099	88	88	462	3,821
Texas.....	341	117	35,113	76	79,850	339	224,300	324	325	2,331	19,292
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	6	3	490	1	400	6	1,640	5	5	22	74
Arizona.....	2	2	1,663	2	2,750	2	2,290	2	2	10	49
Pacific division:											
California.....	5	5	4,140	2	1,500	5	4,413	4	4	22	146
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	3,200	.....	.....	3	2,052	3	3	22	239

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, Michigan, and West Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	2,621	2,621	245,749	2,621	94,709	151,040	2,490	58	2,490	2,544	\$5,619,862
Alabama.....	113	113	12,649	113	5,031	7,618	110	2	110	112	233,050
Arkansas.....	81	81	6,089	81	2,586	3,503	71	8	71	73	91,950
California.....	15	15	460	15	178	282	15	.....	15	15	30,500
Central Alabama.....	91	91	8,035	91	3,090	4,945	91	.....	91	91	123,900
Central Georgia.....	137	137	15,463	137	5,927	9,536	134	3	134	134	333,800
Central Texas.....	88	88	7,281	88	2,959	4,322	84	2	84	85	132,950
East Florida.....	31	31	1,247	31	483	764	30	.....	30	31	51,350
East Texas.....	114	114	10,466	114	4,170	6,296	107	2	107	112	240,195
Florida.....	34	34	1,585	34	639	946	31	.....	31	34	37,090
Georgia.....	113	113	13,943	113	5,275	8,668	113	.....	113	113	361,050
Jackson-Memphis.....	100	100	15,563	100	6,234	9,329	97	.....	97	100	253,129
Kentucky and Ohio.....	51	51	4,431	51	1,602	2,829	46	1	46	48	228,090
Little Rock.....	60	60	3,588	60	1,432	2,156	54	1	54	54	101,950
Louisiana.....	137	137	11,921	137	4,870	7,051	126	.....	126	135	257,970
Mississippi.....	115	115	8,687	115	3,279	5,408	111	1	111	113	147,344
Missouri and Kansas.....	33	33	2,700	33	946	1,754	33	.....	33	33	79,450
Muskogee.....	60	60	2,921	60	1,066	1,855	43	3	43	48	60,259
New Orleans.....	40	40	1,841	40	661	1,180	38	.....	38	40	57,070
North Alabama.....	131	131	13,903	131	5,294	8,609	123	3	123	127	251,710
North Carolina.....	52	52	3,549	52	1,284	2,265	51	1	51	51	105,200
North Mississippi.....	189	189	19,620	189	7,557	12,063	186	3	186	187	379,500
Oklahoma.....	44	44	2,839	44	1,077	1,762	42	2	42	42	52,200
South Carolina.....	78	78	7,155	78	2,581	4,574	74	.....	74	75	207,100
South Georgia.....	114	114	9,310	114	3,480	5,830	112	1	112	114	214,095
South Mississippi.....	63	63	4,763	63	1,909	2,854	62	1	62	63	68,100
Southeast Missouri and Illinois.....	27	27	3,896	27	1,455	2,441	23	4	23	23	84,490
Southwest Arkansas.....	77	77	5,730	77	2,302	3,428	72	4	72	73	94,750
Southwest Georgia.....	92	92	11,260	92	4,449	6,811	86	1	86	90	235,265
Tennessee.....	40	40	3,034	40	1,098	1,936	40	.....	40	40	121,600
Texas.....	80	80	5,356	80	2,000	3,356	73	7	73	73	120,965
Washington-Philadelphia.....	44	44	4,656	44	1,683	2,973	43	1	43	43	337,100
West Kentucky.....	51	51	5,069	51	1,848	3,221	47	4	47	49	112,860
West Tennessee.....	70	70	11,559	70	4,198	7,361	70	.....	70	70	250,500
West Texas.....	56	56	5,180	56	2,066	3,114	52	3	52	53	163,330

REFORMED ZION UNION APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church....	2,621	828	\$311,066	525	\$552,106	2,613	\$1,736,692	2,541	2,543	18,890	167,880
Alabama.....	113	35	11,388	31	31,425	113	82,601	113	113	991	8,851
Arkansas.....	81	33	8,502	15	10,300	81	41,649	77	77	500	4,070
California.....	15	11	6,391	6	5,650	14	8,473	13	13	62	305
Central Alabama.....	91	17	2,318	13	10,256	91	48,554	88	88	628	4,725
Central Georgia.....	137	32	9,203	20	29,550	137	95,998	135	135	1,070	10,559
Central Texas.....	88	19	2,924	13	11,100	87	51,145	85	86	609	4,758
East Florida.....	31	22	4,368	7	7,700	31	13,324	30	30	155	942
East Texas.....	114	42	10,314	15	13,750	114	71,935	110	110	835	7,247
Florida.....	34	11	2,261	6	4,050	34	16,937	27	27	156	1,145
Georgia.....	113	25	8,067	23	28,450	113	83,640	112	112	927	9,462
Jackson-Memphis.....	100	33	14,242	13	21,850	100	76,846	99	99	831	7,174
Kentucky and Ohio.....	51	8	6,190	23	34,500	51	47,236	51	51	403	3,696
Little Rock.....	60	26	7,795	17	14,700	60	35,129	56	56	332	2,773
Louisiana.....	137	39	12,358	16	18,000	137	83,369	136	136	1,041	9,083
Mississippi.....	115	20	4,797	6	4,050	114	56,254	112	112	754	6,441
Missouri and Kansas.....	33	11	10,678	15	15,950	33	27,764	33	33	177	1,252
Muskogee.....	60	17	4,048	6	3,325	56	17,948	47	47	223	1,468
New Orleans.....	40	20	4,704	15	13,525	40	19,519	40	40	203	1,495
North Alabama.....	131	47	23,723	46	39,250	131	93,520	128	129	992	9,182
North Carolina.....	52	16	5,591	6	5,300	52	40,075	52	52	365	2,967
North Mississippi.....	189	53	10,924	23	26,100	189	145,125	185	185	1,879	18,225
Oklahoma.....	44	14	2,413	8	4,000	44	22,940	44	44	257	2,478
South Carolina.....	78	38	8,875	17	17,400	78	47,982	77	77	509	4,164
South Georgia.....	114	40	11,155	12	13,500	114	71,179	111	111	825	7,269
South Mississippi.....	63	10	1,487	14	8,950	63	30,793	61	61	403	3,796
Southeast Missouri and Illinois.....	27	12	11,180	11	7,000	27	27,384	27	27	187	1,541
Southwest Arkansas.....	77	19	3,552	11	8,400	77	44,202	76	76	534	4,191
Southwest Georgia.....	92	35	15,288	22	21,315	92	62,107	92	92	675	6,285
Tennessee.....	40	15	6,708	9	9,570	40	24,191	38	38	262	2,576
Texas.....	80	20	8,554	19	23,100	80	52,401	73	73	493	4,144
Washington-Philadelphia.....	44	17	34,140	10	16,700	44	42,085	43	43	344	3,334
West Kentucky.....	51	18	9,250	17	19,790	50	38,125	48	48	367	3,998
West Tennessee.....	70	19	14,705	13	23,500	70	68,878	69	69	527	5,241
West Texas.....	56	34	12,973	27	30,100	56	47,384	53	53	374	3,043

REFORMED ZION UNION APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

HISTORY.

At the close of the Civil War the Negro Methodists in southeastern Virginia, especially in the counties of Mecklenburg, Brunswick, and Lunenburg, found themselves in a peculiar situation. They were no longer permitted to gather for worship in the white churches, had no educated ministry, and were not in sympathy with the ecclesiasticism of the Negro Methodist denominations. For several years the more influential men, mostly former slaves, had endeavored to form some sort of organization to meet their own immediate needs. In April, 1869, Elder James R. Howell, from New York, a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, met with them at Boydton, Mecklenburg County, and the result was the organization of the Zion Union Apostolic Church. At a meeting in October a constitution was adopted and Elder Howell was elected president. Five years later he was elected bishop for life, under a change of constitution, but dissensions, largely personal in character, soon arose, and for two years the church was completely disorganized.

In 1881, Elder John M. Bishop, one of the most prominent of the founders, gathered together the scattered members, effected a union, and in 1882 the church was reorganized under the name of "Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church." Elder Bishop was elected bishop, and since then the church has prospered.

The doctrine and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church are, in general, accepted, with the episcopate and a series of conferences. Under the earliest organization the episcopate was limited to a presidency of four years, but subsequently a change was made, and the bishop has now a life tenure. There is but one ordination required for eldership, and a circuit system is in force. The General Conference meets annually in August.

Home missionary work is conducted by organizations within the individual churches, for which approximately \$200 was contributed during the year. There is a college, which reports an attendance of 50 students, and property valued at \$30,000. The nucleus of an endowment has also been obtained.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church for the year 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	47	45	2	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	3,977	3,059	918	30.0
Church edifices.....	49	43	6	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$79,325	\$37,875	\$41,450	109.4
Debt on church property.....	\$1,384	\$825	\$559	67.8
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	43	36	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	276	212	64	30.2
Scholars.....	2,505	1,508	997	66.1
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$200		\$200	
Domestic.....	\$200		\$200	
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows that the denomination made a considerable growth during the decade 1906 to 1916. While the number of organizations increased but 2—from 45 to 47—there was an increase of 918, or 30 per cent, in the number of members; and while the number of church edifices increased but 6—from 43 to 49—the value of church property more than doubled.

While the number of Sunday schools increased but 7—from 36 to 43—there was an increase of 64, or 30.2 per cent, in the number of officers and teachers and an increase of 997, or 66.1 per cent, in the number of scholars. The growth of the denomination was thus mainly in the existing rather than in new organizations, edifices, and Sunday schools. No parsonages were reported. Contributions for missions and benevolences amounted to \$200.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$13,156, reported by 41 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 42 organizations in 1916, was 346, constituting 9.5 per cent of the 3,646 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 377.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Of 45 ministers who returned schedules, 42 were in pastoral work, and 18 reported annual salaries averaging \$548.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.*	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church.....	47	47	3,977	47	1,641	2,336	46	1	49	47	\$79,325
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	42	42	3,821	42	1,581	2,240	41	1	44	42	75,025
North Carolina.....	5	5	156	5	60	96	5		5	5	4,300

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church.....	47	11	\$1,384	41	\$13,156	42	43	276	2,505
South Atlantic division:									
Virginia.....	42	10	1,334	39	12,761	40	41	267	2,405
North Carolina.....	5	1	50	2	395	2	2	9	100

AFRICAN AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The African American Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1873 in Baltimore by a number of Methodist ministers who had come out from other Methodist connections and conferences "to form a more modern and reformed Methodism and Christian religion." Appointments were announced in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia. The regular constitution and by-laws of the Methodist Church were adopted.

Other General Conferences were held at Washington, D. C., 1877; Richmond, Va., 1881; Wilmington, Del., 1887; Harrisburg, Pa., 1889; and New York City, 1893. During the following years the work progressed favorably in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey, and General Conferences were held in 1902, 1906, 1910 (in Montreal, Canada), and 1917 (in Philadelphia). The general organization of the church follows that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the articles of religion are essentially the same.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the African American Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these

statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. The total number of organizations was 28, with a membership of 1,310. Church property valued at \$6,280 was reported, and 1 organization reported a debt of \$1,000. There were also 1 parsonage, valued at \$2,000, and 6 Sunday schools, with 26 officers and teachers and 200 scholars. No general contributions for missions and benevolences were reported. Church expenditures amounting to \$13,455, reported by the churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 65, constituting 5 per cent of the 1,310 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 35. From 5 of these, schedules were received, and 3 of them reported annual salaries averaging \$433.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
African American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	28	28	1,310	28	484	826	1	27	1	27	\$6,280
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	7	7	250	7	98	152		7		7	295
Pennsylvania.....	17	17	845	17	301	544	1	16	1	16	5,750
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	125	2	50	75		2		2	135
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	90	2	35	55		2		2	100

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware and Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
African American Methodist Episcopal Church.....	28	1	\$1,000	1	\$2,000	28	\$13,455	6	6	26	200
Middle Atlantic division:											
New Jersey.....	7					7	2,990	1	1	4	20
Pennsylvania.....	17	1	1,000	1	2,000	17	8,705	4	4	19	155
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2					2	920	1	1	3	25
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2					2	840				

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware and Virginia.

## REFORMED METHODIST UNION EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

In 1884 a number of ministers and members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church withdrew from that body on account of differences in regard to the election of ministerial delegates to the General Conference. In January, 1885, a convention of delegates representing churches in South Carolina and Georgia was held, and the Independent Methodist Church was organized. The Rev. William E. Johnston was elected president, emphasizing thus the nonepiscopal character of the denomination. Later, however, in 1896, it was decided to make a change in this respect and create an episcopacy, on the ground that the body would thus acquire more permanent force and recognition among Methodist Episcopal churches, and the name "Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church" was adopted. In 1899 the Rev. E. Russell Middleton was elected bishop by the General Conference, and in December of that year he was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Peter F. Stevens (white) of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The doctrines of the church are those of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In its polity also it accords with that church very fully, retaining the class meetings, love feasts, and the different conferences—quarterly, district, church, annual, and general. At first there were no presiding elders, each pastor being empowered (within his own charge) with the business that was defined as belonging to the distinctive office of presiding elder. The General Conference of 1916, however, took under consideration the question of adopting the full polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, after being satisfied as to the consensus of opinion of the members of the church, established the office of presiding elder.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the opposite page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	27	58	-31	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	2,196	4,397	-2,201	-50.1
Church edifices.....	27	59	-32	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$35,500	\$36,965	-\$1,465	-4.0
Debt on church property.....	\$2,740	\$4,254	-\$1,514	-35.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	4	8	-4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$1,150	\$2,275	-\$1,125	-49.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	25	54	-29	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	117	204	-87	-42.6
Scholars.....	699	1,792	-1,093	-61.0

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This denomination suffered a considerable and general loss during the decade, due chiefly to the disturbances in the South attending the migration to the North. Only 27 organizations were reported in 1916 as against 58 in 1906. There was a loss of 2,201, or 50.1 per cent, in the membership, and the number of church edifices dropped from 59 to 27. The value of church property decreased slightly, and there was a considerable decrease in debt on church property. The number of churches reporting parsonages and the value of parsonages decreased one-half. Less than half as many Sunday schools were reported as in 1906, and the number of scholars had decreased 61 per cent.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,420, reported by 26 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 4, out of the total number of 2,196 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 25. Of these, 18 sent in schedules, and 16 gave annual salaries averaging \$144.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

# MORAVIAN BODIES.

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## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.					Female.	Church edifices.
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church.....	27	27	2,196	27	902	1,294	27	.....	27	27	\$35,500
South Atlantic division:											
South Carolina.....	25	25	2,116	25	869	1,247	25	.....	25	25	33,000
Georgia.....	2	2	80	2	33	47	2	.....	2	2	2,500

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church.....	27	6	\$2,740	4	\$1,150	26	\$3,420	25	25	117	699
South Atlantic division:											
South Carolina.....	25	5	2,040	4	1,150	24	3,274	23	23	110	649
Georgia.....	2	1	700	.....	.....	2	146	2	2	7	50

# MORAVIAN BODIES.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

Under the head of "Moravian bodies," there were included in the report for 1906 the churches in the United States connected with the *Unitas Fratrum*, commonly known as the "Moravian Church," whose headquarters are at Herrnhut, Saxony, Germany, and the Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren, a still older body, some of the members of which were the founders of the *Unitas Fratrum*. There are also a few churches of the same origin in Iowa, which, while independent, are so affiliated that

they are presented as a distinct body. Although not connected ecclesiastically, in view of their common origin, the three bodies are, in this report, presented as a family. The principal historical facts common to all are given in the statement of the Moravian Church, the larger and more widely known denomination.

The denominations grouped under the name Moravian in 1916 and 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. One body not listed in 1906 is included in the table for 1916.

### COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MORAVIAN BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
MORAVIAN BODIES.										
1916.										
Moravian Church ( <i>Unitas Fratrum</i> ).....	110	26,373	117	\$1,368,220	\$68,996	80	\$306,100	112	1,494	14,954
Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren in North America.....	23	1,714	13	19,720	250	3	3,950	20	62	565
Independent Bohemian and Moravian Brethren Churches.....	3	320	3	9,000	.....	1	3,000	3	14	348
1906.										
Moravian Church ( <i>Unitas Fratrum</i> ).....	117	17,155	129	922,900	31,635	77	206,625	119	1,413	12,901
Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren in North America.....	15	771	8	13,750	.....	2	700	2	6	97

## MORAVIAN CHURCH (UNITAS FRATRUM).

## HISTORY.

From the time of the first propagation of the gospel among them by Cyril and Methodius, the Bohemians and Moravians have stood for freedom in religious as in national life, and under the leadership of John Huss and Jerome of Prague they offered a firm resistance to the rule of both the Austrian Empire and the Roman Catholic Church. For several years after the martyrdom of Huss in 1415, and of Jerome in 1416, their followers had no special organization, but in 1457, near Kunwald, in Bohemia, an association was formed to foster pure scriptural teaching and apostolic discipline.

In spite of continued persecution the union grew steadily, so that, taking the lowest estimate, it appears that at the beginning of the Reformation the brethren had, in Bohemia and Moravia, more than 400 churches and a membership of at least 150,000, and probably 200,000 souls. Most cordial relations were maintained with Luther and Calvin, though no formal union with the German and Swiss churches was ever reached, and the Moravian Confession of Faith, published in 1535, had the cordial assent of Luther. In its organization the church was episcopal, having a supreme judge to preside in the assembly and a synod to decide matters of faith and discipline. Priests, living at first in celibacy, were ordained after the apostolic example, and pursued trades for their support. The administration of the congregation was in the hands of elected elders who had supervision over the church members, the promotion of the religious life of the women being in care of matrons.

The union proved to be strongest in the fields of education and literature. In nearly every large town they had schools and a printing house. Their greatest achievement, however, was the translation of the Bible into both the Bohemian and Moravian languages (completed in 1593), which work was followed by that of Calvin's "Institutes," and the preparation of a rhymed version of the Psalms for use in the churches.

Meanwhile, the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church had increased, and the Thirty Years' War devastated the country. At its close in 1648 the evangelical churches of Bohemia and Moravia had been practically destroyed. Of the 200,000 members in those countries, large numbers had been put to the sword and others had fled into Hungary, Saxony, Holland, and Poland, in which countries, as well as in Bohemia and Moravia, they continued in scattered communities. The last bishop of the United Church, the famous John Amos Comenius, died at Amsterdam in 1670.

In 1722 a small company from Moravia, followed later by others who cherished the traditions of their

ancestral church, were permitted to settle on an estate of Nicholas Louis, Count of Zinzendorf, in Saxony, where the village of Herrnhut arose. Colonists came from Germany also, and an association was formed in which the religious plans of Zinzendorf and those of the Moravians were combined. The Protestant confession of the realm was accepted, and a distinct order and discipline, perpetuating elements of the old Moravian Church, was established under royal concessions. In 1735 the historic Moravian episcopate was transferred to the association by two surviving bishops of the old line who were filling state church positions in Germany, and the Unitas Fratrum, or Church of the Brethren, known at the present time in England and America as the Moravian Church, was established.

The chief purpose of the church was to carry on evangelistic work in Christian and heathen lands. In accordance with this purpose, the first Moravian missionary came to Pennsylvania in 1734, and in the same year an attempt was made at colonization and missionary work in Georgia. David Nitschmann, the first Moravian bishop in America, who in 1732 had helped to found the first Moravian mission among the heathen in the West Indies, came to Georgia in 1736. Political disturbances ruined the work in Georgia, and in 1740 the colony moved to Pennsylvania. In 1741 Bishop Nitschmann and his associates founded the town of Bethlehem, and a little later the neighboring domain belonging to the evangelist, George Whitefield, which he had named Nazareth, was purchased. A cooperative union to develop the settlements and support missionary work was formed by the colonists, and was maintained until 1762. All labored for a common cause and received sustenance from a common stock, but there was no surrender of private property or of personal liberty, nor any individual claim on the common estate. Missionary work was begun among the Indians and also among the white settlers.

In 1749 an act of Parliament recognized the Moravian Church as "an ancient Protestant Episcopal Church." This gave it standing and privileges in all British dominions; but its policy of doing undenominational leavening work, with the hope of furthering evangelical alliance, caused it to remain a comparatively small body. In subsequent years it was mainly active in cooperating with the European branches of the church in the conduct of missions among the heathen.

Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Lititz, in Pennsylvania, and Salem in North Carolina, were organized in colonial times as exclusive Moravian villages, after the model of the Moravian communities in Germany, England, and Holland. During the years between



1844 and 1856 this exclusive system was abolished, and the organization of the church was remodeled to suit modern conditions. At the same time home missionary work was revived, and since then the membership of the church in the United States has been quadrupled.

## DOCTRINE.

The Moravian Church has no doctrine peculiar to itself. It is simply and broadly evangelical, in harmony with Protestants generally on the essentials of Christian teaching, and is bound by no articles on the points of difference between the historic Protestant creeds. The Moravian principle is "in essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, in all things charity." It holds that the Holy Scriptures, giving man the inspired word of God, make sufficiently clear all that is essential to salvation, and are an adequate rule of faith and practice. It accepts the Apostles' Creed as formulating the prime articles of faith found in the Scriptures, and emphasizes the personal mediatorship of Jesus Christ as very God and very man, in His life, sufferings, death, and resurrection.

The service for Easter morning contains a compendious statement of the doctrines held and taught in the Moravian Church, and official doctrinal statements are also contained in the digest of the general synod and in the Moravian manual.

Infant baptism is practiced, by which children become incorporated into the visible church and are regarded as noncommunicant members until confirmation, unless by misconduct in riper years they forfeit these privileges. On arriving at adult age, baptized members, after receiving detailed religious instruction are confirmed on application and nonbaptized members are received by baptism, the usual method being by sprinkling. Admission to the church is by vote of the board of elders of the congregation concerned, who have full power to grant or refuse applications. The holy communion is open to communicant members of other churches, and is celebrated at least six times in every year.

## POLITY.

In polity the Moravian Church is a modified episcopacy. Every congregation has a council composed of communicant members who have attained the age of 21 years, and have subscribed to the rules and regulations of the congregation. At meetings of this council the pastor presides. Each congregation has also a board of elders, composed of the pastor and of elected communicant brethren. This board has full power to grant or refuse applications for admission to the church, and its particular province is the spiritual and moral well-being of the congregation. The financial

and other secular affairs are in the hands of a board of trustees composed of elected communicant members. These two boards are sometimes combined, since large liberty in details of organization is left to the congregations.

The general supervision of the congregation rests with the general and provincial synods. The American branch of the church, composed of a northern and a southern province, and the European branches are federated in a "Unity," with a general synod, which is an international representative body meeting at least once in a decade. There is a general constitution of the Unity and a separate constitution for each province. The general synod deals with matters of faith and discipline that are the common concern of the Unity and controls various joint enterprises of all the provinces, particularly the foreign missions. It elects a mission board in which each province is represented. This mission board and the executive boards of the several provinces together constitute the Directing Board of the Unity.

The highest authority in each province is the provincial synod, in which clergy and laity are about equally represented. The meetings of the synod in the northern province of America usually take place twice in a decade, and more frequently in the southern province. The synod directs the missions, educational work, and publications in the province; and elects an executive board, called in the American provinces, the Provincial Elders' Conference, to administer the government of the province between the meetings of the synod.

There are three orders of the ministry—bishops, presbyters, and deacons. Deacons are authorized to preach and administer the sacraments. They are ordained to the second order of presbyters after they have served a certain length of time, and have been intrusted either with the care of a congregation or with the direction of some branch of church work. The bishops are elected by the general and provincial synods and have the exclusive right to ordain the ministers of the church. They are as such represented in the membership of general synods and are ex officio members of the provincial synods of the province in which they reside, but do not exercise personal superintendence of the work of the church, either general or diocesan, and always have boards of conferences associated with them. In such boards they officiate, not by episcopal right but by synodical election, and it is not uncommon for bishops when not occupying executive positions, to serve in pastorates like the presbyters.

The church has an established liturgy, with a litany for Sunday morning and a variety of services for different church seasons, the general order of the ancient church year being observed.



## WORK.

The work of the Moravian Church is, first, missionary, then evangelistic, then educational. All the other normal activities—literary, philanthropic, sociological, and cultural—incident to church life, also find their place. The missionary part has reference especially to the foreign missionary work of the church, which has been for 185 years its largest and best-known enterprise. The foreign missions are conducted under the superintendency of an international mission board of 5 members, including representatives of the Continental, British, and American provinces of the church. It has its seat in Europe. The provincial boards of the various provinces act, conjointly, as a general directory to which the mission board is responsible, and, separately, as agents for the mission board. War conditions have interfered with the normal conduct of the missions.

The missionary work is carried on in 14 fields, including North, Central, and South America, 10 of the West Indian Islands, South Africa, East Central Africa, the borders of Tibet, and Australia, and among the lepers in Jerusalem. The report for 1916 shows 156 stations occupied, with 195 outstations and 1,496 preaching places; 42 American and 312 European missionaries, with 2,196 native missionaries and helpers; and 156 organized churches, with 39,683 members. There were 422 day schools, with 32,425 pupils, in charge of 900 teachers; 7 teachers' training schools and theological seminaries, with 200 students; 5 hospitals and dispensaries; and 195 Sunday schools, with 1,418 teachers and 25,000 pupils. The annual cost of the foreign mission work of the International Board of the Moravian Church amounts to over half a million dollars, and of this sum, the American Moravians, in 1916, contributed over \$31,000, while the total amount contributed by them for all purposes in the foreign field, not including the work among the Indians and Eskimos, was \$35,264. Taking into consideration the entire Moravian Church, there is a foreign missionary worker for every 90 Moravians at home.

The evangelistic, or home missionary work, of the Moravian Church was until recent years rather an effort for a deeper spiritual life everywhere than an attempt at church extension. This aim is not forgotten, and an official provincial evangelist, under the direction of an evangelistic committee, gives his time to this purely spiritual work. In later years, however, much of the work has taken the form of home missions, carried on in the English, German, and Scandinavian languages, in 14 states of the Union and in Western Canada. The supervision of the work is in the hands of the executive board of the 5 districts of the church in conjunction with various home mission societies, although the funds and general collections are administered by the provincial church extension board. In 1916 about \$20,000 was contributed by the congregations of the

province for expenditure by the northern province in this branch of missions, and 39 agents were employed, who cared for 32 churches.

Though classed by this church with foreign missions, the work among the Indians of California and the Eskimos of Alaska is in close connection with the home mission work, and is so included in this statement. For the Indian work, \$2,260 was contributed in 1916, and for work among the Eskimos, \$10,764. Thus, the total sum contributed by the Moravians of the United States for home mission work was \$33,024, although the total sum available was \$38,024. To this latter sum should be added the returns, the figures for which are not available, but amounting some years to several thousand dollars, derived from various industries carried on by the Eskimos under the general direction of the church in behalf of missions.

The Moravian Church has given special attention to educational institutions. In the United States there are six schools for higher education, the oldest of which, now the Moravian Seminary and College for women at Bethlehem, Pa., was the second girls' boarding school in the United States, founded in 1749. Others are at Nazareth, Pa., founded in 1755; at Lititz, Pa., in 1794; at Winston-Salem, N. C., in 1802. The Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa., were founded in 1807. These schools are under the control of boards of trustees elected by the provincial synods and accountable to them. They are philanthropic in purpose and do considerable charitable work. For the year 1916 these schools report a total of 956 students, \$11,920 received in contributions, and property valued at \$663,371. Other schools, under the control of the local churches, are a boarding school for boys and girls at Clemmonsville, N. C., and several parochial schools. A Moravian Educational Association seeks to coordinate and inspire the work of these institutions, and to provide pensions for their teachers.

The philanthropic institutions under Moravian auspices include, in the northern province, a home for the widows of Moravian ministers, at Bethlehem, Pa., the Ephrata Home for furloughed or retired missionaries, at Nazareth, Pa., and the home for aged women at Lititz, Pa. The property value of the 3, in 1916, was estimated at \$80,000, and their endowment at \$38,951. The amount contributed for their support during the year was \$175. In the southern province there are 4 benevolent institutions.

The report for 1916 shows 160 young people's societies connected with the congregations, including 67 Christian Endeavor societies, 35 Junior Christian Endeavor societies, and 58 King's Daughters circles, with a total membership of 4,032.

The official publications of the Moravian Church in America, besides hymnals, catechisms, etc., include 2 weekly, 3 monthly, and 2 annual journals. The

headquarters for publications is the Moravian Book Store, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Moravian Church, as a historic church, maintains several valuable historical collections. At Bethlehem, Pa., are found the "Archives" of the church, including valuable manuscripts and rare printed volumes, the Malin Library of Moravian Literature, in which are gathered over 1,350 books dealing with the history and interests of the church, and the collection in the Harvey Memorial Library. The Moravian Historical Society, organized in 1857, has its library and museum in the historic Whitefield house at Nazareth, Pa.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Moravian Church for 1916 are given, by states and provinces, on pages 526 and 527, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	110	117	-7	-6.0
Members.....	26,373	17,155	9,218	53.7
Church edifices.....	117	129	-12	-9.3
Value of church property.....	\$1,368,220	\$922,900	\$445,320	48.3
Debt on church property.....	\$68,996	\$31,635	\$37,361	118.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	80	77	3	( <sup>2</sup> ) 48.1
Value.....	\$306,100	\$206,625	\$99,475	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	112	119	-7	-5.9
Officers and teachers.....	1,494	1,413	81	5.7
Scholars.....	14,954	12,901	2,053	15.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$80,383	\$56,969	\$23,414	41.1
Domestic.....	\$45,119	\$32,495	\$12,624	38.8
Foreign.....	\$35,264	\$24,474	\$10,790	44.1

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there was a decrease during the decade in certain items, but a considerable increase in others. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 110 as against 117 in 1906, a loss of 6 per cent, but the membership was 26,373 as against 17,155, a gain of 53.7 per cent. The number of church edifices fell from 129 to 117, or 9.3 per cent, but the value of church property was reported as \$1,368,220 as against \$922,900 in 1906, an increase of 48.3 per cent. The debt on church property increased in greater proportion, \$68,996 being reported by 21 churches, as against \$31,635 reported by 12 churches in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages was 80, an increase of 3, and the value of parsonages advanced from \$206,625 to \$306,100, or 48.1 per cent. The number of Sunday schools fell off

7, or 5.9 per cent, but the number of officers and teachers increased 81, or 5.7 per cent, and the number of scholars 2,053, or 15.9 per cent. The contributions advanced from \$56,969 to \$80,383, or 41.1 per cent, the increase being about evenly divided between domestic and foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$309,180, reported by 109 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 6,877, constituting 26.1 per cent of the 26,373 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 110 organizations, 75, with 16,337 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 35, with 10,036 members, reported services in foreign languages only. The principal language was German, reported by 32 organizations, with 9,410 members. In 1906, 15 organizations used German only.

The number of ministers reported as connected with the denomination was 138. The main facts in regard to these are set forth in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	131	89	6	36	\$942
California.....	4	2	2		619
Florida.....	1			1	
Illinois.....	1	1			
Indiana.....	3	3			1,152
Iowa.....	1	1			
Kansas.....	1			1	
Maryland.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	2	2			725
Minnesota.....	10	10			794
New Jersey.....	5	4		1	814
New York.....	13	12		1	1,022
North Carolina.....	13	7	2	4	1,089
North Dakota.....	8	7		1	771
Ohio.....	12	6		6	816
Pennsylvania.....	39	20	2	17	1,186
Wisconsin.....	17	13		4	810

Of the 138 ministers reported, schedules were received from 131, showing 95 in pastoral work and 36 not in pastoral work. Of the 95 in pastoral work, 89 were full pastors dependent upon their salaries and reporting an average annual salary of \$942. Of those not in pastoral work, 19 were retired, 11 were in educational and editorial work, and 5 were engaged in the general interests of the denomination.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).....	110	110	26,373	108	11,183	14,694	107	3	117	106	\$1,368,220
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	11	11	2,882	11	1,116	1,766	10	1	12	10	291,500
New Jersey.....	4	4	704	4	303	401	4		5	4	56,000
Pennsylvania.....	23	23	8,248	23	3,447	4,801	22	1	22	22	485,600
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	1,640	6	694	946	6		6	6	61,000
Indiana.....	3	3	440	3	170	270	3		4	3	32,800
Michigan.....	2	2	363	2	183	180	2		2	2	12,000
Wisconsin.....	20	20	4,294	20	2,049	2,245	20		21	20	110,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	11	11	1,361	11	676	685	11		11	11	39,578
North Dakota.....	9	9	1,071	9	551	520	8	1	8	8	50,542
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	221	2	105	116	2		2	2	2,000
North Carolina.....	14	14	4,528	12	1,596	2,436	14		18	14	210,200
Pacific division:											
California.....	3	3	172	3	93	79	3		3	2	2,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	449	2	200	249	2		3	2	14,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois and Iowa.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).....	110	21	\$68,996	80	\$306,100	109	\$309,180	104	112	1,494	14,954
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	11	3	26,700	7	54,500	11	53,720	11	12	172	1,487
New Jersey.....	4	2	8,000	4	16,500	4	8,448	4	4	50	557
Pennsylvania.....	23	4	10,001	19	92,000	23	130,881	23	24	490	5,039
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6			6	18,000	6	15,307	6	6	103	1,078
Indiana.....	3			2	13,500	3	4,599	2	2	41	303
Michigan.....	2	1	500	1	3,000	2	6,849	2	3	26	273
Wisconsin.....	20	5	1,575	14	44,800	20	29,369	18	18	194	1,546
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	11	2	1,850	8	14,800	11	16,626	10	10	69	509
North Dakota.....	9	3	8,370	7	11,000	9	12,094	8	10	70	569
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2			1	1,000	2	572	1	1	13	76
North Carolina.....	14	1	12,000	7	31,000	14	24,989	14	17	228	3,053
Pacific division:											
California.....	3			2	2,000	2	1,382	3	3	10	94
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2			2	4,000	2	4,344	2	2	28	370

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois and Iowa.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY PROVINCES: 1916.

PROVINCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).....	110	110	26,373	108	11,183	14,694	107	3	117	106	\$1,368,220
Northern.....	96	96	21,845	96	9,587	12,258	93	3	99	92	1,158,020
Southern.....	14	14	4,528	12	1,596	2,436	14		18	14	210,200

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PROVINCES: 1916.

PROVINCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).....	110	21	\$68,996	80	\$306,100	109	\$309,180	104	112	1,494	14,954
Northern.....	96	20	56,996	73	275,100	95	284,191	90	95	1,266	11,901
Southern.....	14	1	12,000	7	31,000	14	24,989	14	17	228	3,053

## EVANGELICAL UNION OF BOHEMIAN AND MORAVIAN BRETHREN IN NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The scattered bands of Bohemian and Moravian Christians, after the general dispersion consequent upon the Thirty Years' War,<sup>1</sup> retained their religious life through the persecutions which broke out from time to time. Some relief came with the publication by Joseph II of Austria, of the Toleration Patent, October 13, 1781. Though this did not grant equal rights, it stopped persecution and torture and gave an opportunity to all citizens to register themselves. Many wavered, distrusting the government, from which until now they had experienced only deception and oppression, but at the close of the time limit, January 1, 1783, a large number, variously estimated at from 90,000 to 150,000, had registered as belonging to the Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren. This was a surprise to all, and especially to the government, which proclaimed that the patent had no reference to that Union, but only to those who accepted the Augsburg or the Helvetic confessions. Furthermore, congregations could be organized only where over 100 families, or at least 500 souls, were reported. Many small communities consequently dropped out entirely, and those that organized were forbidden to build churches, and were allowed prayer houses only, without steeples, bells, organs, round windows, or any entrance from the road. Sometimes Lutheran and sometimes Reformed (Hungarian) pastors were called, but the general connection with the Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren was maintained.

The first considerable immigration to America of adherents of this Union came after the revolutionary period of 1848. Those from Bohemia and western Moravia settled chiefly in the Northern states; while those from eastern Moravia almost without exception turned to Texas. The first Bohemian evangelical sermon in that state was preached at Fayetteville in 1855 by Pastor John Fvolanek, but the first congregation was organized in 1864 at Wesley by the Rev. Joseph Opocensky. Other congregations were formed and a number of ministers served for varying terms.

<sup>1</sup>See Moravian Church, p. 522.

In 1889 the Rev. Adolph Chlumsky became pastor at Brenham and endeavored to bring the scattered congregations together. To assist in this respect a monthly periodical was started in 1902.

The next step was the calling of an assembly of delegates of all the congregations to meet at Granger, Tex., in 1903, and 22 representatives of 9 congregations and 2 preaching stations responded. Among the guests was a representative of the Texas District of the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Their lack of familiarity with the German and English languages, and also with the general organization and character of the existing denominations, made it difficult for them to join any. Equally unwilling were they to organize a new church, and it was finally decided to adopt the old name, "Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren." At the second synodal assembly at Taylor, Tex., in 1904, a general constitution was prepared and accepted and a state charter was then secured.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The basis of doctrine of the Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren is the "Confessio Fratrum Bohemorum," or the Confession of Faith of the Union of the Bohemian Brethren, presented to Emperor Ferdinand I of Austria, by the Lords and Knights of the Union in 1608. Other doctrinal symbols, as the Helvetic, or Reformed, and the Augsburg, or Lutheran confessions, are accepted in so far as they agree with the Bible, which is with the Brethren the only rule of faith, intercourse, and life.

The legislative and executive authority is intrusted to a synod, which meets annually on the 6th of July in commemoration of the burning at the stake of John Huss. The synod consists of the ministers of the Union and of lay delegates elected in the proportion of 1 to every 50 members of a congregation. Between the sessions of the synod the management of the Union is in the hands of a committee, including the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, elected for one year. The affairs of the local congregations are in the care of elders, elected annually. The board of elders,

also known as trustees, consists of at least 4 members, the minister as president. In the larger congregations 1 elder is elected for every 10 members.

In case of the disintegration of a congregation its property reverts to the Union as administrator. If during a period of 15 years no new congregation is established, the property reverts to the treasury of the church.

#### WORK.

In 1905 missionary collections were begun, with the understanding that one-half should be appropriated to home missionary work and one-half to work among the heathen. In the first year \$19 was set aside for home mission work and used for traveling expenses in organizing scattered members of the church. In 1916, \$87 was thus collected for home missions and 5 workers were employed. The same amount was contributed to the German Evangelical Synod for its mission in India.

For purposes of education, the schools of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, including the theological seminary at St. Louis, Mo., have been cordially opened to the churches of the Union. A school has been established for the education of teachers for Sunday and evening schools, and \$1,234 was contributed for its support in 1916. A fund for the support of students has also been established, which, at the end of the school year 1916, furnished an income of \$400.

There is a benevolent society with 376 members and a reserve fund amounting to \$3,496.

#### STATISTICS.

All of the 23 organizations reported in 1916 by the Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren were in the state of Texas. Of the 1,714 members, 739 were males, 850 were females, and the sex of 125 was not reported. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

#### INDEPENDENT BOHEMIAN AND MORAVIAN BRETHERN CHURCHES.

##### HISTORY.

In 1858 a group of 6 families, formerly members of the Reformed Church of Bohemia, under the leadership of Rev. Francis Pokorny, organized the First Bohemian and Moravian Church, in College Township, Linn County, Iowa. After some years, in 1892, another church of the same antecedents was formed in Monroe Township, and three years later still another in Putnam Township, and the three formed an evangelical union without distinct ecclesiastical organization, each preserving its independent character.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	23	15	8	(1)
Members.....	1,714	771	943	122.3
Church edifices.....	13	8	5	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$19,720	\$13,750	\$5,970	43.4
Debt on church property.....	\$250		\$250	.....
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3	2	1	(1)
Value.....	\$3,950	\$700	\$3,250	464.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	20	2	18	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	62	6	56	(1)
Scholars.....	565	97	468	(1)
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$1,408	\$290	\$1,118	385.5
Domestic.....	\$1,321	\$257	\$1,064	414.0
Foreign.....	\$87	\$33	\$54	(1)

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

As compared with the statistics for 1906, a considerable advance has been made during the decade. There were 23 organizations in 1916 as against 15 in 1906; the membership had increased from 771 to 1,714, a gain of 122.3 per cent; and there were 13 church edifices as against 8 in 1906. Church property was valued at \$19,720 as against \$13,750 in 1906, an increase of 43.4 per cent; and a single organization reported a debt on church property of \$250. Three of the churches reported parsonages, valued at \$3,950; the number of Sunday schools had advanced from 2 to 20; and the number of scholars from 97 to 565. There was a large increase in gifts for benevolences in 1916.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,499, reported by 23 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Bohemian was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported as connected with these churches was 44, but schedules were received from only 4, all in pastoral work, and in receipt of an average annual salary of \$678.

While claiming the same origin as the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) and the Evangelical Union of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren, these churches are not ecclesiastically connected with either of these bodies. They hold friendly relations with the Presbyterian, Reformed, and Bohemian churches of the Northwest and East, and enter into accord with them in movements for education and missionary work, in these respects affiliating especially with the Central West (Bohemian) Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. They are directly interested and are leaders in all public move-

ments, especially such as the Red Cross, the sale of liberty bonds, and the general spirit of the Government.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The Independent Bohemian and Moravian churches recognize the Helvetic and Westminster confessions of faith and use the Heidelberg and Westminster catechisms. They administer baptism to the children of believers, and to adults on profession of faith. The Lord's Supper is celebrated four times a year, according to the usage of the Reformed Church of Bohemia. Ministers are required to be sound in the faith and to have a college and seminary education. Of the three churches, only one has a native Bohemian pastor, while the other two are under the care of ministers who were formerly identified with the Presbyterian Church.

The general polity is presbyterian. A board of six elders, with the pastor, has oversight in spiritual things, while temporal matters are in the hands of six trustees. They have Sunday schools, and there is a Christian Endeavor society connected with each church.

### NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

#### HISTORY.

The New Apostolic Church claims the same historical origin as the Catholic Apostolic Church.<sup>1</sup> A bishop of that church named Schwarz, who presided over a congregation in Hamburg, Germany, after the death of a number of the apostles, consulted the remaining ones, claiming that the spirit of the apostles had often inspired new selections for that office. This consultation resulted in his excommunication, but a priest named Preuss, serving under Bishop Schwarz, was selected for the apostleship "through the spirit of prophecy" in the year 1862, and with his apostleship commenced the New Apostolic Church. For a time Bishop Schwarz served under the new apostle, but was himself later selected as an apostle.

The movement spread throughout the world and other apostles were appointed. One of these apostles, the Rev. Edward Mierau, is the head of the churches in the United States, although he acts under the head apostle in Europe, the Rev. Herman Niehaus, who resides in Steinhagen, near Bielefeld, Westphalia, Germany, and who has under his general supervision all New Apostolic churches throughout the entire world.

#### DOCTRINE.

The New Apostolic Church accepts the Apostles' Creed, and emphasizes the inspiration and authority of the Bible, the sacramental nature of baptism and the Lord's Supper, the restoration of the ordinance of

<sup>1</sup> See Catholic Apostolic Church, p. 186.

#### STATISTICS.

The Independent Bohemian and Moravian churches were reported as a separate body for the first time in 1916. The general statistics are given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

Only 3 organizations were reported in 1916, all in the state of Iowa. There were 320 members, 151 males and 169 females; 3 church edifices; church property valued at \$9,000; 1 parsonage valued at \$3,000; and 3 Sunday schools, with 14 officers and teachers and 348 scholars. General contributions for missions and benevolences were not reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,847, reported by the 3 churches, cover general running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Bohemian was the only language reported in the conduct of the services of these churches.

Each church reported a minister in charge; but no schedules were received from the ministers, nor any statement as to salary.

the laying on of hands by the apostles, the necessity of the gifts of the Spirit, the payment of the tithe, and the belief in the speedy personal premillennial coming of Christ.

#### POLITY.

Each apostle is placed in charge of a particular district, known as an "apostle district." These apostle districts are subdivided into local districts, which are made up of groups of local churches, the leader of each of which is a bishop or elder. Each church has, according to its size, one or more priests, one of whom is the head. All the ministers are selected by the apostleship according to their ability, knowledge, and inspiration of God. Candidates for admission to the church are required first to make application to the bishop or apostle.

#### WORK.

The New Apostolic Church carries on no organized missionary, educational, or philanthropic work, all work of that kind being done by each individual church directly within a given territory. In 1916, 8 churches were aided in this way, at an expense of about \$5,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the New Apostolic Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table on pages 530 and 531, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables

in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	20	13	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Members.....	3,828	2,020	1,808	89.5
Church edifices.....	6	2	4	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$69,710	\$8,500	\$61,210	720.1
Debt on church property.....	\$47,040	\$6,000	\$41,040	684.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	12	3	9	( <sup>1</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	32	10	22	( <sup>1</sup> )
Scholars.....	689	250	439	175.6

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has grown during the decade 1906 to 1916. It reported 20 churches in 1916 as against 13 in 1906, with a membership of 3,828 as against 2,020, showing a gain in membership of 89.5 per cent. There were 6 church edifices as against 2, and the value of church property rose from \$8,500 to \$69,710. The debt on church property, as reported by 4 organizations, was \$47,040 as against \$6,000 reported in 1906. There were no parsonages reported by the churches. The

number of Sunday schools rose from 3 to 12, and the number of scholars from 250 to 689, or 175.6 per cent.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$8,210, reported by 13 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the local church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 953, constituting 24.9 per cent of the 3,828 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 20 organizations, 2, with 166 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 2 organizations, with 170 members, reported the use of Dutch only; 9, with 1,112 members, used German alone; and 7, with 2,380 members, used German in connection with English. In 1906 the 13 organizations reported services conducted almost entirely in foreign languages.

The number of ministers reported in the denomination was 20. Schedules were received from all of these, but only 2 reported annual salaries, the average being \$900. The ministers appear as a rule to be supported chiefly by other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organ- izations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organ- izations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organ- izations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organ- izations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
New Apostolic Church.....	20	20	3,828	20	1,681	2,147	6	10	6	6	\$69,710
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	4	4	1,897	4	803	1,094	4		4	4	69,500
New Jersey.....	2	2	409	2	163	246		2			
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	2	2	123	2	66	57	1	1	1	1	100
Illinois.....	4	4	710	4	341	369		3			
Michigan.....	2	2	110	2	47	63		2		1	110
Wisconsin.....	2	2	135	2	68	67	1	1	1		
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	444	4	193	251		1			

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.



ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
New Apostolic Church.....	20	4	\$47,040	13	\$8,210	12	12	32	689
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	4	4	47,040	3	6,009	4	4	17	345
New Jersey.....	2			2	655	2	2	5	122
East North Central division:									
Indiana.....	2			2	239	1	1	2	25
Illinois.....	4			2	503	3	3	4	115
Michigan.....	2			2	265	1	1	2	20
Wisconsin.....	2								
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4			2	539	1	1	2	62

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Colorado, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

NONSECTARIAN CHURCHES OF BIBLE FAITH.

HISTORY.

The confederation of churches, known as the Non-sectarian Churches of Bible Faith, was the result of the teaching of Elder Lyman H. Johnson, of New England ancestry, a graduate of Beloit College, Wis., and of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Mr. Johnson had been impressed from childhood by the evils resulting from sectarianism, and with the belief that the form of organization of the different denominations was calculated rather to gain temporal and earthly success than to do the work of Christ in the world. He found support for his belief in the history of a number of communities, as the Albigenses, Lollards, Quakers, and others, who had protested against rigidity in church organization. As a minister in the Presbyterian and Congregational churches he preached strongly against the evils of denominationalism, and after 1865 his denominational relations ceased and he preached as an independent evangelist. In 1868, at Beloit, Wis., he began the publication of the *Stumblingstone*, a monthly paper dedicated to the establishing of "The Original Church of Christ, without man's organization, sects, or carnal observances." Gradually the views advocated by Mr. Johnson gained acceptance, congregations were gathered, and at length a quasi association for mutual fellowship was formed, with headquarters at Boston, to which place the publication of the paper was transferred.

In his later life Mr. Johnson moved to Toledo, Ohio, and from that point continued his publications and the general oversight of the churches. In 1917, after an extended illness, he died, and, as is evident from the summary of statistics following, the association suffered greatly in its general organization. The basis, however, remained the same and lies in what its members consider the correct interpretation of the term "church." "This word," they say, "as

traditionized, is made to mean a society organized by man like secular corporations, except for religious purposes; a joint interest and agreement of several Christians under covenants and laws they have adopted is essential to the meaning of the word 'church,' as generally understood." This interpretation, in their view, classes "with infidels and the irreligious" those Christians outside of church organizations and "is an injustice to such Christians and contrary to the Bible meaning of the word." The truth, as they recognize it, is that churches of Christ have always existed outside of sectarian systems. They say that the Greek word "ecclesia," which is translated "church" in English, has the meaning "called out"—that is, "converted out of the world by a change of heart into the assembly of Christians on earth"—and they hold that the church exists where one person is thus called out from the world. The idea of the assembly thus constituted has no reference to locality or organization, and the church is the "body of Christ," including "all who are in Christ regardless of locality." They find no account in the Bible of any Christian joining the church; he is already a member by faith in Christ, and every description of the church in any city or house of the New Testament is simply of one or more Christians living there.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the churches agree substantially with the so-called "orthodox or evangelical churches." They hold the Bible to be the divinely inspired rule of faith and practice and reject all creeds and disciplines not contained in it. They believe in the Trinity, the vicarious atonement of Christ, the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the antitype of water baptism, a final judgment, and an eternal heaven and hell.



There is no general ecclesiastical organization. No head over individual members is recognized but Christ, and though there are elders in each community or church, they are regarded simply as teachers, having no ecclesiastical authority. In their view the only authority is "the authority of the truth," which is the authority of God to all who are convinced of the truth. The ministers receive no salary, and the necessary expenses connected with the services are met by voluntary contributions.

## WORK.

Since there is no organization, the congregations and individual members are free to contribute or to labor according to their desire. They have no organized missionary work and no schools or philanthropic institutions. This does not mean that they are regardless of their duties to their fellow men, but only that they are free from all other constraint than "pure virtue or holy love in Christian hearts."

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Nonsectarian Churches of Bible Faith for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	58	204	-146	-71.6
Members.....	2,273	6,396	-4,123	-64.5
Church edifices.....	25	41	-16	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$25,050	\$25,910	-\$860	-3.3
Debt on church property.....	\$20	\$3,300	-\$3,280	-99.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	12	33	-21	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	41	158	-117	-74.1
Scholars.....	530	1,976	-1,446	-73.2

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it is seen that the denomination reported a much smaller number of churches in 1916 than in 1906, 58 as against 204, representing a loss of 71.6 per cent, and a membership of only 2,273 as against 6,396, a decrease of 64.5 per cent. The number of church edifices fell from 41 to 25, but the value of church property remained very nearly the same, \$25,050 as against \$25,910. The debt on church property decreased greatly, being only \$20 in 1916 instead of \$3,300 as in 1906. The number of Sunday schools fell from 33 to 12, and the number of scholars from 1,976 to 530, showing a loss of 73.2 per cent.

The occasion for the great decreases noted above is probably the prolonged sickness, followed by the death, of the founder of the body, who, by his personal influence, had kept the churches together.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,263, reported by 20 organizations, cover running expenses, and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 26 organizations in 1916, was 30, constituting 4.6 per cent of the 647 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 105.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 58 organizations, 56, with 1,255 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 2, with 1,018 members, reported the use of German and English. In 1906 there was a somewhat larger percentage of organizations reported as using German and English.

The total number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 26, all of whom sent in schedules. No salaries were reported, the ministers being supported by other occupations or by occasional freewill offerings.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN AMERICA.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Nonsectarian Churches of Bible Faith...	58	58	2, 273	57	1, 099	1, 154	25	21	25	24	\$25, 050
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	8	8	1, 226	8	612	614	4	3	4	4	6, 500
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	86	4	40	46	3	1	3	3	2, 500
Indiana.....	3	3	63	2	22	21	2		2	2	1, 600
Michigan.....	3	3	23	3	11	12		1			
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	3	3	44	3	24	20	2	1	2	2	1, 100
Kansas.....	3	3	29	3	15	14		2			
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	2	2	51	2	26	25	2		2	2	500
West Virginia.....	0	10	252	0	122	130	6	3	6	6	6, 100
East South Central division:											
Alabama.....	6	6	166	6	62	104	3	2	3	3	2, 600
Mississippi.....	2	2	30	2	17	13	1	1	1		
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	5	5	84	5	42	42		4			
Texas.....	2	2	27	2	12	15					
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	192	7	94	98	2	3	2	2	4, 150

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Nonsectarian Churches of Bible Faith.....	58	1	\$20	20	\$1, 263	12	12	41	530
Middle Atlantic division:									
Pennsylvania.....	8			3	80	1	1	6	100
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	4			4	183	1	1	5	40
Indiana.....	3			1	100	1	1	1	19
Michigan.....	3			1	20				
West North Central division:									
Missouri.....	3			2	125	1	1	5	65
Kansas.....	3			2	260	1	1	4	30
South Atlantic division:									
Virginia.....	2			2	160	1	1	3	75
West Virginia.....	10			1	75	1	1	3	43
East South Central division:									
Alabama.....	6	1	20	2	200	2	2	5	68
Mississippi.....	2								
West South Central division:									
Oklahoma.....	5			2	60	1	1	5	30
Texas.....	2								
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7					2	2	4	60

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN AMERICA.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Following the development of the Old Catholic movement in Europe, consequent upon the Council of the Vatican in 1870 which declared the infallibility of the Pope, there grew up in the Catholic communities of this country, especially in the Belgian communities of Wisconsin, a revulsion against the Roman Catholic Church. The result was not so much the formation

of distinct churches as a tendency toward atheism and a rejection of all church doctrine and church life.

At the time of the visit to this country of Father Hyacinthe Loyson, of Paris, who was closely associated with the Old Catholic movement in Europe, an effort was made to reach these Belgian communities, and the French priest, Father J. René Villatte, visited them with the purpose of developing church life. Relations with the Protestant Episcopal Church were considered,

but did not materialize, nor did a suggestion that they come under the care of Bishop Vladimir, of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Father Villatte sought consecration to the episcopate and with that in view visited Ceylon where he came in contact with the Apostolic Syrian Church of St. Thomas of Travancore. Finally, however, he was consecrated by the Patriarch of Antioch of the Jacobite Church. Since then, other churches have been organized, and there are at present three bodies—Old Roman Catholic Church, American Catholic Church, and Catholic Church of North America. Of

similar type, though not ecclesiastically connected, are the Polish National Catholic Church of America and the Lithuanian National Catholic Church.

In doctrine all of these churches are in full accord with the Old Catholic churches of Europe. They accept the seven ecumenical synods of the universal and undivided church prior to 1054, rejecting the filioque, papal supremacy and infallibility, and all union of church and state.

The denominations grouped under the name "Old Catholic Churches" in 1916 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics:

SUMMARY OF OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN AMERICA: 1916.

DENOMINATION.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
OLD CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN AMERICA.										
Old Roman Catholic Church.....	12	4,700	11	\$89,300	\$55,360	4	\$10,200	11	47	1,271
American Catholic Church.....	3	475	1	3,000	.....	1	1,000	2	4	75
Catholic Church of North America.....	6	9,025	5	53,500	18,500	2	5,500	4	11	750

#### OLD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

This organization is under the leadership of Archbishop J. R. Villatte and its headquarters are in Chicago. Associated with him is Bishop Miraglia, who has special charge of Italian services.

##### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Old Roman Catholic Church are given, by states, in the next table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

No report was made of this denomination in 1906, although some churches had been registered previous to that time. The figures as presented for 1916 show 12 organizations, with a membership of 4,700; 11 church edifices; and church property valued at \$89,300, on which a debt of \$55,360 was reported. There were 4 organizations reporting parsonages, valued at \$10,200; and 11 Sunday schools, with 47 officers and teachers and 1,271 scholars. No contributions for missions or benevolences were reported.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$12,150, reported by 11 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 3 organizations in 1916, was 480, constituting 36.9 per cent of the 1,300 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 3,400 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,735.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 12 organizations, 2, with 850 members, reported the use of English only in church services, and 10, with 3,850 members, the use of foreign languages only. The principal language reported was Polish, reported alone by 3 organizations, with 1,700 members, and in connection with Lithuanian by 1 organization, with 325 members. Next in order as regards membership, was Russian, used by 1 church, with 1,000 members, and Portuguese, reported by 3 organizations, with 550 members.

The total number of ministers from whom schedules were received was 14, and 12 of these reported annual salaries averaging \$727.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Old Roman Catholic Church.....	12	12	4,700	12	1,955	2,745	11	1	11	11	\$89,300
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	5	5	1,150	5	495	655	4	1	4	4	23,000
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	5	5	2,250	5	1,010	1,240	5	.....	5	5	52,300
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	1,300	2	450	850	2	.....	2	2	14,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Old Roman Catholic Church.....	12	11	\$55,380	4	\$10,200	11	\$12,150	11	11	47	1,271
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	5	4	15,860	1	4,000	4	3,100	4	4	13	280
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	5	5	29,500	2	4,200	5	4,850	5	5	22	746
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	10,000	1	2,000	2	4,200	2	2	12	245

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Associated with Archbishop Villatte is Bishop F. E. J. Lloyd, who organized the American Catholic Church for the special purpose of bringing together American Catholics interested in the Old Catholic movement. It is in close fellowship with the Old Roman Catholic Church but distinct from it in ecclesiastical organization.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the American Catholic Church for 1916 are given in the general summary on page 534; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. It had 3 organizations, 1 each in Pennsylvania,

Illinois, and Florida; 475 members, 182 males and 293 females; 1 church edifice and 2 halls; church property valued at \$3,000; 1 parsonage valued at \$1,000; and 2 Sunday schools, with 4 officers and teachers and 75 scholars. No debt was reported and no contributions for general missionary purposes. Church expenditures amounting to \$1,700, reported by 2 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury. English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination. The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was 7, from all of whom schedules were received, though there was no report of salaries.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

This organization has its headquarters at Waukegan, Ill., and is under the leadership of Archbishop Francis Brothers, consecrated bishop by representatives of the Jansenist churches of Belgium.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Catholic Church of North America for 1916 are given, by states, in the

table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This church was reported for the first time in 1916. It had 6 organizations; 9,025 members; 5 church edifices; church property valued at \$53,500, on which there is a debt of \$18,500, reported by 4 of the churches; 2 churches reported parsonages; and 4 Sunday schools,

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with 750 scholars. No contributions for missions or benevolences were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$20,000, reported by 6 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 6 organizations, 1, with 725 members, re-

ported the use of English only in church services; 1, with 600 members, reported Slavic and English; 1, with 300, the use of Polish only; and 3, with 7,400 members, used Italian only.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was 12. Schedules were received from all of them, while 3 reported annual salaries averaging \$800.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Catholic Church of North America.....	6	6	9,025	5	4,900	3,525	5	1	5	5	\$53,500
East North Central division: Illinois.....	4	4	6,225	3	2,900	2,725	3	1	3	3	35,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	2,800	2	2,000	800	2	.....	2	2	18,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Minnesota and Ohio.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Catholic Church of North America.....	6	4	\$18,500	2	\$5,500	6	\$20,000	2	4	11	750
East North Central division: Illinois.....	4	3	17,500	.....	.....	4	16,000	1	3	5	150
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	1,000	2	5,500	2	4,000	1	1	6	600

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Minnesota and Ohio.

## PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

## HISTORY.

Toward the close of the nineteenth century a movement developed in various parts of the United States corresponding somewhat to that of the revival period of a century previous. It manifested itself differently, so far as organization was concerned, in different sections. In the Southern states it was chiefly an independent movement, and each congregation held itself apart from every other. In the West and in the East the tendencies were toward a closer affiliation, resulting in organization.

The principle at the basis of these movements has been a belief in the power of Jesus Christ to make Christians holy in this present life, and they represent thus a renewed emphasis upon the doctrine of entire sanctification, as taught by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The immediate occasion was the feeling that full liberty to emphasize this doctrine, which came

to be called the "full Gospel," was not allowed even in the Methodist churches.

Three movements, one in New England, one in New York City, and one in Los Angeles, Calif., were organized almost simultaneously to carry out these principles. William Howard Hoople, a business man in New York City, founded a mission in Brooklyn in January, 1894, which, in the following May, was organized as an independent church, with a membership of 32, and was called the "Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle." A church edifice was afterwards erected, and Mr. Hoople was called to the pastorate. The following February the Bedford Avenue Church was organized in an abandoned church building, and a little later, the Emmanuel Pentecostal Tabernacle. In December, 1895, delegates from these three churches formed the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, adopting a constitution, summary of doctrines, and by-laws.

Meanwhile, a similar movement had begun in New England; several independent churches had been organized for the same purpose, and had united in an association known as the Central Evangelical Holiness Association. In November, 1896, a joint committee of the two associations met in Brooklyn, and united under the name of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America.

In Los Angeles a number of persons united in October, 1895, and formed the Church of the Nazarene. They adopted a few statements of belief, and agreed to such general rules as seemed proper and needful for immediate guidance and government, leaving to future assemblies the making of such provisions as the work and its conditions might necessitate. An important feature of their doctrine was their conviction that sanctification especially involved following Christ's example of preaching the gospel to the poor. They believed that elegance and adornment of houses of worship are not representative of the spirit of Christ, but rather of the spirit of the world; that they involve expenditure of time and money that should be given to Christlike ministries for the salvation of souls and the relief of the needy.

As the two bodies came to know more of each other, it was felt that they should unite; and in the annual meeting of each body in 1906, a basis of union was prepared, and delegates were authorized to call the first convention of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, the name proposed for the new denomination. That convention met in Chicago in 1907, in its first general assembly.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine this body is essentially in accord with the Methodist Episcopal Church. It accepts, in general, the Apostles' Creed, but gives special prominence to the doctrine of entire sanctification, which is expressed as follows:

We believe that entire sanctification is that act of the Holy Spirit whereby the regenerate soul is cleansed from inbred sin, and made pure in heart, enabling the believer to love God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength, which implies that no wrong temper, nothing contrary to love, remains in the soul; that all thoughts, words, and actions are prompted by pure love; that entire sanctification does not exclude ignorance or mistake, nor an involuntary transgression of some unknown divine precept; that entire sanctification includes the baptism with the Holy Ghost. It is subsequent to regeneration.

It is received, like regeneration, in an instant, by faith, not by works which we have done, but by the renewing of the Holy Ghost. We believe in imparted, not imputed, sanctification. We believe it is divinely attested by the Holy Ghost. We believe it is received as soon as the regenerate soul sees its need, makes an entire consecration to God, and trusts alone in the atoning merit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Applicants for membership in the church are received by the pastor on confession of their faith in Christ, and of their acceptance of the doctrines essen-

tial to salvation, and their promise to observe the rules and regulations of the church. In this last respect the General Rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church have formed the basis of their rules and regulations. With regard to baptism the Methodist practice is generally accepted, though no special form is emphasized.

#### POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization is congregational. Each church is absolutely independent in its management, being governed through a church board elected by the congregation. The churches are associated for such general purposes as belong to all alike, particularly for missionary activity. In general, the associations have no direct authority over the individual church, being rather for the promotion of mutual fellowship, and of organized effort in preaching the gospel. General and district superintendents, however, are appointed as executive officers.

Those who feel called of God, and who evidence their call by "grace, gifts, and usefulness," may, after examination as to their experience and comprehension of the doctrines and usage of the church, be licensed to preach. This license is granted by the district assembly of the church to which the applicant belongs, upon recommendation of the pastor, and is for the term of one year, but may be renewed from time to time. Further ordination is by a council of the pastors and delegates from five or more churches. Ordained ministers from other denominations may be received on the vote of the district assembly to which the application has been referred.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work is carried on by the 35 districts of the denomination, acting separately, each according to its own plans. The total amount of contributions for this work for 1916 is estimated at \$9,190.

Foreign work was carried on by the General Foreign Missionary Board in Africa, China, Japan, India, Central and South America, Cuba, Mexico, and Cape Verde Islands. The report for 1916 shows 26 stations, occupied by 51 American missionaries and 75 native helpers; 17 organized churches, with 1,543 members; 7 schools, with 250 pupils; and 8 hospitals and dispensaries, treating during the year about 25,000 patients. The value of property in the foreign field is estimated at \$55,000, and there is an endowment of \$4,000. The total amount contributed for the foreign work was \$50,300.

The educational work in the United States is under the supervision of a general board of education. The report for 1916 shows 11 schools of higher grade, with 1,244 pupils, and with property valued at \$490,000. The amount contributed during the year for educational purposes was \$32,000.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene for 1916 are given, by states and districts, on pages 539 to 542; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	867	100	767	767.0
Members.....	32,259	6,657	25,602	384.6
Church edifices.....	596	69	527	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$1,719,822	\$393,990	\$1,325,832	336.5
Debt on church property.....	\$308,525	\$97,224	\$211,301	217.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	82	7	75	(1)
Value.....	\$107,683	\$22,500	\$85,183	378.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	747	82	665	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	6,029	824	5,205	631.7
Scholars.....	40,575	5,039	35,536	705.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$91,490	\$12,879	\$78,611	610.4
Domestic.....	\$41,190	\$8,879	\$32,311	363.9
Foreign.....	\$50,300	\$4,000	\$46,300	1,157.5

1 Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a notable increase in the denomination in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 867 as against 100 in 1906. Similarly, the membership rose from 6,657 to 32,259, the number of church edifices from 69 to 596, and the number of churches reporting parsonages from 7 to 82. The value of the church property increased, but in a somewhat less proportion, as was also the case in regard to the debt on church property. In 1906, 40 organizations reported a debt of \$97,224, and in 1916, 266 organizations reported a debt of \$308,525. The Sunday schools increased from 82 to 747 and the number of scholars from 5,039 to 40,575. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$12,879 to \$91,490, the greater advance being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$588,706, reported by 712 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 482 organizations in 1916, was 992, constituting 5.4 per cent of the 18,310 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same

proportion would apply to the 13,949 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,748.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 867 organizations, 862, with 32,083 members, reported services conducted in English only; 3, with 131 members, reported services in foreign languages and English; and 2, with 45 members, used foreign languages alone. The foreign languages reported were Dutch, German, Indian, Norwegian, and Spanish. Indian and Spanish were the only foreign languages reported in 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 897. Schedules were received from 464, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	464	259	101	104	\$640
Alabama.....	7	1	5	1	400
Arkansas.....	11	5	4	2	536
California.....	14	12		2	844
Colorado.....	7	5		2	586
Connecticut.....	4	3		1	699
Delaware.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	4	2	1	1	500
Georgia.....	2	1	1		
Idaho.....	9	4	3	2	700
Illinois.....	15	13		2	635
Indiana.....	15	13		2	722
Iowa.....	5	4		1	625
Kansas.....	39	21	5	13	576
Kentucky.....	9	5		2	447
Louisiana.....	2		2		
Maryland.....	4	2	2		653
Massachusetts.....	14	13	1		771
Michigan.....	17	11	4	2	626
Mississippi.....	3	1	1	1	83
Missouri.....	20	9	5	6	477
Montana.....	2	1	1		200
Nebraska.....	10	4	2	4	655
New Hampshire.....	1	1			
New Jersey.....	1		1		
New Mexico.....	1			1	
New York.....	15	7	6	2	729
North Dakota.....	4	3	1		640
Ohio.....	25	15	7	3	854
Oklahoma.....	57	22	13	22	552
Oregon.....	18	11	2	5	655
Pennsylvania.....	20	13	4	3	805
Rhode Island.....	1	1			
South Dakota.....	3		1	2	
Tennessee.....	8	5	3		662
Texas.....	67	29	21	17	493
Vermont.....	2	2			520
Virginia.....	2	1	1		900
Washington.....	18	11	2	5	747
West Virginia.....	1	1			
Wisconsin.....	5	5			441

Of the 464 ministers reporting, 360 were in pastoral work and 104 not in pastoral work, the great majority of the latter being in evangelistic and philanthropic service. There were 259 pastors, of whom, 245 reported annual salaries averaging \$640; 54 reported other occupations, and 47 were acting as supplies or assistants.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.....	867	866	32,259	627	8,065	13,990	591	122	596	607	\$1,719,822
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine.....	11	11	297	5	56	89	5	2	5	6	12,865
New Hampshire.....	4	4	171	2	42	62	2		2	2	12,000
Vermont.....	5	5	132	2	22	43	4		4	4	5,600
Massachusetts.....	20	20	1,319	12	252	472	15	1	15	16	132,175
Rhode Island.....	4	4	198	1	26	48	2		2	2	9,900
Connecticut.....	6	6	183	4	45	104	6		6	6	31,600
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York.....	21	21	1,011	20	292	685	11	9	11	12	87,800
New Jersey.....	5	5	93	5	42	51	3	1	3	4	4,600
Pennsylvania.....	20	20	858	18	229	443	17	3	17	18	94,075
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio.....	29	29	1,418	23	485	800	24	2	25	25	78,300
Indiana.....	24	24	1,141	24	414	727	22	1	22	23	60,297
Illinois.....	27	27	1,756	21	439	717	23	4	24	26	133,730
Michigan.....	18	18	746	18	274	472	12	2	12	12	22,600
Wisconsin.....	6	6	122	3	41	43	4		4	4	5,270
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Iowa.....	20	20	765	11	129	235	13	4	13	14	53,540
Missouri.....	23	23	903	17	188	381	19	2	19	18	58,938
North Dakota.....	8	8	201	5	45	66	6	2	6	6	12,400
South Dakota.....	3	3	112				3		3	3	6,880
Nebraska.....	15	15	556	13	182	294	11	4	11	11	32,550
Kansas.....	46	46	1,390	45	514	865	31	12	31	33	67,831
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Delaware.....	2	2	47	2	17	30	2		2	2	2,200
Maryland.....	8	8	217	6	78	105	6	2	6	6	4,800
District of Columbia.....	2	2	44	1	10	14		1		1	100
Virginia.....	4	4	135	4	47	88	3	1	3	4	9,650
West Virginia.....	3	3	98	2	20	38	3		3	3	4,800
Georgia.....	12	12	230	8	65	67	10	1	10	9	31,537
Florida.....	4	4	116	3	36	55	3		3	3	3,400
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky.....	18	18	728	18	249	479	13	2	13	11	17,110
Tennessee.....	48	48	1,903	14	168	364	30		30	30	81,630
Alabama.....	22	22	589	16	156	297	15	2	15	15	10,175
Mississippi.....	15	15	233	12	77	117	7	7	7	7	1,980
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas.....	54	53	1,613	25	292	585	41		43	40	41,590
Louisiana.....	7	7	214	3	15	48	5		5	5	13,000
Oklahoma.....	100	100	2,831	91	932	1,626	48	29	48	52	70,205
Texas.....	129	129	3,821	87	971	1,614	82	11	82	82	97,715
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana.....	4	4	69	3	21	30	3	1	3	3	2,900
Idaho.....	12	12	325	11	132	177	7	2	7	7	5,200
Colorado.....	11	11	370	7	102	178	5	2	5	5	9,275
New Mexico.....	3	3	69	3	23	46	2	1	2	2	1,557
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington.....	26	26	976	26	403	573	19	5	19	19	58,495
Oregon.....	20	20	773	20	313	460	17	2	17	18	41,225
California.....	46	46	3,380	15	217	393	36	3	37	37	266,327
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	106	1	4	9	1	1	1	1	22,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona and Minnesota.



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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.....	867	266	\$308,525	82	\$107,683	712	\$588,706	727	747	6,029	40,575
New England division:											
Maine.....	11	1	2,000	1	3,500	4	4,132	9	10	74	383
New Hampshire.....	4	1	900			2	3,157	3	3	28	111
Vermont.....	5	2	875			2	1,215	4	4	33	168
Massachusetts.....	20	10	27,400	5	12,300	12	22,879	19	19	240	1,342
Rhode Island.....	4					1	2,225	4	4	35	177
Connecticut.....	6	4	11,400			4	5,840	5	5	36	229
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	21	9	25,440	1	1,400	20	23,244	21	23	217	1,251
New Jersey.....	5	2	350			5	1,544	4	4	24	105
Pennsylvania.....	20	9	26,643			20	26,547	17	17	209	1,410
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	29	17	19,260	1	3,000	29	27,052	28	30	267	1,821
Indiana.....	24	17	18,623	1	500	22	27,633	23	23	211	1,471
Illinois.....	27	13	12,516	2	3,000	24	26,002	27	29	306	2,041
Michigan.....	18	7	4,255	2	1,450	14	11,533	18	20	170	963
Wisconsin.....	6	3	1,125			6	2,710	6	6	43	193
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	20	3	1,200	2	5,000	11	11,220	20	21	183	936
Missouri.....	23	8	18,058	1	1,000	22	16,184	19	19	139	1,085
North Dakota.....	8	4	2,700	2	2,700	6	3,634	8	9	62	337
South Dakota.....	3							3	3	29	185
Nebraska.....	15	7	12,697	2	2,500	15	16,366	14	15	142	715
Kansas.....	46	16	13,570	12	16,800	42	49,919	41	43	373	2,069
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	2	1	575	1	1,500	2	677	1	1	7	24
Maryland.....	8	2	140	2	1,800	8	3,251	6	7	47	190
District of Columbia.....	2					2	817	1	1	6	45
Virginia.....	4	2	514			4	1,937	4	4	34	252
West Virginia.....	3	2	1,550			3	1,500	3	3	22	171
Georgia.....	12	5	3,497			5	940	6	6	36	324
Florida.....	4	1	250	1	1,650	3	1,969	4	4	34	166
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	18	6	4,648	1	600	16	6,422	15	15	126	735
Tennessee.....	48	10	16,743			27	12,392	36	37	234	1,951
Alabama.....	22	3	485	1	1,000	22	4,092	17	18	103	884
Mississippi.....	15	2	53			12	772	7	7	26	201
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	54	6	941	4	4,500	30	9,461	43	44	266	2,413
Louisiana.....	7	2	175	1	1,500	4	1,362	7	7	61	398
Oklahoma.....	100	20	5,167	9	7,550	92	45,109	77	77	553	4,293
Texas.....	129	16	7,328	7	7,250	106	48,835	88	89	580	4,403
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4			1	350	3	1,109	4	5	29	151
Idaho.....	12	2	725	2	2,200	11	7,583	12	12	74	543
Colorado.....	11	1	1,975	1	1,000	10	9,203	10	10	74	438
New Mexico.....	3					3	1,286	2	2	14	81
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	26	13	14,532	7	9,533	24	32,872	24	24	222	1,475
Oregon.....	20	12	4,790	6	4,800	19	19,903	20	20	183	1,001
California.....	46	26	34,425	6	9,300	44	91,102	45	45	459	3,314
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	11,000			1	3,076	2	2	18	130

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona and Minnesota.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.....	867	866	32,259	627	8,065	13,990	591	122	596	507	\$1,719,822
Alabama.....	24	24	631	17	163	307	15	2	16	16	10,575
Arkansas.....	25	24	873	11	163	363	18	.....	20	18	25,768
California.....	1	1	60	1	20	40	1	.....	1	1	1,500
Chicago Central.....	33	33	1,878	24	480	760	27	4	28	30	139,000
Colorado.....	11	11	370	7	102	178	5	2	5	5	9,275
Dakota-Montana.....	16	16	395	9	70	105	12	4	12	12	22,180
Dallas.....	45	45	1,494	25	306	530	26	4	26	26	29,560
Eastern Oklahoma.....	54	54	1,381	48	415	766	23	18	23	26	27,830
Florida.....	2	2	74	2	29	45	2	.....	2	2	3,000
Georgia.....	12	12	230	8	65	57	10	1	10	9	31,537
Hamlin.....	45	45	1,188	37	404	612	28	7	28	28	32,055
Idaho-Oregon.....	8	8	384	8	178	206	5	2	5	5	5,300
Indiana.....	24	24	1,141	24	414	727	22	1	22	23	60,297
Iowa.....	20	20	765	11	129	235	13	4	13	14	53,540
Kansas.....	47	47	1,519	45	473	801	31	12	31	33	103,831
Kentucky.....	18	18	728	18	249	479	13	2	13	11	17,110
Little Rock.....	35	36	1,007	16	179	316	29	.....	29	28	22,172
Louisiana.....	7	7	214	3	15	48	5	.....	5	5	13,000
Michigan.....	18	18	746	18	274	472	12	2	12	12	22,600
Mississippi.....	15	15	233	12	77	117	7	7	7	7	1,980
Missouri.....	21	21	661	16	187	374	18	2	18	17	18,938
Nebraska.....	15	16	669	14	224	365	12	4	12	12	36,550
New England.....	48	48	2,244	24	420	785	32	3	32	34	193,140
New Mexico.....	3	3	69	3	23	46	2	1	2	2	1,557
New York.....	23	23	1,087	22	315	718	13	9	13	14	98,800
Northwest.....	50	50	1,690	49	670	1,004	38	7	38	39	99,620
Pittsburgh.....	46	46	2,127	37	639	1,129	39	4	40	40	159,700
San Antonio.....	32	32	872	23	211	378	22	.....	22	22	29,750
San Francisco.....	13	13	448	12	159	277	8	3	8	9	34,302
Southern California.....	33	33	2,965	2	38	76	28	.....	29	28	252,525
Tennessee.....	48	48	1,903	14	168	364	30	.....	30	30	81,630
Washington-Philadelphia.....	27	27	783	24	289	440	19	6	19	23	38,825
Western Oklahoma.....	46	46	1,450	43	517	860	25	11	25	26	42,375

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS: 1916.

DISTRICT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pentecostal Church of the Nazarens.....	867	266	\$308,525	82	\$107,683	712	\$588,706	727	747	6,029	40,575
Alabama.....	24	3	485	1	1,000	23	4,114	19	20	114	960
Arkansas.....	25	4	565	1	700	15	4,751	18	19	117	1,104
California.....	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	1	1,405	1	1	14	80
Chicago Central.....	33	16	13,641	2	3,000	30	28,712	33	35	349	2,234
Colorado.....	11	1	1,975	1	1,000	10	9,203	10	10	74	438
Dakota-Montana.....	16	4	2,700	3	3,050	9	4,743	16	18	126	708
Dallas.....	45	5	3,512	3	2,950	27	15,622	28	28	189	1,580
Eastern Oklahoma.....	54	12	2,697	3	2,450	48	17,231	37	37	263	2,118
Florida.....	2	1	250	1	1,650	2	1,947	2	2	23	90
Georgia.....	12	5	3,497	-----	-----	5	940	6	6	36	324
Hamlin.....	45	5	1,921	2	1,900	42	19,454	29	29	185	1,406
Idaho-Oregon.....	8	3	775	1	1,000	6	8,348	8	8	66	472
Indiana.....	24	17	18,623	1	500	22	27,633	23	23	211	1,471
Iowa.....	20	3	1,200	2	5,000	11	11,220	20	21	183	936
Kansas.....	47	16	28,170	12	16,800	43	57,289	42	44	390	2,165
Kentucky.....	18	6	4,648	1	600	16	6,422	15	15	126	735
Little Rock.....	36	3	826	4	5,000	22	8,825	32	33	201	1,684
Louisiana.....	7	2	175	1	1,500	4	1,362	7	7	61	398
Michigan.....	18	7	4,255	2	1,450	14	11,533	18	20	170	963
Mississippi.....	15	2	53	-----	-----	12	772	7	7	26	201
Missouri.....	21	7	3,058	1	1,000	20	5,314	17	17	113	839
Nebraska.....	16	8	13,097	2	2,500	16	19,866	15	16	151	865
New England.....	48	16	36,625	6	15,800	23	37,693	42	43	435	2,342
New Mexico.....	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	3	1,286	2	2	14	81
New York.....	23	11	31,390	1	1,400	22	24,999	23	25	228	1,319
Northwest.....	50	24	19,272	14	15,533	48	52,010	48	48	413	2,547
Pittsburg.....	46	24	43,603	1	3,000	46	48,413	43	45	440	2,998
San Antonio.....	32	5	1,445	1	1,200	30	9,644	24	24	154	1,042
San Francisco.....	13	5	8,700	4	5,800	11	17,856	13	13	79	454
Southern California.....	33	22	36,725	1	2,500	33	74,917	32	32	378	2,875
Tennessee.....	48	10	16,743	-----	-----	27	12,392	36	37	234	1,951
Washington-Philadelphia.....	27	11	5,429	3	3,300	27	14,912	21	22	176	1,020
Western Oklahoma.....	46	8	2,470	6	5,100	44	27,878	40	40	290	2,175

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## HISTORY.

The Pentecostal Holiness Church was organized at Anderson, S. C., in August, 1898. Previous to that date, as a result of a revival that had swept over the Southern and Western states, a number of state associations had been formed, including persons who felt that their membership in the established churches of the Southern states could not continue to be satisfactory. These associations felt the need of a closer organization, and a general council was called which resulted in the organization of this church. Ten states were represented in the council, and a brief outline of the doctrines which characterized the revival movement was formulated, with rules and articles for the polity of the organization.

The church developed rapidly and at present has 10 annual conferences as against 3 when it was first organized. Its relation to other bodies is of a fraternal nature, but it is affiliated with those in other communions only to a limited extent on account of "the fervor of spirit manifest in worship." "Joyous demonstrations frequently characterize the services, and this is to some extent disagreeable to persons accustomed to a quiet form of worship."

The church is intensely alive to all questions of public morals, and it is uncompromisingly opposed to all forms of sin, inward and outward, making purity of heart and life the dominant feature of its purpose. It indorses political, civil, and religious liberty, and to this end is in hearty sympathy with the United States Government in its effort to preserve liberty as against the aggressions of Prussian militarism. It encourages unlimited loyalty to the President of the United States and his associates in all their efforts along this line.

## DOCTRINE.

The system of doctrine adopted by the church, so far as it has been definitely formulated, may be said to be almost the same as that of Methodism. The body of theology as set forth in the standards of Methodist churches has been accepted by the General Conference with some additions. It is thus a modified Arminian theology. In addition, it accepts the pre-millennial teaching concerning the return of the Lord, for which it looks at any day, not as an event in time, but as the advent of a person. In the atonement made by Christ, it believes that provision was made for the healing of the body, but it does not antagonize the practice of medicine as something essentially evil, emphasizing the claim that there is a more excellent way. Physicians are employed and simple remedies used by many of the people as occasion may require. Two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper, are recognized. Only those are received to membership in the church who have been consciously regenerated.

They must give evidence of the fact that they are "pressing on to the complete cleansing of heart and soul from all remaining sin, and to the real Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

## POLITY.

The polity of the church in general accords with that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though the local church has a large share of self-government, and in some respects the congregational system is in vogue. The organization of the church includes annual conferences and a General Conference. The annual conferences embrace in certain instances part of a state, and in others, parts of several states; and all licensed and ordained ministers, as well as missionaries in that territory are members of this conference. It meets once a year and at its session the character of each member is examined and passed, if found acceptable, and he receives his appointment for another year. The officers of this conference are superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, and treasurer.

The General Conference is the national body and meets every four years. It is composed of delegates from the annual conferences and its chief function is to make laws for the government of the church. It elects a general superintendent who holds office for the four years and whose chief duty is to preside over the sessions of the annual conferences. A general secretary and general treasurer are elected by the conference, also a general board which has oversight of the missionary work of the church. No one can be ordained to the ministry of the gospel until he has been licensed to preach and has served two years in the itinerant service.

The mode of worship in the church is informal rather than ritualistic. Freedom of the spirit is encouraged and enjoyed by all so far as "consistent with sobriety."

## WORK.

The missionary work of the church is in charge of a General Board appointed by the General Conference, and consisting of the general officers of the church and three other persons appointed for that purpose.

The discipline provides that each Sunday school shall be organized into a missionary society for the purpose of disseminating information concerning the various fields of the world, and for raising funds for the needs of the work in these fields. These societies have been organized throughout the church, and the work done in the interest of missions at home and in foreign lands is constantly increasing. Each year witnesses a greater increase of funds for missionary activities on all lines.

The discipline also provides that each local church may employ one or more evangelists to conduct revival services in the territory adjacent to it, and some of the

churches are taking up this form of work. In this way new places are opened in which regular services are held under the auspices of the churches which employ the evangelists, and in places where the situation demands, new churches are organized, and come under the jurisdiction of the annual conference.

The foreign missionary work is limited to three fields—South Africa, South China, and Guatemala, in Central America. The headquarters of the work in Africa is Johannesburg, where property has been purchased, and a mission home established. Another home is being erected at Krugersdorp, and a mission station is soon to be established there. The headquarters of the mission work in South China is Hongkong. At this place a school is maintained for the training of boys and girls.

The church has no educational or philanthropic institutions of its own in the United States, although it contributes to the support of several.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, in the following tables, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. There were 192 organizations; 5,353 mem-

bers; 154 church edifices; and church property valued at \$478,077. Debt on church property, reported by 43 organizations, amounted to \$13,689; and 7 churches reported parsonages valued at \$4,825. There were 143 Sunday schools, with 828 officers and teachers and 7,315 scholars. No denominational contributions were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$50,600, reported by 159 churches, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 97 organizations in 1916, was 125, constituting 4.3 per cent of the 2,889 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 232.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

Ministers' schedules were received from 282 ministers connected with the denomination, of whom 168 were in pastoral work and 114 in general evangelistic and other work. The number of pastors dependent upon their church salaries for support was given as 142, and the average annual salary reported was \$271.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Pentecostal Holiness Church.....	192	192	5,353	170	1,822	2,904	152	12	154	149	\$478,077
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	5	5	86	5	28	58	5		5	3	3,500
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	13	13	466	13	172	294	13		13	12	16,325
West Virginia.....	3	3	114	3	47	67	2	1	2	3	7,400
North Carolina.....	67	67	1,849	66	675	1,168	58	2	59	59	47,772
South Carolina.....	33	33	823	32	346	453	27	3	28	26	19,915
Georgia.....	32	32	847	29	324	458	25	3	25	25	20,790
Florida.....	14	14	449	8	90	183	11	1	11	11	3,875
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2	2	92	1	22	52	1	1	1	2	3,100
Alabama.....	4	4	201	3	20	46	3		3	3	353,500
Mississippi.....	2	2	26	2	12	14	1		1	1	400
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1	1	15	1	7	8	1		1		
Oklahoma.....	16	16	385	7	79	103	5	1	5	4	1,500

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pentecostal Holiness Church.....	192	43	\$13,689	7	\$4,825	159	\$50,600	142	143	828	7,315
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	5	2	541			2	1,247	5	5	29	264
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	13	9	3,374	1	1,500	13	5,630	13	13	79	880
West Virginia.....	3					3	1,089	1	1	8	63
North Carolina.....	67	16	4,560	3	2,750	62	17,971	50	51	316	3,045
South Carolina.....	33	7	1,684			26	7,826	30	30	150	1,167
Georgia.....	32	5	2,790			27	6,604	20	20	116	866
Florida.....	14	2	108	3	575	10	2,867	11	11	56	410
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2					1	664	1	1	4	30
Alabama.....	4	1	437			4	4,497	2	2	16	165
Mississippi.....	2					1	110	1	1	6	62
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	1							1	1	3	15
Oklahoma.....	16	1	195			10	2,095	7	7	45	348

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—	Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.					Female.	Church edifices.
Pentecostal Holiness Church.....	192	192	5,353	170	1,822	2,904	152	12	154	149	\$478,077
Alabama.....	5	5	270	4	39	96	4		4	4	357,400
Florida.....	17	17	509	11	108	225	13	1	13	13	4,775
Georgia.....	30	30	744	27	299	380	23	3	23	23	16,390
Lower South Carolina.....	14	14	263	14	117	146	11	1	12	11	4,400
Memphis.....	8	8	193	7	57	118	7	1	7	5	6,600
North Carolina.....	45	45	1,336	45	504	832	38	1	39	39	31,772
Oklahoma.....	16	16	385	7	79	103	5	1	5	4	1,500
South Carolina.....	20	20	554	19	228	302	17	2	17	16	15,615
Virginia.....	10	10	348	10	134	214	9	1	9	10	18,275
West North Carolina.....	27	27	751	26	257	488	25	1	25	24	21,350

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Pentecostal Holiness Church.....	192	43	\$13,689	7	\$4,825	159	\$50,600	142	143	828	7,315
Alabama.....	5	2	2,697			4	5,463	4	4	29	322
Florida.....	17	2	108	3	575	13	3,314	13	13	63	497
Georgia.....	30	4	530			25	5,301	17	17	102	684
Lower South Carolina.....	14	1	35			9	1,709	12	12	49	437
Memphis.....	8	2	541			3	1,911	7	7	36	309
North Carolina.....	45	9	2,674	3	3,250	42	12,152	31	32	210	1,977
Oklahoma.....	16	1	195			10	2,095	7	7	45	348
South Carolina.....	20	6	1,649			18	5,867	19	19	103	770
Virginia.....	10	6	1,574			10	3,420	8	8	52	482
West North Carolina.....	27	10	3,686	1	1,000	25	9,368	24	24	139	1,489

## POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA.

(FORMERLY POLISH NATIONAL CHURCH OF AMERICA.)

## HISTORY.

With the increasing immigration from Poland and the establishment of large Polish Roman Catholic churches in a number of American cities, misunderstandings and disputes developed between the ecclesiastical authorities and the lay members of the Polish parishes. These were occasioned chiefly by dissatisfaction on the part of the laymen with the "absolute religious, political, and social power over the parishioners," given by the Council of Baltimore in 1883 to the Roman Catholic priesthood; and by the rather free exercise of that power on the part of certain Polish Roman Catholic priests. The situation was aggravated, in some cases, by the placing of other than Polish priests in charge of Polish churches. The result was that disturbances arose, which developed, at times, into riots. In Buffalo, N. Y., a popular Polish priest was removed, and a protest made against the installation of his successor resulted in a general decree of excommunication. The congregation laid claim to the church property, but the claim was disallowed by the courts. The congregation then purchased ground, put up a new edifice of its own, and declared itself absolutely independent of the former ecclesiastical leaders.

In Chicago, Ill., there was a revolt against the Polish Order of Resurrectionists, and especially against a certain Polish priest; and in Cleveland, Ohio, in Scranton and Shamokin, Pa., and elsewhere, similar troubles occurred.

The Scranton church called as its pastor the Rev. Francis Hodur, of Nanticoke, Pa., who on the basis of democratic ideas prepared his people for, what he considered, a purely evangelical Christian church. At the same time, with the object of spreading the movement to every section of the country, he established a Polish weekly paper called the *Straz*. He was ordered back to Nanticoke, and upon his refusal to obey was suspended, and in 1898 was excommunicated. The new organization, however, was well established.

At Father Hodur's invitation, a convention of independent congregations was held at Scranton in September, 1904, and was attended by 147 clerical and lay delegates, who represented about 20,000 adherents in 5 states. As a result, these churches in northeastern Pennsylvania, together with others in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Maryland, combined to form the Polish National Church, the Rev. Francis Hodur being elected as its head, with the title of bishop. He was subsequently consecrated by Archbishop Gul of Utrecht, Bishop Van Thiel of Haarlem, and Bishop Spit of Deventer, the National Catholic bishops of the Netherlands. A constitution was adopted, and the Latin books of Holy Church Rites

were ordered to be translated into the Polish language. Resolutions were adopted expressing a desire for fraternal and sympathetic cooperation with other Christian churches, and repudiating the claim of the Roman Catholic Church to be the sole exponent of the true doctrines of Christ.

This convention, or synod, was the first gathering of its kind held by Polish people since the Reformation movement in Poland was crushed in the seventeenth century. At a special session of the synod, held in Scranton two years later, the various church charters were unified, the church constitution was amended, and two new feasts were instituted, the Feast of Brotherly Love and Union of the Polish People in America, to be observed on the second Sunday in September of each year, and the Feast of the Poor Shepherds, to be observed on the first Sunday after Christmas. At the following synod three more feasts were added: The Feast of the Institution of the Polish National Church, to be observed on the second Sunday in March; the Feast of the Memory of the Martyrs of the Polish Nation, to be observed on the second Sunday in May; the Feast of the Christian Family, to be observed on the second Sunday in October, of each year.

The controlling motive of the conventions was both a desire for freedom in religious institutions corresponding to that in other departments of American life, and a protest against the placing by the Roman Catholic Church of all power, administrative as well as spiritual, in the hands of the ecclesiastics. This freedom included in their view the right of the congregations to own and control their church edifices, schools, orphanages, etc.; the right of the individual to read and study the Bible for himself; and the corresponding right to work out his own salvation, not through ceremonies, but through a better understanding of the doctrines of Christ in their application to private and to public life.

A movement similar to that started by Father Hodur and his associates was inaugurated in Chicago, Ill., by the Rev. Anton Kozlowski. One or two churches in that city, together with churches in Indiana and Wisconsin, and several in the East, organized another independent diocese, known as the Polish Independent Catholic Church, of which the Rev. Anton Kozlowski was eventually made bishop. Subsequently these two organizations united to form the Polish National Catholic Church of America, which includes all the Independent Polish Catholic churches of the United States, except one at Buffalo, N. Y.

## DOCTRINE.

The doctrine of the Polish National Catholic Church of America is based upon the Bible, and especially upon the New Testament, as expounded by the apos-

tles and the first four Ecumenical councils, and as further interpreted by the synod of the church. It is also held that the hearing of the Word of God preached in the National Church is a sacrament, for it has "the power to pour in the soul the Divine Grace," leading to the knowledge of truth, spiritual regeneration, and union with God. The church rejects the doctrine of the infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morals, and believes that all men have the right to interpret the Word of God according to their convictions and the dictates of their conscience.

It believes that "man, by following the Supreme Being, is in this life capable of attaining a certain degree of the happiness and of the perfection which is possessed of God in an infinite degree"; that "faith is helpful to man toward his salvation, though not absolutely necessary," which is especially true of "blind faith." Good deeds, however, it holds "bring us nearer to God, and to His Mediator, Jesus Christ, and make us worthy of being His followers and brothers, and of being children of the Heavenly Father." It rejects the doctrine of eternal punishment and believes that "even the sinful man, after undergoing an intrinsic metamorphosis through contrition, penance, and noble deeds, may have a chance to regain the grace of God." Sin is regarded as a "lack of perfection in the essence of man, and as mankind progresses in this knowledge of the causes of life and the nature of God, and as mankind comes nearer and nearer to Him, sin will gradually grow less and less until it vanishes entirely. Then man will become the true image and child of God, and the kingdom of God will prevail upon earth."

#### POLITY.

The constitution vests the highest authority of the church in the synod. This convenes in regular session every five years, although a special session may be called at the request of one-third of the members of the church at any time when the bishop deems it necessary. Each congregation is governed by a board of trustees, elected by the members, and working in harmony with the priests assigned to it. The question of the celibacy of the clergy has been discussed, but action was postponed.

The administrative power is centralized in the bishop and the grand council, which is composed of three clerical and three lay members, who are elected at each regular session of the synod.

No report of the general missionary and benevolent activities of the church was received.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Polish National Catholic Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page; and the relation of these statistics to those of

other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	34	24	10	(1)
Members.....	28,245	15,473	12,772	82.5
Church edifices.....	37	27	10	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$929,636	\$494,700	\$434,936	87.9
Debt on church property.....	\$315,106	\$216,960	\$98,146	45.2
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	21	14	7	(1)
Value.....	\$175,164	\$74,000	\$101,164	136.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	27	22	5	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	40	26	14	(1)
Scholars.....	2,927	1,289	1,638	127.1

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been a somewhat uniform growth in the church in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 34 as against 24 in 1906; and the membership was 28,245 as against 15,473, showing a gain of 82.5 per cent. There was a moderate advance in the number of church edifices, parsonages, and Sunday schools. The value of church property increased from \$494,700 in 1906 to \$929,636 in 1916, a gain of 87.9 per cent. The debt on church property reported by 32 organizations in 1916 was \$315,106, as against \$216,960 reported by 23 organizations in 1906. There were 2,927 Sunday school scholars reported in 1916, as against 1,289 reported in 1906, a gain of 127.1 per cent.

Church expenditures amounting to \$149,839, reported by 32 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 28 organizations in 1916, was 4,693, constituting 21.8 per cent of the 21,534 members reported by those organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,711 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 6,156.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 34 organizations, 2, with 586 members, reported the use of English only in church services, and 32, with 27,659 members, reported services conducted in Polish only. In 1906 there were no organizations reporting the use of English only.

The total number of ministers connected with the church was 45. Schedules were received from 27, all of them in pastoral work and receiving an average annual salary of \$805.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Polish National Catholic Church of America .....	34	34	28,245	32	12,777	11,658	33	1	37	33	\$929,636
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	4	1,334	3	600	624	4		5	4	67,000
Connecticut.....	2	2	1,020	2	575	445	2		2	2	18,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	8,360	3	4,145	4,215	3		4	3	345,000
New Jersey.....	4	4	1,680	4	1,045	635	4		4	4	31,900
Pennsylvania.....	8	8	7,046	7	1,711	1,635	8		9	8	135,900
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	4	4	1,904	4	1,034	870	4		5	4	61,336
Illinois.....	2	2	3,377	2	1,834	1,543	2		2	2	80,000
Wisconsin.....	2	2	1,498	2	742	756	2		2	2	51,000
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	1,170	2	660	510	2		2	2	76,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	856	3	431	425	2	1	2	2	68,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Maryland, Michigan, and Missouri.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Polish National Catholic Church of America.....	34	32	\$315,106	21	\$175,164	32	\$149,839	27	27	40	2,927
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	4	4	19,500	3	15,000	4	8,540	3	3	3	240
Connecticut.....	2	2	8,000	1	3,500	2	4,753	2	2	2	136
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	3	3	99,500	2	55,000	3	47,696	3	3	9	670
New Jersey.....	4	4	9,300	3	15,000	2	8,350	2	2	3	220
Pennsylvania.....	8	8	41,306	6	51,000	8	27,101	8	8	11	875
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	4	3	22,000	2	5,664	4	9,083	2	2	3	119
Illinois.....	2	2	18,000	1	13,000	2	9,445	1	1	3	123
Wisconsin.....	2	2	31,000			2	6,585	2	2	2	272
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	33,000	1	5,000	2	20,700	2	2	2	160
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	2	33,500	2	12,000	3	7,586	2	2	2	112

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Maryland, Michigan, and Missouri.

## PRESBYTERIAN BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—As the Lutheran churches represent those features of the Reformation emphasized by Luther, so the Presbyterian and Reformed churches represent those emphasized by Calvin. The doctrinal and ecclesiastical system developed at Geneva, modified somewhat in Holland and in France, and transferred to Scotland, became solidified there largely under the influence of John Knox in 1560, and found a practical and thoroughly logical presentation in the Westminster Assembly, London, England, 1645-1649. This was not a distinctively Presbyterian body. Called by act of Parliament to consider the state of the entire country, in matters of religion, it represented in its membership all English-speaking Christians, although the Anglicans took no active part in its deliberations. It had no ecclesiastical authority, yet its deliverances on doctrine have furnished the basis both for Presbyterian and many non-Presbyterian bodies, and the form of ecclesiastical government it recommended has gone far beyond the country where it was formulated, and has had a marked influence not only on church life, but in civil and national development. In England it fostered the development of the Independents who afterwards became the Congregationalists. In Scotland, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, it resulted in the development of several Presbyterian bodies, each insisting upon some specific administrative phase, and one of its strongholds was the north of Ireland, where so many Scotch found a more congenial home for the time being, until they should cross the Atlantic.

The distinctively Presbyterian churches of the United States trace their origin chiefly to Great Britain. Whatever of English and Welsh Presbyterianism there was in the colonies, together with the few French Protestant or Huguenot churches, combined at an early date with the Scotch and Scotch-Irish elements to form the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, from which the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States afterwards separated. The Calvinistic Methodists of Wales are represented by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church. Five Presbyterian denominations are directly connected with the Secession and Relief movements of the church in Scotland in the eighteenth century: The United Presbyterian Church of North America; the Associate Synod of North America, known also as the Associate Presbyterian Church; the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, formerly the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; the Synod and the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

In close harmony with these distinctively Presbyterian churches are the Reformed churches traceable to the influence of immigration from the continent of Europe; the Reformed Church in America (Dutch) and the Christian Reformed Church, both of which originated in Holland; the Reformed Church in the United States (German), whose beginnings were in Switzerland and Germany; and the Hungarian Reformed Church in America, representing the State Reformed Church of Hungary. All of these, Presbyterian and Reformed, substantially agree in government, and all maintain similar principles of the Calvinistic system, whether expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Canons of the Synod of Dort, or the Heidelberg Catechism. The Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, whose special purpose is to secure cooperation by the different denominations in general church work, has grown out of this concord, as has also the Council of the Reformed Churches in the United States, holding the Presbyterian system, organized for the same general purpose.

*Doctrine and polity.*—Presbyterianism as a doctrinal system has as its fundamental principles the undivided sovereignty of God in His universe, the sovereignty of Christ in salvation, the sovereignty of the Scriptures in faith and conduct, and the sovereignty of the individual conscience in the interpretation of the Word of God. As a polity it recognizes Christ as the only head of the church and the source of all power, and the people of Christ as entitled under their Lord to participation in the government and action of the church. As polity and as doctrine it maintains the right of private judgment in matters of religion, the membership in the Church Universal of all who profess the true religion, the validity of church organization, and the power of each association of organizations to prescribe its own terms of communion. It further holds that ministers are peers one of another, and that church authority is positively vested, not in individuals, such as bishops or presbyters, but in representative courts, including the session, the presbytery, and the synod; and in the case of some bodies, especially the larger ones, the general assembly. This principle of coordinate representative authority, by which the individual member of the church has his own share in the conduct of that church, while at the same time he recognizes not merely the headship of Christ but the fellowship in Christ, has given to the system a peculiar hold wherever there has been representative government, and has exerted a strong influence modifying both individualistic and hierarchical tendencies. Its advocates call attention to the resemblance between its polity and the political constitution of the United States, in which country it

has had its strongest influence; its courts corresponding closely to the local, state, and national organizations.

*Statistics.*—The denominations grouped as the Presbyterian bodies in 1916 and 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods.

Certain changes are to be noted. The union between the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, under discussion in 1906, was consummated, but a considerable number of the Cumberland Presbyterian churches refused to adopt the plan and continued the old organization. This explains the decrease in the statistics of the Cumberland Presby-

terian Church, and to a degree the increase in the figures for the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The body reported in 1906 as the Associate Reformed Synod of the South has changed its name to Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The single organization reported in 1906 by the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States and Canada has joined the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod, and the single organization reported by the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanted) has been listed with the Independent churches, so that those two bodies have been dropped from the list for 1916.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF PRESBYTERIAN BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
<b>PRESBYTERIAN BODIES.</b>										
<b>1916.</b>										
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.	9,660	1,611,251	9,068	\$150,239,123	\$7,504,138	4,536	\$17,048,494	9,631	140,756	1,381,682
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	1,317	72,052	1,163	1,935,072	69,455	103	149,500	909	6,618	53,431
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	136	13,077	132	230,426	7,576	6	8,100	139	928	7,471
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	135	14,566	131	1,012,000	44,938	33	81,500	127	1,446	10,789
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	991	160,726	986	13,543,213	1,068,964	538	1,701,625	1,019	15,160	156,072
Presbyterian Church in the United States.....	3,368	357,769	3,321	23,924,915	1,319,344	1,112	3,782,057	3,273	32,312	313,165
Associate Synod of North America (Associate Presbyterian Church).....	12	490	12	26,400	.....	1	2,500	6	12	137
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.....	133	15,124	130	667,650	39,196	63	145,165	146	1,379	13,411
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	103	8,185	102	1,131,600	30,511	27	74,400	115	1,204	9,498
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	14	2,386	15	279,200	11,000	5	15,500	15	198	1,765
<b>1906.</b>										
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.	7,935	1,179,566	8,185	114,882,781	5,116,899	3,465	11,503,460	8,300	118,602	1,045,056
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	2,850	195,770	2,474	5,803,960	208,876	436	658,400	1,846	15,596	120,311
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	196	18,066	195	203,778	10,407	8	5,825	192	933	6,952
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	147	13,280	156	761,350	27,425	34	66,916	138	1,681	11,347
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	968	130,342	984	10,760,208	546,557	450	1,155,750	991	12,841	115,963
Presbyterian Church in the United States.....	3,104	266,345	3,012	15,488,489	539,111	942	2,598,485	2,699	24,327	189,767
Associate Synod of North America (Associate Presbyterian Church).....	22	786	19	28,825	.....	.....	.....	9	13	289
Associate Reformed Synod of the South.....	141	13,201	142	436,550	16,680	51	96,975	131	1,109	9,732
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	114	9,122	116	1,258,105	48,650	23	52,800	122	1,270	9,613
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	27	3,620	27	365,400	25,420	8	17,250	23	255	2,013
Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanted).....	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States and Canada.....	1	440	1	200,000	5,000	.....	.....	1	20	132

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The earliest American Presbyterian churches were established in Virginia, New England, Maryland, and Delaware, and were chiefly of English origin, their pastors being Church of England ministers holding Presbyterian views. In Virginia, in 1611, the Rev. Alexander Whitaker was installed as pastor of a church which was governed by himself and a few of the most religious men, and in 1630 the Rev. Richard Denton located in Massachusetts, with a church which he had previously served in Yorkshire, England. Between 1642 and 1649 many of the Virginia Puritans were driven out of that colony and found refuge in Maryland and North Carolina; while Denton and his associates

found New Amsterdam more friendly than New England. The English Presbyterian element in Maryland and the colonies to the northward was strengthened by the arrival, from 1670 to 1690, of a considerable number of Scotch colonists, the beginnings of a great immigration. There were many Presbyterians among the early settlers of New England, and the church founded at Plymouth in 1620, and other churches in that region had ruling elders as officers. Several synods were also held, one of which, in 1649, adopted the Westminster Standards for doctrine. English-speaking Presbyterians were first found in New York City in 1643, with the Rev. Francis Doughty as their minister, though no church was organized there until 1717. Presbyterian churches of English origin, how-

ever, were established earlier on Long Island, among which are to be noted Southold (1640) and Jamaica (1656). The founders of the earliest churches in New Jersey—Newark (1667), Elizabeth (1668), Woodbridge (1680), and Fairfield (1680)—were from Connecticut and Long Island. The first church in Pennsylvania was that founded by Welsh colonists at Great Valley about 1690, while the church in Philadelphia dates from 1698. In 1683 the Presbytery of Laggan, Ireland, in response to a letter from William Stevens, a member of the Council of the Colony of Maryland, sent to this country the Rev. Francis Makemie, who became the apostle of American Presbyterianism. He gave himself to the work of ecclesiastical organization, and at last succeeded in bringing into organic unity the scattered Presbyterian churches throughout the colonies.

In the spring of 1706, 7 ministers, representing about 22 congregations, not including the Presbyterians of New England, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia, met at Philadelphia and organized a presbytery, the first ecclesiastical gathering of an inter-colonial and federal character in the country. With the growth of the country and the development of immigration, particularly of Presbyterians from Scotland and the north of Ireland, the number of churches increased so that in September, 1716, the presbytery constituted itself a synod with 4 presbyteries.

In New England, owing to local conditions, the Presbyterian congregations, of which in 1770 there were fully 85, were not connected ecclesiastically with those of the other colonies, but formed in 1775 the Synod of New England, with 3 presbyteries, Londonderry, Palmer, and Salem. In 1782, however, this synod was dissolved, and, for a century, the Presbyterian Church had comparatively few adherents in the stronghold of the Congregationalists.

The general synod in 1729 passed what is called the "adopting act," by which it was agreed that all the ministers under its jurisdiction should declare their agreement in and approbation of the Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, "as being, in all essential and necessary articles, good forms of sound words, and systems of Christian doctrine," and also "adopt the said Confession as the confession of their faith." In the same year the synod also denied to the civil magistrate power over the church and power to persecute any for their religion.

The general religious movement which characterized the early part of the eighteenth century, and manifested itself in England in Methodism, in Germany in Pietism, and in New England in The Great Awakening, found its expression in the Presbyterian Church in America through Gilbert Tennent, a pastor in Philadelphia. William Tennent, sr., who, in 1726, had founded, near Philadelphia, an academy for the train-

ing of ministers, had aroused much opposition by his statement that the prevailing grade of ministerial quality was not creditable to the Presbyterian Church. His son, Gilbert Tennent, had become convinced of the necessity of personal conversion, and in 1728, a year before the Wesleys organized the "Holy Club" and six years before Jonathan Edwards's famous sermon, began a course of preaching of the most searching type. As others joined him, the movement spread; and when Whitefield came to the country in 1739, he found most congenial fellow workers in Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent, jr., and their associates. They, however, became so severe in their denunciation of "unconverted ministers" as to arouse bitter opposition; and the result was a division, one party, the "New Side," indorsing the revival and insisting that less stress should be laid on college training, and more on the evidence that the candidate was a regenerate man, and called by the Holy Ghost to the ministry; the other, the "Old Side," opposing revivals and disposed to insist that none but graduates of British universities or New England colleges should be accepted as candidates for the ministry. There was also division with regard to the interpretation of the Standards, but in 1758 the bodies reunited upon the basis of the Westminster Standards pure and simple. At that date the church consisted of 98 ministers, about 200 congregations, and some 10,000 communicants.

It was during the period of this division that the New Side established, in 1746, the College of New Jersey, later Princeton University, for the purpose of securing an educated ministry. In 1768 the reunited church called John Witherspoon from Scotland and installed him as president, and professor of divinity. This remarkable man exercised an increasing and powerful influence, not only in the Presbyterian Church, but throughout the middle and southern colonies. He was one of the leading persons in the joint movement of Presbyterians and Congregationalists from 1766 to 1775 to secure religious liberty and to resist the establishment of the English Episcopal Church as the state church of the colonies. He was also a member of the Continental Congress, and the only clerical signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Religious forces were among the powerful influences operating to secure the separation of the colonies from Great Britain, and the opening of the Revolutionary War found the Presbyterian Church on the colonial side. The general synod called upon the churches to uphold firmly the resolutions of Congress and to let it be seen that they were able to bring out the whole strength of this vast country to carry them into execution. At the close of the war the synod congratulated the churches on the "general and almost universal attachment of the Presbyterian body to the cause of liberty and the rights of mankind."

With the restoration of peace in 1783 the Presbyterian Church gradually recovered from the evils wrought by war, and the need of further organization was deeply felt. It had always been ecclesiastically independent, having no organic connection with European or British churches of like faith; but the independence of the United States had created new conditions for the Christian churches as well as for the American people. All denominations were no longer merely tolerated, but were entitled to full civil and religious rights in all the states. In view of these new conditions, the synod, in May, 1788, adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and also a constitution consisting of a form of government, a book of discipline, and a directory for worship. Certain changes were made in the confession, the catechisms, and the directory, along the lines of liberty in worship, of freedom in prayer, and above all, of liberty from control by the state. The form of government was altogether a new document and established the General Assembly as the governing body in the church. The first General Assembly met in 1789 in Philadelphia.

The first important movement in the church after the adoption of the constitution was the formulation of a Plan of Union with the Congregational associations of New England. It began with correspondence in 1792, and reached its consummation in the agreements made from 1801 to 1810 between the General Assembly and the associations of Connecticut and of other states. This plan allowed Congregational ministers to serve Presbyterian churches, and vice versa; and also allowed to churches composed of members of both denominations the right of representation in both presbytery and association. It remained in force until 1837, and was useful to both denominations in securing the results of the great revivals of religion throughout the country, and also in furthering the causes of home and foreign missions.<sup>1</sup>

What is known as the Cumberland separation took place during this period. The Presbytery of Cumberland ordained to the ministry persons who, in the judgment of the Synod of Kentucky, were not qualified for the office either by learning or by sound doctrine. The controversies between the two judicatories resulted in the dissolution of the presbytery by the synod in 1806, and finally, in 1810, in arrangements for the organization of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.<sup>2</sup>

The membership of the church during this period, 1790 to 1837, increased from 18,000 to 220,557, due mainly to a revival of religion, of which camp meetings were one of the main features in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky. In this period also the first theological seminary of the church was founded at

Princeton, N. J. (1811), and most of the missionary and benevolent boards were established.

About the year 1825 controversies arose respecting the Plan of Union and the establishment of denominational agencies for missionary and evangelistic work. The foreign mission work of the church had previously been carried on mainly through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, located at Boston, and much of the home mission work through the American Home Missionary Society. This was not satisfactory to all, and in 1831 the Synod of Pittsburgh founded the Western Foreign Missionary Society as a distinctively denominational agency. The party favoring these agencies and opposed to united work was known as the "Old School," and that favoring the continuance of the plan as the "New School." Questions of doctrine were also involved in the controversy, though not to so great a degree as those of denominational policy, and led to the trial of Albert Barnes, of Philadelphia, for heresy. The Old School majority in the assembly of 1837 brought the matters at issue to a head by abrogating the Plan of Union, passing resolutions against the interdenominational societies, excising the synods of Utica, Geneva, Genesee, and the Western Reserve, and establishing the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. The excised synods met at Auburn, N. Y., in August of the same year, adopted the "Auburn Declaration," setting forth the views of the New School, appointed trustees, and elected commissioners to the assembly of 1838. When that assembly met, the New School commissioners protested against the exclusion of the delegates from the four excised synods, organized an assembly of their own in the presence of the sitting assembly, and then withdrew.

For nearly 20 years both branches of the church grew slowly but steadily, and made progress in the organization of their benevolent and missionary work. Then came the slavery discussion, and growth was checked by disruption. The New School assembly of 1853 took strong ground in opposition to slavery, with the result that a number of southern presbyteries withdrew and in 1858 organized the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church. In May, 1861, the Old School assembly met at Philadelphia with but 13 commissioners present from the Southern states. Dr. Gardiner Spring, of New York, offered resolutions professing loyalty to the Federal Government, which were passed by a decided majority, although a minority led by Dr. Charles Hodge, while in favor of the Federal Union, felt that an ecclesiastical judicatory had no right to determine questions of civil allegiance. The "Spring resolutions" were the occasion for the organization of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, which met in general assembly at Augusta, Ga., in December, 1861, was enlarged by union in 1864 with the United Synod referred to, and upon

<sup>1</sup> See Congregational Churches, p. 234.

<sup>2</sup> See Cumberland Presbyterian Church, p. 569.

the cessation of hostilities in 1865 took the name of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.<sup>1</sup> Its membership was also increased in 1869 and 1874 by the accession of the synods of Kentucky and Missouri, which had protested by "declaration and testimony" against the action of the Old School assembly, as affecting the Christian character of the ministers and members of the southern Presbyterian churches.

The first step toward the reunion of the Old School and New School was taken in 1862, by the establishment of fraternal correspondence between the two general assemblies. The second step was the organization by the New School, in 1863, of its own home mission work, hitherto carried on in connection with the Congregationalists. In 1866 committees of conference with a view to union were appointed, and on November 12, 1869, at Pittsburgh, Pa., reunion was consummated on "the doctrinal and ecclesiastical basis of our common standards." In connection with the movement a memorial fund was raised, which amounted to \$7,883,983. Since 1870 the church has made steady progress along all lines, and its harmony has been seriously threatened only by the controversy (1891-1894) as to the sources of authority in religion and the authority and credibility of the Scriptures, a controversy which, after the trials of Prof. Charles A. Briggs and Henry P. Smith, terminated in the adoption by the General Assembly at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1899, of a unanimous deliverance affirming the loyalty of the church to its historic views on these subjects. In the year 1903 a movement for the revision of the Confession of Faith came to a successful close. This year was also noteworthy for the beginnings of the movement for union with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

This union was brought about in 1906 (although a minority refused to accept it and retained the old name and constitution), and was the third effected on the basis of the Standards, the others being the reunions of 1758 and 1869. In 1906 a "Book of Common Worship" was prepared and approved by the General Assembly for voluntary use. In 1907 the Council of the Reformed Churches in the United States holding the Presbyterian System was organized, bringing into cooperative relations seven of the churches of the Presbyterian family in the country.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has been identified with every movement for interdenominational fellowship and church union. It was an important factor in 1905 and 1908 in the preliminary arrangements for, and the organization of, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; and is represented on the Advisory Committee of the World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order.

The following permanent agencies were established in the opening years of the twentieth century: The

committee on vacancy and supply, having charge of the location of unemployed ministers and the supply of vacant churches; the Presbyterian Brotherhood, now known as the "permanent committee on men's work"; the ministerial sustentation fund, making provision for pensions for ministers who prefer to contribute to their own support in old age, which was established in 1906 and combined in 1912 with the board of relief; and the commission on evangelism, which was at first a committee, but was in 1914 made a permanent body. Two commissions connected with the General Assembly were also established, the executive commission, in 1908, to carry forward comprehensive church work in the intervals between the meetings of the General Assembly, and also, in 1907, the permanent judicial commission, a body in the nature of a supreme judicial court. In 1917 the General Assembly established the general board of education, into which are to be merged the board of education, located in Philadelphia, and the college board, located in New York City.

One notable thing in the history of the church is the great advance made in contributions for all purposes. In 1789 the total contributions of the church for missionary and charitable purposes were \$852. In 1917 these contributions were \$9,557,041, and the total of these gifts and also of contributions for congregational use for the fiscal year 1917 was \$31,236,297.

The Presbyterian Church has always maintained the rights of women in the church in connection with administrative affairs. Women members have ordinarily voted for pastors and other spiritual church officers. Women's foreign missionary societies were organized as early as 1870, and woman's work in home missions in 1879. There is also a woman's department of the Freedmen's Board. The last step taken by the church in connection with the Christian service of women was the adoption, in 1915, of a provision in the form of government authorizing the election and setting apart of deaconesses in each of the churches, these officers being under the direction of the session.

The official publications of the church are the records of the General Presbytery, 1706-1716, of the General Synod, 1717-1788, and of the General Assembly, 1789-1916, each in printed form. They are the most complete ecclesiastical records in the United States of America. Both the minutes of the General Assembly and the reports of the boards are now issued annually.

One notable fact in connection with the church in all its history has been its loyalty to every interest for which the word "America" stands. Its fidelity and its devoted loyalty to the Government of the United States has been stalwart in every emergency which has arisen in connection with the life and welfare of the American Republic. In connection with the war with

<sup>1</sup> See Presbyterian Church in the United States, p. 589.

Germany this loyalty was made manifest in the action of the General Assembly at Dallas, Tex., in May, 1917. A commission was authorized and instructed to make to the United States formal offer of the services of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and upon any request made by the Government, to call upon any or all of the agencies and resources of the church as in its judgment might be wise or needful. The commission was appointed and organized along three principal lines: One group for cooperation with governmental agencies, Red Cross, food conservation, etc.; a second group, with special reference to the spiritual life of the church, presenting the spiritual aims of the war, urging sacrificial service, and encouraging the keeping up of normal activities at a high tide; a third group to take up the question of the church's duty directly to the soldiers and sailors in the camps and the communities contiguous to the camps. These committees have worked in cordial cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. and other agencies in the selection of chaplains and their equipment, the appointment of camp pastors, the erection of union buildings, the engagement of evangelistic speakers, and have acted as general assistants in community and local work. For the carrying out of the work of this commission, a large fund was raised and placed at the disposal of the executive committee.

The standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America are twofold—the standards of doctrine and the standards of government, discipline, and worship. These last are contained in documents known as the “form of government,” the “book of discipline,” and the “directory for worship,” and taken together form the constitution of the church. They were first adopted in 1788, and amendments and additions have been made from time to time, the book of discipline being entirely reconstructed in 1884–85.

#### DOCTRINE.

The standards of doctrine of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. These were first adopted in 1729. In 1788 certain amendments to the Confession and Larger Catechism were approved by the General Synod, giving expression to the American doctrine of the independence of the church and of religious opinion from control by the state. In 1886 the clause forbidding marriage with a deceased wife's sister was stricken out, and in 1902 certain alterations were again made, and there were added two chapters, “Of the Holy Spirit,” and “Of the Love of God and Missions.” A declaratory statement was also adopted setting forth the universality of the gospel offer of salvation, declaring that sinners are condemned only on the ground of their sin, and affirming that all persons dying in infancy are elect and therefore saved. As a whole these standards are distinctly Calvinistic.

They emphasize the sovereignty of God in Christ in the salvation of the individual; affirm that each believer's salvation is a part of the eternal divine plan; that salvation is not a reward for faith, but that both faith and salvation are gifts of God; that man is utterly unable to save himself; that regeneration is an act of God and of God alone; and that he who is once actually saved is always saved.

Discipline is defined in the book of discipline as “the exercise of that authority, and the application of that system of laws, which the Lord Jesus Christ has appointed in His church.” In practice it is controlled by a policy of guidance and regulation, rather than one of restriction and punishment. Christian liberty is regarded as consistent with the wise administration of Christian law.

The directory of worship makes no restriction as to place or form. The church insists upon the supreme importance of the spiritual element, and leaves both ministers and people at full liberty to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their own consciences. The sacraments are administered by ministers only, and ordinarily only ministers and licentiates are authorized to teach officially. A book of common worship was approved by the General Assembly in 1906 for optional use by pastors and congregations.

#### POLITY.

The ecclesiastical organization of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is set forth in the form of government. It has as its two principal factors the ministers as representatives of Christ and the ruling elders as representatives of the people; and these two classes constitute the four judicatories which form the administrative system. These are the session, which governs the congregation; the presbytery, which governs a number of congregations within a limited geographic district; the synod, which governs the congregations within a larger geographic district; and the general assembly, which is the supreme judicatory. All of these courts are vested with legislative, executive, and judicial powers.

Applicants for church membership are examined by the session as to their Christian life and belief, but are not required to assent to the creed of the church. The usual form of baptism is sprinkling, both for infants and unbaptized adults on confession of faith, though in the latter case the form is optional. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is usually general for all evangelical Christians.

The church officers include the pastor, ruling elders, and deacons; the ruling elders constituting the session with the pastor as presiding officer. The session has charge of the reception of members, the exercise of discipline, and supervision of all the spiritual affairs of the congregation. The deacons have charge of the collections of the church and are responsible to the session. Both elders and deacons are elected by the



congregation. The property is usually held by trustees, representing the congregation as well as the church. The pastor is elected at a meeting of the church members and supporters called by the session. Their action is presented to the presbytery having jurisdiction, and, if approved, is accepted by the pastor elect, who is then installed by the presbytery.

A presbytery is composed of not less than five ministers, together with an elder from each of the congregations within its district. Every minister is a member of some presbytery by virtue of his office. The elders are chosen by the sessions. The presbytery has power to receive, ordain, install, and judge ministers; to supervise the business which is common to all its congregations; to review session records; to hear and dispose of cases coming before it on complaint or appeal; and to have oversight of general denominational matters, subject to the authority of the synod. The quorum of a presbytery is three ministers; it meets at its own appointment, and elects its own moderator and clerks.

A synod is composed either of all the ministers in its district, together with an elder from each congregation; or of an equal number of ministers and elders elected by the presbyteries of the synod, in accordance with a basis of representation duly adopted. The synod has power to review the records of its presbyteries, to hear and dispose of all complaints and appeals, to erect new presbyteries, to supervise within its bounds the administration of all denominational matters, and in general to care for its ministers and churches, subject to the authority of the General Assembly. The quorum of the synod is seven ministers, of whom not more than three are to be from any one presbytery. Its meetings are held on its own appointment, and, as a rule, but once a year, and it elects its own moderator and clerks.

The General Assembly is the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. It is composed of equal delegations of commissioners, both ministers and ruling elders from each presbytery, in the following proportions: "Each presbytery consisting of not more than 24 ministers shall send 1 minister and 1 elder, and each presbytery consisting of more than 24 ministers shall send 1 minister and 1 elder for each additional 24 ministers or for each additional fractional number of ministers not less than 12."

Its officers are a moderator and stated and permanent clerks. The term of the clerks is not limited, while the moderator serves for one year and acts as the representative of the church during the interim between the assemblies. The General Assembly decides all controversies respecting doctrine and discipline, erects new synods, appoints the various boards and commissions, receives and issues all appeals, etc. Its decision is final, except in all cases affecting the constitution of the church. It meets annually on the third Thursday in May.

The presbytery, synod, and General Assembly have power to appoint judicial commissions, and a permanent judicial commission has been established as a supreme court. Judicial cases not affecting the doctrine or constitution of the church terminate with the synod as the final court of appeal; all others terminate with the General Assembly.

#### WORK.

The general activities of the church are under the care of the General Assembly, which acts usually through boards, although in some cases through permanent and special committees. The members of the boards and permanent committees are chosen by the assembly, elect their own officers, and report annually to the assembly. Special cooperating committees are appointed by synods and presbyteries for work within their own bounds.

The beginning of the missionary and benevolent boards was in the eighteenth century. Home mission work was begun by the General Presbytery as early as 1708, the fund for pious uses by the General Synod in 1719, and foreign mission work by the same judicatory in 1742. For many years this work was carried on by committees, appointed from time to time, but until the early part of the nineteenth century there was little systematic work done. The names and dates of organization of the boards conducting the different departments of the church activities in 1916 are as follows: Board of Home Missions, 1816; Board of Education, 1819; Board of Foreign Missions, 1837; Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, 1838; Board of the Church Erection Fund, 1844; Board of Relief, 1855 (combined in 1912 with the Ministerial Sustentation Fund, organized in 1906); Board of Missions for Freedmen, 1865; the College Board, 1883; the Board of Temperance, 1881; and the Commission on Evangelism, 1901.

The home mission work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is carried on by four boards, each having its own specific department and responsible to the General Assembly; also by the Woman's Board of Home Missions; and, in addition, a number of the synods and presbyteries conduct within their own bounds a work very similar to that of the Board of Home Missions, in cooperation with that board.

The Board of Home Missions aids feeble churches in the support of pastors, provides missionaries and evangelists for new and destitute regions, and for the foreign population and special classes; and maintains mission schools among the Indians, Alaskans, Mormons, Mexicans, the mountaineers, and the people of Porto Rico and Cuba.

The work of the church among the Indian tribes, the Spanish-speaking people, and most of the foreign communities, was for a long time carried on by the Foreign Mission Board, but of late years has been



mainly under the care of the Home Mission Board. In 1916 there were 81 different communities of foreigners served by the board, 97 missionaries (pastors, visitors, and lay workers) being engaged in this service for not less than three months each. Eleven foreign languages were regularly employed: Italian, Hungarian, Bohemian, Polish, Ruthenian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Yiddish, Armenian, Russian, and Arabic.

The work of the Board of Home Missions is indicated by the following figures for its operations in 1916:

Missionaries employed, including Cuban, Porto Rican, and Indian helpers, and 25 community workers.....	1,881
Missionary teachers.....	245
Churches aided.....	1,934
Churches organized.....	70
Churches attaining self-support.....	60
Church edifices built.....	47
Church edifices repaired and enlarged.....	203
Sunday schools organized.....	77
Additions on confession of faith.....	6,741
Contributions.....	\$1,193,552

The Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, so far as it is a mission board, gives attention to the organization and maintenance of Sunday schools in new fields, and to the general improvement of Sunday school work. It also employs colporteurs, and distributes copies of the Scriptures and general literature among immigrants. In its missionary department in 1916, it employed 131 Sabbath school missionaries, organized 911 new schools, held 2,161 workers' conferences, employed 28 colporteurs among the immigrants in 14 states, and distributed 19,066 Bibles and Testaments (including 13,283 sold), and nearly 38,000 other volumes. The contributions to the missionary department amounted to \$215,443. The number of churches that developed from the Sunday schools during the year was 87, of which, 63 were Presbyterian, and 24 of other denominations.

The Board of Church Erection assists congregations in the erection and completion of houses of worship and of manses for pastors. In 1916 it made grants and loans, to the amount of \$442,296, to 202 churches in every section of the United States, and in Alaska, Cuba, and Porto Rico. It has invested funds exceeding \$4,000,000, and the contributions for the work in 1916 were \$123,082. In addition to this it had receipts from other sources to the amount of \$509,205, making a total income for the year of \$632,287.

The Board of Missions for Freedmen works among the Negro population of the whole country. It educates teachers and preachers, and builds school-houses, academies, colleges, and churches. It also pays the salaries of ministers and preachers in its mission field. In 1916 it employed 270 ministers, aided 446 churches and missions, and reported contributions amounting to \$388,673. The report shows 409 Sunday schools under the care of the board, with 25,119 scholars, and 141 academies and day schools, with 490 teachers and 18,680 pupils.

The summary of the property of the Board of Missions for Freedmen is as follows:

Total.....	\$1,727,832
Permanent investments.....	421,228
School property.....	1,135,550
Church and manse property.....	127,750
Farm property.....	30,000
Notes and mortgages.....	13,304

In addition, there is school and church property to the amount of \$564,352 held by trustees.

The mission school work under the care of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shows the following record:

	Sta- tions.	Com- mis- sions and work- ers.	Enroll- ment.	Sunday school scholars.	Member- ship of young peoples' societies.	Hospi- tals and dispen- saries.	Pa- tients treated.
Total.....	66	245	3,425	5,244	1,970	6	33,828
Alaskans.....	2	17	172	149	137	1	2,117
Indians.....	10	47	374	882	347	.....	.....
Mexicans.....	15	51	942	573	345	4	1,034
Mormons.....	8	35	567	392	92	.....	.....
Mountaineers.....	25	76	958	3,047	986	.....	.....
Cubans.....	3	6	412	201	63	.....	.....
Porto Ricans.....	3	14	.....	.....	.....	1	30,677

The home mission work of the synods shows 2,303 workers employed, 3,411 churches and missions aided, 92 churches organized, 113 churches attaining self-support, 13,776 additions on confession of faith, and contributions amounting to \$639,038.

The summary of these various departments of home mission enterprises for 1916 shows:

Persons employed.....	4,858
Missionaries and teachers, Board of Home Missions....	2,126
Missionaries in synodical work.....	2,303
Missionaries, Board of Freedmen.....	270
Missionaries, Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.....	131
Colporteurs, Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.....	28
Churches aided.....	6,056
Board of Home Missions.....	1,934
Synods.....	3,411
Board of Freedmen.....	446
Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.....	63
Board of Church Erection.....	202
Contributions.....	\$2,559,788
Board of Home Missions.....	1,193,552
Synodical work.....	639,038
Board of Freedmen.....	388,673
Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.....	215,443
Board of Church Erection.....	123,082

As already stated, the earliest organized foreign missionary work of the Presbyterian churches was carried on in connection with the Congregational churches, through the American Board of Foreign Missions, organized in 1810. As there grew up a desire for specific denominational work, missionaries were sent in 1833 by the Western Foreign Missionary

Society, located at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Calcutta, India. After the separation between the Old School and New School, the Old School Mission Board extended its work into Siam and China, the New School continuing to act through the American Board. With the reunion of the two branches in 1870 certain missions of the American Board were handed over to the Presbyterian organization, and since then the Board of Foreign Missions of the united church has greatly developed its work. There are also seven women's organizations auxiliary to the board.

In 1916 the church carried on 26 missions—7 in China, 3 in India, 2 each in Persia, Siam, and Brazil, and 1 each in Africa, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Philippine Islands, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Syria. This board has charge also of the work among the Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans in the United States, which, in most of the denominations, is included in the home mission department. The report for 1916 shows 170 stations and 3,201 outstations; 1,353 missionaries, including 379 ordained men, 118 medical missionaries (of whom 24 were women), and 308 single women; 2,004 native workers, including 423 ordained ministers, and 1,581 licentiates; and 930 churches, with 161,470 communicants.

Great emphasis has always been placed upon education, and such colleges as the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, Syria, Forman College at Allahabad, India, and the Canton Christian College in China, as well as others, are directly connected with, although not always under the control of the Presbyterian missions. In 1916 there were, under the care of the board, 1,919 schools of all grades, with 71,251 pupils. Included in this number are 13 theological seminaries, with 840 students, and 11 colleges, with 1,920 students. In close connection with the educational work is that of publication, the extent of which is illustrated by the fact that 10 printing presses issued during the year over 32,700,000 pages of general literature. Medical work has been carried on in all the countries occupied, particularly in Asiatic lands, and the report shows 176 hospitals and dispensaries, in which 753,971 patients were treated during the year. In regard to property in the foreign field, the conditions are such that the board does not feel justified in giving an estimate of its value, but it has endowment funds amounting to \$2,768,080. The amount contributed in the United States during 1916 for the foreign work was \$2,272,950. In addition, there was income from invested funds and other sources amounting to \$191,307, making a grand total of \$2,464,257. The amount contributed on the field from native sources during the year was \$744,304.

The educational interests of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in this country are under the care of the Board of Education, located in Philadelphia, and of the College Board, whose headquarters are in New York City. The church has always maintained a high standard for the educa-

tional qualifications of its ministry, and has required, from the establishment of the first presbytery in 1706, that they should be, as a rule, graduates of colleges. A majority of the members of the first presbytery were graduates of one of the universities in Scotland or of Harvard College. In the Form of Government adopted by the General Synod in 1788, special provisions were inserted enforcing previous high standards of ministerial education, and in 1811 the General Assembly, in order to make its system efficient, established a theological seminary at Princeton, N. J. Since then others have been founded until there are now 13, including 2 German seminaries and 2 for Negroes. In 1916 these 13 seminaries reported 80 professors and 51 other teachers; 873 students; real estate valued at \$3,886,677; and endowment funds amounting to \$9,428,072, comprising \$4,955,677 for general endowment, \$2,100,237 for professorships, \$1,236,720 for scholarships, \$34,830 for lectureships, \$150,654 for libraries, and \$949,954 for special uses. The income for the year, including that from endowments, was \$637,073. No tuition fees are charged.

The Board of Education has for its specific purpose the aiding of persons preparing for the ministry. The report for 1916 shows 845 candidates under the care of the board, of which number, 123 were students of foreign speech, and 45 were Negro men. The receipts for the year were \$147,128. In addition, there was income from invested funds, etc., amounting to \$130,329, making a total income of \$277,457. The board has endowment funds amounting to \$608,625.

In order to secure more efficient general educational work, the General Assembly in 1883 established a College Board to promote Christian education of college grade throughout the country. Among the 62 institutions of various grades affiliated with the board are: Biddle University, Elmira College, Lafayette College, Lincoln University, New York University, University of Wooster, Washington and Jefferson College, Illinois College, and a number of smaller colleges in the West. Some of these are owned or controlled by an ecclesiastical corporation of the Presbyterian Church; some by a board of trustees, two-thirds of whose members must always be, by charter requirements, members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and some of them, while not legally connected with this church, are affiliated with it by history and associations, and by the predominance of its adherents in their foundations, boards of control, faculties, and student bodies.

The income of this board for 1916 from churches and church organizations and individuals, direct and through the board, was \$3,054,212. The total number of students in these institutions is given as 26,385; the value of property, \$20,896,405; and of permanent endowment, \$16,787,780. Other institutions, as Princeton University, Hamilton College, and Western Reserve University, though not directly connected

with the church, have been closely identified with its history.

A movement is now in active progress to consolidate the educational work of the church by merging the Board of Education and the College Board into a new General Board of Education, chartered by the state of New York.

In close harmony with the specifically educational work of other organizations, is the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, located at Philadelphia. It has an editorial department, which prepares lesson helps and other periodicals and books; a business department, which has charge of the manufacture and sale of the books and periodicals, and of the property of the board; and a department of education, which has oversight of the various educational agencies of the local church, including the Sunday school and young people's work, and the work of conducting, in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions, of conferences and institutes, and vacation Bible schools.

For the general purposes of ministerial relief the General Assembly began in 1849 to gather a permanent fund, and in 1855 established the Board of Relief to have special charge of the work. In 1912 there was merged with this board the Ministerial Sustentation Fund, which had been organized 6 years earlier, the new organization taking the name of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation. In 1916 the combined permanent resources of the 2 departments had reached the sum of \$6,409,933, of which \$4,758,702 belonged to the relief department, and \$1,651,231 to the sustentation department; and the receipts from all sources for both departments were \$2,307,232, of which, \$321,114 was for the sustentation fund. The total number of families enrolled under the care of the relief department in 1916 was 1,622, including 652 ministers, 860 widows, 60 orphan families, and 50 missionaries.

The church has done comparatively little in establishing charitable institutions which are directly under its control. Even where institutions bear the Presbyterian name they are not ordinarily under the supervision of any congregation, presbytery, synod, or of the General Assembly. Thus there are Presbyterian hospitals in Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Chicago, and in Philadelphia two homes for the aged and an orphanage; but even these, while principally sustained by Presbyterians, are not officially connected with the church. The beneficence of the Presbyterian Church, however, is by no means limited to institutions connected with it directly or indirectly, and Protestant charitable institutions of every kind have been aided largely by the gifts of Presbyterians.

Young people's work in general is placed in charge of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. The missionary interests of the young people's societies are met by the Women's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions, and the Board of Missions for

Freedmen. There are about 8,500 young people's societies, including junior and intermediate organizations, connected with the Presbyterian congregations, with a total membership of about 250,000. The largest element is the Christian Endeavor body. The church itself has no distinctive young people's organization.

The General Assembly authorized in 1906 the establishment of an organization of men, under the name of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, to promote, assist, and federate all forms of the organized Christian activity of men in the congregations. The name of the organization has been changed by the General Assembly from the Presbyterian Brotherhood to the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Men's Work. The assembly has made this a permanent agency, including its support in its missionary and benevolent budget, and instructing it to promote all forms of organized activities among the men of its churches. The assembly's committee cooperates with the committees of the 40 synods of the church and of the 193 presbyteries within their bounds. A declaration of purpose for standardizing the men's organizations in fundamental lines of work leaves much liberty to the societies in their respective churches. The assembly's committee cooperates with Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip, men's Bible classes, and other men's societies in Presbyterian churches. The fundamental purposes in each men's organization are: The unity of the men of the same church; Bible study for culture, and training for service; monthly meetings of the men's societies for fellowship, business, and the discussion of community or other civic duties and standards, and agencies of the Presbyterian church; and a yearly program of activities by the men's society in each church.

The permanent Committee on Evangelism was first established at Philadelphia in 1901, as a unifying force for the evangelistic effort which has been characteristic of American Presbyterian churches for two centuries. The work of the committee has grown in power and influence yearly, and in 1916 there were held by it 3 general institutes, 32 conferences, and in addition, evangelistic meetings in more than 150 presbyteries arranged by cooperating committees. The number of persons added on confession of faith has been doubled between 1901 and 1916. The budget of the committee for 1916 was about \$15,000. The work carried on includes colleges, in addition to congregations and presbyteries, and is conducted, so far as practicable, in cooperation with the evangelist agencies of other denominations.

The church has a large share in the maintenance of the Presbyterian Historical Society, with headquarters at the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, whose object is to gather and preserve material connected with the establishment and growth of the Presbyterian churches.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America for 1916 are given, by states and by synods and presbyteries, on pages 560 to 568. The relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	9,660	7,935	1,725	21.7
Members.....	1,611,251	1,179,566	431,685	36.6
Church edifices.....	9,068	8,185	883	10.8
Value of church property.....	\$150,239,123	\$114,882,781	\$35,356,342	30.8
Debt on church property.....	\$7,504,138	\$5,116,899	\$2,387,239	46.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	4,536	3,465	1,071	30.9
Value.....	\$17,048,494	\$11,503,460	\$5,545,034	48.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	9,631	8,300	1,331	16.0
Officers and teachers.....	140,756	118,602	22,154	18.7
Scholars.....	1,381,682	1,045,056	336,626	32.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$8,034,078	\$4,245,287	\$3,788,791	89.2
Domestic.....	\$5,761,128	\$3,062,771	\$2,698,357	88.1
Foreign.....	\$2,272,950	\$1,182,516	\$1,090,434	92.2

From this table it is seen that the denomination has gained in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 9,660 as against 7,935 in 1906, an increase of 21.7 per cent, and the membership rose from 1,179,566 to 1,611,251, an increase of 36.6 per cent. The number of church edifices increased from 8,185 to 9,068 in 1916, or 10.8 per cent, and the value of church property from \$114,882,781 to \$150,239,123, an advance of 30.8 per cent. The debt on church property as reported in 1916 by 2,130 organizations was \$7,504,138 as against \$5,116,899 reported by 1,484 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages advanced from 3,465 in 1906 to 4,536 in 1916, a gain of 30.9 per cent, and the value reported advanced from \$11,503,460 to \$17,048,494, or 48.2 per cent. Sunday schools increased 16 per cent, from 8,300 to 9,631, and the number of scholars 32.2 per cent, from 1,045,056 to 1,381,682. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$4,245,287 to \$8,034,078, the increase in gifts for domestic purposes being 88.1 per cent and that for foreign purposes being 92.2 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$30,166,158, reported by 9,059 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 7,021 organizations in 1916, was 49,444, constituting 3.9 per cent of the 1,283,312 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 327,939 members reported by the organizations from which no answer

to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 62,079.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 9,660 organizations, 9,222, with 1,542,413 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 225, with 50,732 members, reported services in foreign languages and English; and 213 organizations, with 18,106 members, reported services in foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 26. The principal language used was German, reported alone or with English by 128 organizations, with 16,811 members, of which 51 organizations, with 5,928 members, used German only; next in order were the Indian languages, reported alone or with English or Spanish by 67 organizations, with 4,469 members; Italian, alone or with English, by 52 organizations, with 17,969 members; Spanish, by 51 organizations with 3,078 members; and Bohemian, by 40 organizations with 5,521 members. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows an increase of 5 in the number of foreign languages reported, but there was a decrease in the proportion of organizations using foreign languages exclusively.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 9,299. Schedules were received from 6,597, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	6,597	4,886	279	1,432	\$1,474
Alabama.....	28	15	4	9	1,485
Arizona.....	25	20	1	4	1,274
Arkansas.....	58	40	5	13	890
California.....	381	231	15	135	1,375
Colorado.....	95	76	3	16	1,347
Connecticut.....	19	9	2	8	2,153
Delaware.....	22	20	.....	2	1,401
District of Columbia.....	28	17	1	10	2,375
Florida.....	38	20	4	14	1,121
Georgia.....	22	9	9	4	719
Idaho.....	52	38	1	13	1,170
Illinois.....	440	328	11	101	1,538
Indiana.....	193	143	6	44	1,513
Iowa.....	295	226	13	55	1,304
Kansas.....	185	158	2	25	1,311
Kentucky.....	49	31	2	16	1,410
Louisiana.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	3	2	.....	1	1,150
Maryland.....	93	76	5	12	1,321
Massachusetts.....	36	20	.....	16	1,529
Michigan.....	195	152	6	37	1,503
Minnesota.....	155	130	6	19	1,431
Mississippi.....	17	11	.....	6	909
Missouri.....	206	146	11	49	1,361
Montana.....	47	38	2	7	1,263
Nebraska.....	141	109	4	28	1,225
Nevada.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1,305
New Hampshire.....	5	4	.....	1	1,083
New Jersey.....	370	277	9	84	1,673
New Mexico.....	36	26	2	8	1,055
New York.....	860	648	24	188	1,758
North Carolina.....	68	31	27	10	1,524
North Dakota.....	67	57	.....	10	1,192
Ohio.....	466	348	15	103	1,563
Oklahoma.....	131	80	9	42	1,275
Oregon.....	106	70	3	33	1,275
Pennsylvania.....	958	766	30	162	1,648
Rhode Island.....	4	4	.....	.....	1,525
South Carolina.....	32	15	16	1	422
South Dakota.....	80	60	5	15	1,022
Tennessee.....	89	56	10	23	1,084
Texas.....	132	104	2	26	1,237
Utah.....	16	13	.....	3	1,385
Vermont.....	5	4	.....	1	1,275
Virginia.....	22	12	5	5	707
Washington.....	148	106	2	40	1,256
West Virginia.....	35	29	3	3	1,639
Wisconsin.....	117	90	2	25	1,310
Wyoming.....	22	16	2	4	1,100

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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Of the 6,597 ministers reporting, 5,165 were in pastoral work and 1,432 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 50 reported other occupations and 229 were reported as supplies or assistants, not including under this head stated supplies, who were regarded as full pastors of churches. Of those not in

pastoral work, those on the retired list numbered 659, while 83 were in denominational work of different kinds, 254 in educational and editorial work, and 296 in evangelistic and philanthropic work. Of the pastors, 4,865 reported salaries showing an annual average of \$1,474.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.....	9,660	9,639	1,611,251	8,441	565,371	873,837	8,770	281	9,068	8,677	\$150,239,123
New England division:											
Maine.....	2	2	320	2	120	200	2		3	2	31,000
New Hampshire.....	9	9	908	9	329	579	8	1	8	7	62,200
Vermont.....	4	4	575	4	230	345	4		4	4	20,000
Massachusetts.....	24	24	7,326	24	2,933	4,393	23		23	23	756,350
Rhode Island.....	5	5	1,169	5	425	744	5		5	5	203,000
Connecticut.....	8	8	3,143	6	861	1,364	7		7	6	406,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	842	841	222,888	764	72,143	120,683	830	7	879	828	33,020,846
New Jersey.....	392	389	102,290	346	35,211	56,291	370	3	407	368	12,100,270
Pennsylvania.....	1,174	1,174	332,088	1,041	122,231	176,300	1,151	6	1,227	1,146	30,235,021
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	657	657	138,800	575	48,618	74,644	649	4	665	648	12,412,685
Indiana.....	351	351	59,209	313	22,044	33,826	334		340	308	4,799,919
Illinois.....	587	586	114,857	526	40,434	60,719	570	5	587	537	9,789,638
Michigan.....	257	256	48,989	207	16,953	28,379	251	4	256	242	4,956,010
Wisconsin.....	207	206	23,459	167	7,971	12,889	183	5	188	177	1,738,438
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	299	296	32,494	262	11,424	19,094	282	5	291	278	2,982,300
Iowa.....	413	413	59,311	388	22,002	34,283	399	3	412	391	4,289,250
Missouri.....	431	430	50,193	310	16,010	24,893	367	9	371	366	3,352,300
North Dakota.....	173	173	9,295	159	3,320	5,551	138	24	140	138	724,550
South Dakota.....	161	161	9,855	113	3,134	4,509	114	9	114	115	489,408
Nebraska.....	228	228	26,233	189	9,085	14,182	198	1	201	195	1,653,000
Kansas.....	312	312	45,263	304	17,473	26,948	302	10	304	301	2,729,900
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	34	34	6,197	32	1,555	2,688	33	1	35	33	967,500
Maryland.....	99	99	19,603	97	7,393	12,026	99		100	98	2,107,939
District of Columbia.....	21	21	9,338	20	2,812	4,992	21		21	21	1,334,000
Virginia.....	42	42	2,449	37	839	1,312	35	1	35	36	108,115
West Virginia.....	69	69	11,644	64	4,710	6,844	65	1	69	66	1,077,900
North Carolina.....	156	156	12,062	134	4,027	6,057	127	10	131	131	300,550
South Carolina.....	108	108	8,320	93	2,801	4,280	88	6	88	88	194,770
Georgia.....	35	35	2,223	29	604	1,000	30		30	30	104,542
Florida.....	36	36	2,471	36	954	1,517	35	1	36	36	529,800
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	137	137	14,354	89	4,136	6,497	101	6	106	99	1,071,950
Tennessee.....	212	212	17,584	187	6,138	8,844	196	4	197	196	1,341,921
Alabama.....	72	72	4,675	70	1,959	2,661	67	4	67	67	312,842
Mississippi.....	65	65	2,738	63	1,100	1,468	56	1	56	55	101,000
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	127	127	7,451	112	2,900	3,980	97	15	97	98	306,822
Louisiana.....	24	24	1,599	24	664	935	13	6	13	13	63,950
Oklahoma.....	261	258	20,222	218	7,286	11,042	189	23	200	197	1,041,485
Texas.....	383	383	30,329	334	11,633	16,069	286	25	291	287	1,860,650
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	91	90	6,792	65	1,520	2,523	55	5	57	56	441,844
Idaho.....	82	82	6,943	73	2,604	4,015	69	6	70	65	263,050
Wyoming.....	41	41	2,514	35	821	1,487	26	8	26	27	174,150
Colorado.....	147	147	22,960	122	7,156	12,206	118	5	120	119	1,352,700
New Mexico.....	62	62	3,892	47	1,405	1,925	48	11	48	48	175,225
Arizona.....	43	43	4,353	42	1,886	2,464	36	6	36	36	183,200
Utah.....	31	27	2,254	24	711	1,309	27	1	27	27	368,800
Nevada.....	16	16	501	16	177	324	12		12	12	63,100
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	221	221	28,435	190	10,643	15,420	182	14	183	176	1,586,730
Oregon.....	151	150	16,672	134	5,663	9,511	139	4	145	141	1,080,753
California.....	358	357	54,011	340	18,323	29,645	333	21	339	334	4,971,700

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America	9,660	2,130	\$7,504,138	4,536	\$17,048,494	9,059	\$30,166,158	8,848	9,631	140,756	1,381,682
New England division:											
Maine	2	1	2,725	1	3,000	2	4,112	2	3	18	169
New Hampshire	9	1	800	4	6,800	9	14,278	9	10	91	677
Vermont	4	1	700	4	12,300	4	7,972	4	4	47	494
Massachusetts	24	11	72,250	11	22,000	24	114,599	23	24	475	5,423
Rhode Island	5	2	18,000	2	18,500	5	18,353	5	5	104	717
Connecticut	8	4	34,500	4	73,500	8	92,462	8	8	225	2,043
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York	842	179	1,558,442	576	3,124,000	819	5,560,307	807	897	16,760	160,012
New Jersey	392	104	603,310	247	1,485,879	380	2,104,236	372	433	9,333	83,757
Pennsylvania	1,174	218	1,141,291	616	3,128,875	1,151	5,608,178	1,132	1,264	24,597	270,853
East North Central division:											
Ohio	657	119	574,505	300	1,137,345	644	2,302,075	636	672	11,008	110,614
Indiana	351	80	277,885	150	594,300	334	999,554	327	348	5,110	48,838
Illinois	587	111	250,213	346	1,246,685	563	2,105,071	556	587	10,087	101,256
Michigan	257	83	274,714	118	482,500	228	939,607	224	240	4,178	46,586
Wisconsin	207	51	108,996	86	263,600	191	416,620	180	208	2,389	20,665
West North Central division:											
Minnesota	299	81	174,450	136	410,200	264	673,657	258	278	3,738	34,820
Iowa	413	98	159,412	273	855,150	400	1,105,839	383	400	5,473	51,158
Missouri	431	68	185,049	113	284,600	374	947,172	362	389	5,256	48,443
North Dakota	173	47	70,255	81	163,400	160	244,363	160	177	1,507	12,572
South Dakota	161	39	63,651	71	147,550	146	195,440	139	141	1,158	10,814
Nebraska	228	70	105,813	121	324,000	204	510,189	199	206	2,722	24,374
Kansas	312	94	172,092	197	492,300	305	810,621	302	329	4,625	43,534
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware	34	6	55,350	19	88,000	33	110,692	32	35	614	5,815
Maryland	99	43	92,620	57	285,000	97	394,976	96	105	1,646	15,027
District of Columbia	21	6	29,440	5	37,500	21	174,830	21	24	712	6,028
Virginia	42	6	2,087	12	26,300	42	20,504	42	43	298	2,993
West Virginia	69	12	60,987	31	128,350	62	206,923	64	75	1,032	11,489
North Carolina	156	21	8,419	28	40,200	151	58,344	151	173	1,152	11,968
South Carolina	108	20	6,725	27	28,650	99	39,167	100	104	620	5,830
Georgia	35	4	6,755	8	13,200	32	14,710	33	35	274	2,767
Florida	36	18	20,670	23	113,900	36	52,354	36	37	355	2,951
East South Central division:											
Kentucky	137	18	38,627	38	183,300	118	234,498	111	122	1,246	12,489
Tennessee	212	24	63,321	56	117,850	200	201,490	198	205	1,814	17,123
Alabama	72	14	22,360	21	55,800	59	55,560	57	59	498	4,232
Mississippi	65	4	2,300	15	19,500	61	22,655	47	48	320	2,457
West South Central division:											
Arkansas	127	19	23,044	30	62,560	112	109,355	107	111	940	8,460
Louisiana	24	4	2,600	4	9,000	22	20,299	17	18	107	1,122
Oklahoma	261	60	117,901	89	186,875	209	301,274	218	232	2,244	20,362
Texas	383	38	131,336	119	269,400	332	728,479	292	303	2,921	28,513
Mountain division:											
Montana	91	20	49,300	27	69,950	78	166,784	73	80	733	6,975
Idaho	82	21	17,754	36	76,200	78	107,261	79	89	964	8,207
Wyoming	41	12	14,520	13	31,550	36	39,456	38	47	343	2,818
Colorado	147	39	123,145	79	160,500	136	370,125	130	145	2,031	19,517
New Mexico	62	4	2,370	18	33,375	61	51,199	52	57	510	3,943
Arizona	43	5	7,894	18	36,000	39	56,570	35	42	341	4,736
Utah	31	11	31,185	13	23,100	29	34,829	30	42	349	2,702
Nevada	16	9	10,500	7	11,200	15	11,616	13	13	110	843
Pacific division:											
Washington	221	58	165,837	82	146,700	208	373,837	203	238	2,965	28,625
Oregon	151	38	168,190	55	129,200	140	235,052	138	155	1,882	16,342
California	358	124	409,848	149	388,850	338	1,198,614	347	371	4,834	49,529





ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916—Continued.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Synod of Kansas:</b>											
Emporia.....	34	34	4,140	31	1,453	2,184	33	1	33	33	\$224,850
Highland.....	23	23	3,427	22	1,279	2,126	23		23	23	184,350
Larned.....	32	32	4,319	32	1,809	2,510	30	2	30	30	274,800
Neosho.....	59	59	9,380	58	3,711	5,629	59		59	59	573,300
Osborna.....	21	21	1,690	21	688	1,002	21		21	21	106,200
Solomon.....	45	45	5,194	42	1,964	2,953	41	4	41	41	274,250
Topeka.....	51	51	9,953	51	3,632	6,321	51		52	51	569,200
Wichita.....	44	44	7,042	44	2,878	4,164	41	3	42	40	518,050
<b>Synod of Kentucky:</b>											
Ebenezer.....	29	29	4,658	21	1,507	2,450	21	2	22	21	393,600
Lincoln.....	5	5	235	4	42	86	4		4	4	6,600
Logan.....	24	24	1,698	16	565	845	20	1	21	20	118,200
Louisville.....	24	24	2,919	11	445	639	13		13	13	263,100
Princeton.....	19	19	1,470	17	517	842	18	1	18	18	135,450
Transylvania.....	41	41	3,773	23	1,187	1,790	28	2	31	26	160,400
<b>Synod of Michigan:</b>											
Detroit.....	53	53	19,847	51	7,858	11,885	51	2	53	52	2,536,300
Flint.....	38	38	4,569	30	1,497	2,280	38		40	36	336,900
Grand Rapids.....	17	17	2,819	15	941	1,809	16	1	16	17	230,500
Kalamazoo.....	20	20	3,166	15	927	1,862	20		20	20	331,000
Lake Superior.....	31	31	3,985	22	1,175	2,070	29	1	29	29	238,600
Lansing.....	21	21	4,514	21	1,458	3,056	21		21	21	348,360
Monroe.....	20	20	2,845	16	817	1,627	20		20	18	257,000
Potoskey.....	18	18	1,813	12	720	983	17		17	12	101,100
Saginaw.....	37	36	5,211	23	1,475	2,672	37		38	35	542,250
<b>Synod of Minnesota:</b>											
Adams.....	28	28	1,782	21	506	883	28		29	24	132,100
Duluth.....	44	44	4,827	43	1,743	2,994	39	4	39	41	357,700
Mankato.....	57	57	5,364	54	1,924	3,334	56		56	54	308,750
Minneapolis.....	29	29	8,027	29	3,055	4,972	29		32	29	839,900
Red River.....	30	30	1,344	28	384	782	26	1	26	27	55,650
St. Cloud.....	38	36	1,775	21	350	600	35		35	35	123,400
St. Paul.....	32	31	6,128	30	2,303	3,806	30		33	29	948,200
Winona.....	29	29	2,574	27	901	1,438	29		30	29	183,800
<b>Synod of Mississippi:</b>											
Bell.....	15	15	603	14	228	295	10		10	10	28,700
New Hope.....	17	17	772	17	331	441	16		16	15	29,200
Oxford.....	25	25	1,020	24	403	527	23	1	23	23	35,900
<b>Synod of Missouri:</b>											
Carthage.....	40	40	4,790	31	1,692	2,762	37	1	38	37	246,850
Iron Mountain.....	29	29	1,663	25	598	827	24	2	25	24	77,950
Kansas City.....	61	61	9,146	26	2,463	3,609	27		27	27	364,200
Kirkville.....	31	31	3,118	21	763	1,219	31		31	31	96,600
McGee.....	49	48	3,774	25	1,175	1,722	45	3	45	46	213,150
Ozark.....	43	43	3,170	28	1,099	1,562	26	3	26	25	137,400
St. Joseph.....	45	45	4,782	32	1,534	2,389	45		46	45	243,150
St. Louis.....	51	51	12,376	46	3,878	6,593	50		51	49	1,614,950
Salt River.....	33	33	2,884	28	1,124	1,479	33		33	33	106,600
Sedalia.....	40	40	3,870	40	1,454	2,416	40		40	40	199,250
<b>Synod of Montana:</b>											
Butte.....	16	16	2,152	8	200	351	8		8	8	49,066
Great Falls.....	25	25	1,021	19	319	560	13	2	14	14	94,208
Helena.....	17	16	1,343	16	492	851	13	1	14	13	140,360
Kalispell.....	10	10	862	9	189	289	8		8	8	26,200
Yellowstone.....	15	15	1,024	11	277	425	10	2	10	10	126,700
<b>Synod of Nebraska:</b>											
Box Butte.....	27	27	1,462	17	508	822	22		22	19	56,100
Hastings.....	30	30	3,175	30	1,234	1,941	30		30	29	219,000
Kearney.....	40	40	3,803	29	1,257	2,087	28		28	28	246,600
Nebraska City.....	45	45	7,328	35	2,349	3,642	38		39	38	426,700
Niobrara.....	31	31	2,489	28	1,431	2,098	28		28	28	159,800
Omaha.....	44	44	7,030	40	2,390	3,820	42		44	42	503,050
<b>Synod of New England:</b>											
Boston.....	14	14	4,851	14	1,940	2,911	13		13	13	529,000
Connecticut.....	10	10	3,850	8	1,172	1,760	9		10	8	451,000
Newburyport.....	20	20	2,719	20	1,046	1,673	19	1	20	18	170,550
Providence.....	8	8	2,021	8	740	1,281	8		8	8	328,000
<b>Synod of New Jersey:</b>											
Elizabeth.....	50	49	14,406	38	4,014	6,040	48	1	48	47	1,321,400
Jersey City.....	52	52	14,879	49	5,023	8,305	47		47	48	1,544,600
Monmouth.....	50	50	8,438	44	2,775	4,645	46		46	45	656,000
Morris and Orange.....	51	50	13,941	43	4,811	7,718	51		53	51	1,852,750
Newark.....	44	44	17,628	42	6,474	10,599	43		43	43	3,539,164
New Brunswick.....	41	40	14,247	40	5,831	8,416	40		43	40	1,431,350
Newton.....	36	36	6,422	36	2,549	3,873	36		41	35	463,829
West Jersey.....	69	69	12,929	55	3,984	7,045	60	2	67	60	1,327,177
<b>Synod of New Mexico:</b>											
Pecos Valley.....	12	12	846	12	427	419	11	1	11	11	45,350
Rio Grande.....	21	21	1,401	16	466	706	14	5	14	14	77,825
Santa Fe.....	29	29	1,645	19	512	800	23	5	23	23	52,050
<b>Synod of New York:</b>											
Albany.....	49	49	12,106	45	3,859	6,918	49		52	49	1,453,000
Binghamton.....	34	34	7,602	31	2,322	3,870	34		35	34	523,400
Brooklyn.....	48	48	21,859	45	6,277	10,684	47	1	50	47	2,690,024
Buffalo.....	58	58	15,637	51	5,471	8,614	58		59	58	1,793,045
Cayuga.....	23	23	5,861	22	1,853	3,782	23		24	23	592,500
Champlain.....	21	21	2,440	19	654	1,388	20		21	20	257,500
Chemung.....	20	20	3,502	20	1,372	2,130	20		20	20	294,100
Columbia.....	17	17	1,688	17	559	1,129	17		18	17	140,400
Genesee.....	18	18	4,251	16	1,099	1,759	18		18	18	373,700
Geneva.....	20	20	5,897	20	2,293	3,604	20		22	20	547,200
Hudson.....	48	47	7,816	45	2,499	4,569	46		49	47	757,300
Long Island.....	23	23	4,297	22	1,544	2,663	23		26	23	409,750



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916—Continued.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Synod of New York—Continued.</b>											
Lyons.....	18	18	3,623	18	1,374	2,249	18	.....	18	18	\$335,500
Nassau.....	30	30	4,671	22	1,376	2,446	29	.....	30	29	728,500
New York.....	65	65	38,252	55	11,382	16,921	61	4	73	59	13,519,000
Niagara.....	23	23	5,246	23	2,018	3,228	23	.....	24	23	352,575
North River.....	30	30	6,364	29	2,094	3,979	30	.....	33	30	834,200
Otsego.....	30	30	4,170	27	1,468	2,525	30	.....	30	30	321,300
Rochester.....	51	51	16,975	48	5,998	10,164	51	.....	52	51	1,470,037
St. Lawrence.....	35	35	5,670	26	1,732	3,186	35	.....	35	35	497,100
Steuben.....	25	25	4,677	21	1,502	2,555	25	.....	25	25	364,700
Syracuse.....	42	42	10,620	39	3,377	5,318	42	.....	44	42	1,120,200
Troy.....	36	36	8,664	32	2,678	5,335	36	.....	37	36	1,002,000
Utica.....	42	42	10,459	37	3,356	5,371	41	.....	44	41	888,600
Westchester.....	36	36	10,081	34	3,771	6,001	34	2	40	33	1,721,715
<b>Synod of North Dakota:</b>											
Bismarck.....	26	26	1,175	26	516	659	17	8	17	17	97,900
Fargo.....	27	27	1,930	25	672	1,209	24	1	24	24	164,300
Minnewaukan.....	29	29	1,190	23	743	364	25	1	26	25	84,850
Minot.....	25	25	1,009	24	384	621	17	7	17	17	88,600
Oakes.....	23	23	1,069	23	419	650	18	5	18	18	69,000
Pembina.....	40	40	2,768	38	965	1,669	37	2	38	37	219,900
<b>Synod of Ohio:</b>											
Athens.....	38	38	4,245	37	1,946	2,569	38	.....	38	38	246,200
Chillicothe.....	28	28	4,716	19	1,191	1,739	28	.....	28	28	345,500
Cincinnati.....	78	78	13,672	72	4,678	8,635	76	.....	78	76	1,653,215
Cleveland.....	46	46	13,397	40	4,577	7,313	44	2	50	44	2,225,700
Columbus.....	40	40	10,711	31	3,060	4,591	40	.....	41	40	731,900
Dayton.....	48	48	13,097	42	4,414	7,005	48	.....	50	48	1,365,900
Huron.....	17	17	3,268	16	1,144	2,068	17	.....	18	17	282,700
Lima.....	33	33	6,563	31	2,419	3,982	33	.....	33	32	477,900
Mahoning.....	38	38	12,134	34	4,793	5,901	36	2	36	37	1,134,400
Marion.....	40	40	8,185	38	3,030	4,507	40	.....	40	40	546,900
Maumee.....	39	39	8,506	33	2,912	4,558	39	.....	40	38	593,300
Portsmouth.....	31	31	5,781	22	2,199	3,209	31	.....	31	31	479,120
St. Clairsville.....	44	44	7,849	43	3,095	4,074	44	.....	45	44	631,000
Staubenville.....	61	61	11,488	48	4,133	5,857	61	.....	63	61	698,250
Wooster.....	32	32	6,452	29	2,403	3,668	31	.....	31	31	332,900
Zanesville.....	44	44	8,736	40	3,204	4,968	43	.....	43	43	667,800
<b>Synod of Oklahoma:</b>											
Ardmore.....	19	19	1,281	18	330	531	18	1	20	17	73,500
Choctaw.....	26	26	497	21	194	195	15	.....	17	16	12,950
Cimarron.....	24	24	1,902	15	474	685	11	3	11	11	52,900
El Reno.....	16	15	1,329	11	488	764	12	.....	12	12	55,200
Hobart.....	18	18	1,201	15	448	683	15	1	16	15	35,650
McAlester.....	21	21	1,013	19	350	607	17	.....	18	17	51,300
Muskogee.....	42	41	2,769	36	1,098	1,600	24	8	24	26	125,400
Oklahoma.....	38	38	5,580	31	2,079	3,265	34	1	38	34	361,800
Tulsa.....	31	30	4,023	28	1,595	2,351	24	4	24	28	248,635
<b>Synod of Oregon:</b>											
Coos Bay.....	8	8	359	7	79	202	8	.....	8	8	29,600
Grande Ronde.....	21	21	1,307	21	460	847	17	4	18	17	43,850
Pendleton.....	21	21	1,294	18	467	726	18	.....	19	18	72,100
Portland.....	43	43	8,027	41	2,778	4,407	41	.....	42	43	609,064
Southern Oregon.....	18	18	1,846	15	554	1,043	15	.....	16	15	108,939
Willamette.....	40	39	3,839	32	1,325	2,286	40	.....	42	40	217,200
<b>Synod of Pennsylvania:</b>											
Beaver.....	28	28	5,843	18	1,734	2,241	28	.....	28	28	431,500
Blairsville.....	58	58	15,968	49	5,794	7,365	56	1	56	56	1,377,800
Butler.....	45	45	8,809	43	3,846	4,709	45	.....	45	45	885,400
Carlisle.....	51	51	12,261	43	4,272	7,127	50	1	54	50	1,279,700
Chester.....	59	59	16,742	55	6,025	9,239	59	.....	70	59	1,629,050
Clarion.....	59	59	9,828	42	3,353	4,936	59	.....	60	59	521,450
Erie.....	73	73	17,352	67	6,179	9,614	69	1	72	69	1,497,325
Huntingdon.....	80	80	15,464	78	5,975	8,524	80	.....	84	79	1,166,200
Kittanning.....	59	59	9,947	55	4,030	5,586	56	2	56	56	627,800
Lackawanna.....	98	98	24,178	97	9,801	14,259	97	1	103	96	2,156,500
Lehigh.....	48	48	10,280	47	4,072	6,069	47	.....	47	47	988,850
Northumberland.....	51	51	10,406	46	3,836	5,570	50	.....	53	50	1,178,521
Philadelphia.....	76	76	48,001	66	17,390	24,306	75	.....	93	75	6,216,810
Philadelphia, North.....	74	74	25,811	66	9,099	13,429	73	.....	84	72	2,184,150
Pittsburgh.....	134	134	57,861	110	20,573	30,005	134	.....	138	133	5,655,535
Redstone.....	62	62	14,521	58	5,759	8,162	60	.....	66	60	1,305,830
Shenango.....	28	28	8,335	25	3,308	4,386	28	.....	28	28	410,000
Washington.....	45	45	9,709	31	3,350	4,785	39	.....	41	38	533,000
Wellsboro.....	13	13	1,646	13	620	1,026	13	.....	13	13	132,800
Westminster.....	33	33	9,421	32	3,330	5,142	33	.....	36	33	570,800
<b>Synod of South Dakota:</b>											
Aberdeen.....	47	47	2,101	29	618	1,090	38	2	38	38	144,750
Black Hills.....	21	21	1,031	19	346	649	14	3	14	14	45,900
Central Dakota.....	27	27	2,321	16	653	895	17	.....	17	17	130,400
Dakota, Indian.....	37	37	1,950	17	475	506	18	.....	18	18	22,901
Sioux Falls.....	26	26	2,036	18	575	900	16	2	16	16	117,500
<b>Synod of Tennessee:</b>											
Chattanooga.....	16	16	1,760	15	656	1,094	15	.....	15	15	232,050
Columbia "A".....	11	11	953	7	283	426	11	.....	12	11	82,300
Cookeville.....	3	3	89	3	35	54	2	.....	2	2	4,500
Cumberland Mountain.....	27	27	950	21	276	455	24	1	24	24	46,400
French Broad.....	15	15	1,247	14	454	683	13	3	17	13	52,600
Holston.....	19	19	1,472	18	568	754	17	2	17	17	79,050
McMinnville.....	14	14	931	14	393	538	12	.....	12	12	74,900
Nashville.....	22	22	2,351	15	597	899	22	.....	22	22	164,900
Union.....	45	45	4,955	42	1,675	2,316	42	.....	42	42	333,000
West Tennessee.....	30	30	2,219	29	945	1,231	30	.....	30	30	287,950

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916—Continued.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reporting.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
<b>Synod of Texas:</b>											
Abilene.....	35	35	1,569	32	571	770	19	7	19	20	\$59,650
Amarillo.....	35	35	3,158	26	1,259	1,562	21	2	22	21	202,300
Austin.....	27	27	1,945	25	710	1,098	25	1	27	25	180,500
Brownwood.....	24	24	1,309	20	494	688	15	.....	15	15	72,400
Dallas.....	58	58	6,168	58	2,572	3,596	55	1	55	55	527,450
El Paso.....	7	7	1,206	7	479	727	6	.....	6	6	71,000
Fort Worth.....	55	55	4,010	49	1,466	1,981	39	3	40	40	210,900
Houston.....	19	19	1,226	16	412	660	15	.....	15	15	72,400
Jefferson.....	43	43	2,861	43	1,199	1,662	29	8	29	28	124,850
Paris.....	40	40	3,660	38	1,529	2,063	38	1	38	38	226,800
S. W. Bohemia.....	10	10	442	10	205	237	4	6	4	4	10,700
Waco.....	48	48	4,246	29	1,348	1,924	28	2	29	28	161,400
<b>Synod of Utah:</b>											
Ogden.....	7	7	574	5	215	300	7	.....	7	7	88,000
Salt Lake.....	9	9	1,238	8	357	706	8	1	8	8	240,200
Southern Utah.....	15	11	442	11	139	303	12	.....	12	12	40,600
<b>Synod of Washington:</b>											
Bellingham.....	25	25	1,977	20	667	1,191	22	1	22	22	172,100
Central Washington.....	23	23	1,873	15	658	956	14	.....	14	14	56,950
Columbia River.....	28	28	1,839	21	578	982	24	2	24	20	93,400
Coeur d'Alene.....	14	14	1,050	13	404	629	12	1	13	12	48,400
Olympia.....	28	28	3,726	27	906	1,917	28	.....	28	27	213,100
Seattle.....	38	38	11,719	33	5,171	6,168	33	4	34	33	635,650
Spokane.....	36	36	4,294	35	1,547	2,475	31	.....	31	31	262,175
Walla Walla.....	38	38	2,885	28	987	1,511	35	.....	35	27	146,700
Wenatchee.....	24	24	1,515	24	612	903	13	7	13	15	46,755
<b>Synod of West German:</b>											
Galena.....	22	22	1,508	21	684	749	22	.....	22	22	70,200
George.....	34	34	2,174	30	912	991	32	2	32	33	99,867
Waukon.....	17	17	1,605	16	646	799	17	.....	17	17	74,750
<b>Synod of West Virginia:</b>											
Grafton.....	17	17	2,678	14	1,046	1,569	17	.....	17	17	315,500
Parkersburg.....	28	28	2,694	26	1,039	1,628	24	1	26	25	222,900
Wheeling.....	24	24	6,272	24	2,625	3,647	24	.....	26	24	539,500
<b>Synod of Wisconsin:</b>											
Chippewa.....	54	53	3,967	45	1,856	2,295	47	4	47	47	309,353
La Crosse.....	18	18	1,341	14	501	734	14	.....	14	14	96,400
Madison.....	32	32	4,244	27	1,194	2,403	28	1	28	27	294,650
Milwaukee.....	31	31	6,184	27	2,361	3,240	31	.....	32	31	538,085
Winnebago.....	64	64	7,252	46	2,344	3,961	55	.....	59	50	507,700
<b>Synod of Wyoming:</b>											
Cheyenne.....	20	20	968	16	293	558	11	5	11	11	61,200
Laramie.....	12	12	758	10	229	440	8	1	8	8	67,450
Sheridan.....	9	9	788	9	299	489	7	2	7	8	45,500

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.....	9,660	2,130	\$7,504,138	4,536	\$17,048,494	9,059	\$30,166,158	8,848	9,631	140,756	1,381,682
<b>Synod of Alabama:</b>											
Birmingham "A".....	15	4	15,060	4	13,200	15	20,852	14	14	129	1,118
Florida.....	33	15	18,170	20	107,000	33	50,104	33	34	331	2,769
Gadsden.....	18	3	760	3	6,000	18	6,652	16	16	104	919
Huntsville.....	35	6	6,190	13	34,600	22	25,911	23	25	241	1,953
<b>Synod of Arizona:</b>											
Northern Arizona.....	8	.....	.....	4	8,800	7	2,374	5	6	26	338
Phoenix.....	19	2	2,994	8	14,100	18	23,199	15	18	192	2,988
Southern Arizona.....	17	3	4,900	7	15,100	15	31,042	15	18	123	1,410
<b>Synod of Arkansas:</b>											
Arkansas.....	42	5	6,700	12	24,600	37	31,165	35	39	322	3,029
Fort Smith.....	25	7	9,120	9	17,500	23	48,315	24	24	257	2,623
Jonesboro.....	20	3	800	3	5,260	17	6,095	12	12	114	701
Little Rock.....	27	1	4,000	5	11,400	23	17,360	25	25	183	1,493
<b>Synod of Atlantic:</b>											
Atlantic.....	29	2	230	8	8,850	27	8,945	29	29	156	1,446
Fairfield.....	50	10	2,790	15	15,100	46	17,849	45	49	332	3,158
Hodge.....	20	3	755	5	7,100	19	6,905	20	22	138	1,509
Knox.....	16	4	8,500	5	8,000	14	7,784	14	14	129	1,185
McClelland.....	29	8	3,705	4	4,700	26	12,373	26	26	132	1,226
<b>Synod of Baltimore:</b>											
Baltimore.....	69	22	68,020	40	220,800	68	323,141	69	76	1,264	11,400
New Castle.....	53	23	75,550	31	128,700	51	158,463	48	52	815	7,601
Washington.....	39	11	34,190	15	77,600	39	205,618	39	44	947	8,351
<b>Synod of California:</b>											
Benicia.....	38	11	7,284	22	51,400	37	131,951	36	40	361	3,224
Los Angeles.....	96	49	243,015	27	79,800	91	490,589	96	98	1,708	18,219

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SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
<b>Synod of California—Continued.</b>											
Nevada.....	18	9	\$10,500	9	\$15,350	17	\$13,052	15	19	131	1,198
Oakland.....	33	10	24,907	13	37,700	33	114,283	33	34	543	5,754
Riverside.....	15	8	11,840	8	26,300	14	56,785	15	16	224	2,204
Sacramento.....	41	10	23,800	15	29,200	37	60,998	40	44	408	3,839
San Francisco.....	25	12	32,943	3	17,500	25	91,044	24	25	347	3,695
San Joaquin.....	64	25	49,979	33	65,700	59	144,848	60	66	731	7,567
San Jose.....	21	6	11,900	12	37,900	20	69,114	20	20	287	2,689
Santa Barbara.....	22	3	4,200	13	37,200	19	37,521	21	22	224	1,983
<b>Synod of Canadian:</b>											
Kiamichi.....	11	1	50	2	800	10	1,609	10	11	50	355
Rendall.....	16	6	5,010	1	1,500	14	5,184	15	15	76	465
White River.....	20	4	4,424	3	7,300	19	13,886	18	18	108	1,041
<b>Synod of Catawba:</b>											
Cape Fear.....	48	8	3,385	8	10,400	48	14,783	46	53	298	2,946
Catawba.....	46	8	3,245	1	900	43	14,257	43	43	340	3,302
Southern Virginia.....	32	4	1,337	6	6,300	32	10,355	32	32	208	2,211
Yadkin.....	46	4	1,389	8	6,300	45	18,929	46	46	347	3,486
<b>Synod of Colorado:</b>											
Boulder.....	30	10	39,650	14	34,200	27	79,475	27	29	461	4,111
Denver.....	42	12	57,070	15	53,800	41	139,295	41	47	718	7,004
Gunnison.....	13	5	7,250	8	16,950	12	29,238	12	16	193	2,102
Pueblo.....	62	12	19,175	42	55,550	56	122,117	50	53	659	6,300
<b>Synod of East Tennessee:</b>											
Birmingham.....	17	4	1,650	5	5,450	17	5,291	17	17	103	877
La Vere.....	10	4	2,700	3	5,000	10	8,179	10	10	71	579
Rogersville.....	10	2	921	1	1,000	10	2,884	10	10	58	455
<b>Synod of Idaho:</b>											
Boise.....	16	7	7,050	10	29,800	15	28,317	15	18	245	1,933
Kendall.....	15	2	1,162	6	11,750	13	22,629	15	18	180	1,460
Twin Falls.....	18	5	4,023	5	8,300	18	25,046	18	21	191	1,852
<b>Synod of Illinois:</b>											
Alton.....	59	14	27,900	31	85,200	59	127,718	58	64	885	9,435
Bloomington.....	60	8	10,650	43	166,350	54	166,692	52	54	963	8,718
Chicago.....	33	7	12,140	17	46,100	32	51,126	32	34	400	4,311
Ewing.....	109	35	122,232	32	248,635	106	928,140	108	121	3,112	33,646
Freeport.....	37	8	3,975	27	75,300	35	66,757	33	33	391	3,752
Mattoon.....	27	4	8,500	19	89,000	26	87,300	27	27	465	4,168
Ottawa.....	47	4	8,350	29	70,200	43	95,152	43	45	605	5,463
Peoria.....	24	3	4,600	20	81,800	24	102,752	20	20	354	3,654
Rock River.....	37	3	10,500	25	91,600	35	98,936	34	35	634	5,943
Rushville.....	39	6	13,066	29	98,600	39	90,387	38	38	571	5,534
Springfield.....	47	6	4,400	33	82,500	47	95,514	47	47	647	6,095
Springfield.....	59	7	23,600	34	95,500	54	183,327	55	60	957	9,774
<b>Synod of Indiana:</b>											
Crawfordsville.....	52	11	18,900	24	81,000	50	125,574	50	54	759	6,891
Fort Wayne.....	30	9	58,650	14	70,300	30	126,921	29	33	567	6,119
Indiana.....	57	7	17,800	28	99,700	54	108,160	51	55	848	7,501
Indianapolis.....	52	16	57,250	19	75,900	45	213,307	44	46	782	7,983
Logansport.....	49	18	97,860	24	101,200	49	176,703	48	49	837	8,348
Muncie.....	23	3	3,325	11	56,200	22	87,609	22	23	361	3,453
New Albany.....	55	9	14,200	14	55,900	52	83,956	51	53	532	4,699
Whitewater.....	33	7	14,900	16	54,100	32	77,324	32	35	424	3,844
<b>Synod of Iowa:</b>											
Cedar Rapids.....	36	6	5,500	24	67,900	36	98,543	36	36	524	4,886
Central West.....	22	7	8,800	13	29,700	22	31,733	22	23	114	1,494
Corning.....	31	5	6,700	20	57,000	30	69,526	30	30	431	3,603
Council Bluffs.....	28	6	4,265	21	61,300	27	60,943	27	29	366	3,197
Des Moines.....	46	13	54,390	26	77,300	43	208,360	43	46	656	6,251
Dubuque.....	29	2	320	20	56,200	29	50,853	27	27	363	3,087
Fort Dodge.....	48	13	10,617	28	91,700	42	90,611	40	44	536	5,234
Iowa.....	44	7	6,300	29	97,400	42	113,556	42	44	612	5,543
Iowa City.....	45	11	18,280	26	91,600	45	109,546	43	43	548	5,642
Sioux City.....	46	14	21,100	31	107,600	44	156,448	39	40	623	6,402
Waterloo.....	33	10	29,450	22	70,350	33	86,248	32	36	547	4,990
<b>Synod of Kansas:</b>											
Emporia.....	34	3	5,800	20	44,600	33	56,666	32	32	405	3,546
Highland.....	23	5	3,850	13	37,600	23	42,943	22	22	324	2,639
Larned.....	32	24	13,400	20	47,800	32	82,351	32	36	478	4,861
Neosho.....	59	12	23,885	42	112,000	58	187,941	57	73	970	9,251
Osborne.....	21	5	2,800	11	29,700	20	50,869	21	23	267	1,945
Solomon.....	45	12	13,450	27	75,900	43	81,399	40	41	540	5,415
Topeka.....	51	19	44,577	29	82,000	50	165,261	51	53	970	9,162
Wichita.....	44	14	64,330	35	62,700	43	141,917	44	46	658	6,588
<b>Synod of Kentucky:</b>											
Ebenezer.....	29	5	3,777	10	92,000	27	62,739	25	28	361	4,026
Lincoln.....	5	5	500	1	500	5	2,095	5	5	26	211
Logan.....	24	2	17,400	7	14,400	20	13,983	17	18	154	1,403
Louisville.....	24	4	700	4	16,300	22	76,530	17	17	188	2,024
Princeton.....	19	1	9,800	7	19,500	18	35,612	17	17	163	1,070
Transylvania.....	41	6	6,950	11	41,500	30	43,722	33	40	379	4,044
<b>Synod of Michigan:</b>											
Detroit.....	53	19	201,950	8	107,500	52	489,243	52	54	1,343	17,372
Flint.....	38	22	14,750	17	47,400	31	77,412	32	32	457	4,263
Grand Rapids.....	17	5	5,825	11	39,050	17	48,539	16	20	318	2,878
Kalamazoo.....	20	3	3,244	14	51,200	16	41,884	16	18	290	2,996
Lake Superior.....	31	9	21,125	20	57,800	27	68,202	28	28	395	3,834
Lansing.....	21	3	2,570	14	38,000	20	56,843	20	21	336	4,159
Monroe.....	20	6	3,900	11	44,700	19	37,015	18	19	304	3,166
Petoskey.....	18	6	7,550	8	21,800	14	24,897	14	15	210	2,167
Saginaw.....	37	10	13,800	13	67,500	30	88,334	26	28	490	5,392
<b>Synod of Minnesota:</b>											
Adams.....	28	10	14,250	13	30,700	21	38,731	23	24	245	2,254
Duluth.....	44	15	16,825	22	66,200	44	109,197	43	48	716	6,768
Mankato.....	57	13	7,985	33	95,500	47	88,864	45	45	615	5,205
Minneapolis.....	29	10	24,050	8	29,700	28	171,612	26	32	655	7,726
Red River.....	30	4	1,900	9	14,400	29	23,016	29	30	307	2,253
St. Cloud.....	38	7	3,890	11	22,400	26	22,289	27	29	207	1,876
St. Paul.....	32	12	97,750	14	70,700	30	168,446	29	33	627	6,030
Winona.....	29	5	5,200	18	64,200	27	39,074	25	26	289	2,138

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SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod of Mississippi:											
Bell.....	15			2	\$2,500	14	\$4,899	8	8	48	294
New Hope.....	17	1	\$1,000	5	6,000	15	8,256	11	12	94	858
Oxford.....	25			8	11,000	24	8,073	20	20	126	928
Synod of Missouri:											
Carthage.....	40	9	21,350	16	37,100	36	118,513	37	37	499	4,653
Iron Mountain.....	29	3	5,190	5	13,500	27	15,061	26	36	250	2,553
Kansas City.....	61	8	34,936	8	21,700	37	205,596	37	37	747	7,843
Kirksville.....	31	4	6,000	8	15,600	26	42,731	25	26	260	2,387
McGee.....	49	4	1,800	10	24,400	48	45,007	44	45	467	2,970
Ozark.....	43	6	3,450	7	20,700	30	34,198	27	28	390	2,746
St. Joseph.....	45	11	12,800	22	47,100	45	83,105	45	47	534	4,758
St. Louis.....	51	13	44,940	15	49,000	48	313,619	49	60	1,329	14,726
Salt River.....	33	1	3,000	4	9,500	33	17,579	29	29	295	2,094
Sedalia.....	40	7	19,233	12	32,800	35	58,515	34	35	400	3,169
Synod of Montana:											
Butte.....	16	2	1,166	5	11,200	16	48,711	15	16	204	2,300
Great Falls.....	25	5	19,210	5	12,200	20	53,198	19	20	166	1,323
Helena.....	17	4	9,300	5	18,100	15	24,615	11	11	116	1,022
Kalispell.....	10	3	5,500	4	8,200	9	13,722	10	10	87	860
Yellowstone.....	15	4	13,500	6	17,100	11	22,837	12	17	135	1,191
Synod of Nebraska:											
Box Butte.....	27	4	2,050	7	14,950	21	24,647	17	18	178	1,682
Hastings.....	30	7	7,038	19	41,300	30	50,824	29	30	401	3,221
Kearney.....	40	11	13,875	22	64,400	28	57,110	29	29	366	3,304
Nebraska City.....	45	12	9,550	29	82,400	44	118,899	42	43	684	5,817
Niobrara.....	31	7	4,025	17	49,550	27	46,515	27	28	330	3,120
Omaha.....	44	26	63,175	20	54,200	43	197,270	44	47	700	6,595
Synod of New England:											
Boston.....	14	5	33,900	10	17,500	14	76,245	14	14	290	3,424
Connecticut.....	10	5	37,000	4	73,500	10	98,167	10	10	272	2,450
Newburyport.....	20	5	16,725	10	26,600	20	45,416	19	22	247	2,319
Providence.....	8	5	41,350	2	18,500	8	31,948	8	8	151	1,330
Synod of New Jersey:											
Elizabeth.....	50	6	23,300	26	133,500	50	291,117	42	51	1,214	12,037
Jersey City.....	52	21	123,030	21	125,900	50	334,094	52	61	1,476	14,251
Monmouth.....	50	10	28,600	36	158,200	49	156,498	49	56	835	5,451
Morris and Orange.....	51	14	76,900	38	272,750	45	328,447	48	57	1,274	10,254
Newark.....	44	18	210,200	26	267,500	43	486,524	44	54	1,846	16,999
New Brunswick.....	41	7	37,350	30	240,000	41	203,320	41	51	1,016	10,651
Newton.....	36	4	3,750	31	110,229	36	82,754	32	35	545	3,754
West Jersey.....	69	25	128,680	40	186,800	67	230,482	65	70	1,202	11,360
Synod of New Mexico:											
Pecos Valley.....	12	1	1,000	4	8,500	12	11,101	11	11	102	833
Rio Grande.....	21	3	1,370	7	14,025	20	16,306	17	18	206	1,431
Sante Fe.....	29			7	10,850	29	23,792	24	28	202	1,679
Synod of New York:											
Albany.....	49	11	85,689	37	135,300	45	241,491	45	51	1,043	8,428
Binghamton.....	34	6	30,300	23	81,600	31	145,253	32	35	631	5,718
Brooklyn.....	48	28	326,700	13	122,000	48	562,345	47	55	1,791	16,714
Buffalo.....	58	20	102,350	30	161,000	57	370,155	53	62	1,177	11,381
Cayuga.....	23	3	6,010	18	75,000	21	88,159	23	24	449	4,232
Champlain.....	21	1	1,000	16	56,300	21	44,872	20	21	236	1,828
Chemung.....	20	5	8,590	16	51,800	19	49,356	19	19	316	2,910
Columbia.....	17	2	1,500	13	25,900	17	30,485	16	17	162	913
Genesee.....	18	2	8,750	18	57,200	18	59,976	18	18	321	3,460
Geneva.....	20	3	2,680	19	69,200	20	81,602	20	21	407	4,063
Hudson.....	48	8	30,100	38	155,500	44	124,134	44	48	666	5,262
Long Island.....	23	3	9,550	23	134,300	23	66,793	23	30	373	2,587
Lyons.....	18	4	40,150	16	59,000	18	73,381	18	18	313	2,987
Nassau.....	30	7	21,300	17	168,500	30	90,483	28	32	485	3,993
New York.....	65	10	410,300	21	563,000	63	1,990,282	65	76	1,979	25,843
Niagara.....	23	4	22,950	18	80,500	23	69,189	23	24	499	4,245
North River.....	30	1	700	26	108,000	30	108,194	30	35	3,295	3,295
Otsego.....	30	5	5,565	27	90,600	30	63,089	28	31	394	2,854
Rochester.....	51	18	191,883	35	192,600	51	283,125	50	50	1,277	13,940
St. Lawrence.....	35	5	13,800	22	86,800	35	115,839	33	38	442	4,933
Steuben.....	25	4	14,500	20	71,500	24	63,128	23	24	348	3,688
Syracuse.....	42	8	75,400	27	114,000	39	177,634	41	44	753	7,594
Troy.....	36	9	27,285	26	99,650	34	186,847	33	35	630	5,098
Utica.....	42	2	13,500	32	120,600	42	182,350	41	47	750	6,281
Westchester.....	36	9	79,390	25	241,650	36	284,938	34	41	813	6,867
Synod of North Dakota:											
Bismarck.....	26	5	2,900	11	21,850	23	46,113	25	27	225	1,819
Fargo.....	27	12	17,260	17	34,400	25	59,004	24	25	264	2,065
Minnewaukan.....	29	8	9,818	11	20,950	23	31,216	25	26	224	2,030
Minot.....	25	4	5,350	8	16,800	25	22,776	23	33	239	2,037
Oakes.....	23	6	7,310	12	25,000	21	29,837	22	25	190	1,704
Pembina.....	40	12	27,617	22	44,400	40	55,282	39	39	360	2,805
Synod of Ohio:											
Athens.....	38	7	12,200	15	52,100	37	52,488	35	38	444	3,760
Chillicothe.....	28	4	11,650	13	47,000	28	49,283	28	28	331	3,323
Cincinnati.....	78	18	52,700	27	112,600	75	275,052	75	77	1,454	12,888
Cleveland.....	46	10	95,850	13	61,750	43	369,108	45	52	1,097	11,709
Columbus.....	40	13	139,400	18	62,200	40	262,462	40	41	745	8,437
Dayton.....	48	6	33,000	24	121,750	47	202,954	47	49	844	10,479
Huron.....	17	4	6,800	8	24,900	17	46,785	17	17	306	2,697
Lima.....	33	7	20,700	20	69,900	32	82,423	30	30	547	4,793
Mahoning.....	38	8	56,740	20	91,500	38	171,660	37	39	754	8,255
Marion.....	40	2	1,300	22	74,665	39	92,892	38	41	622	6,243
Maumee.....	39	9	20,430	21	64,200	39	112,351	36	37	721	7,340
Portsmouth.....	31	5	7,000	11	33,980	28	62,281	28	29	406	4,438
St. Clairsville.....	44	7	20,750	17	69,800	44	109,991	44	51	754	7,630
Steubenville.....	61	6	29,850	31	115,700	61	163,928	61	67	840	7,894
Wooster.....	32	3	12,000	18	53,100	32	94,150	31	31	67	505
Zanesville.....	44	10	54,135	22	82,200	44	154,267	44	45	638	6,121
Synod of Oklahoma:											
Ardmore.....	19	5	2,880	10	16,850	17	30,131	14	15	128	1,478
Choctaw.....	26	4	1,850	6	1,275	16	4,101	25	25	117	534

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		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod of Oklahoma—Continued.											
Cimarron.....	24	3	\$1,050	7	\$15,600	14	\$19,051	13	14	150	1,218
El Reno.....	16	8	5,250	6	13,400	11	11,129	12	12	112	1,151
Hobart.....	18	5	2,255	5	6,500	15	12,607	16	16	137	1,233
McAlester.....	21	5	9,650	8	11,500	16	11,741	15	15	209	1,202
Muskogee.....	42	7	7,130	12	28,200	34	36,400	34	37	321	3,048
Oklahoma.....	38	7	63,925	21	55,600	33	87,098	37	38	560	5,303
Tulsa.....	31	9	18,851	11	35,650	29	82,223	27	34	384	4,375
Synod of Oregon:											
Coos Bay.....	8	3	2,615	2	1,700	8	6,137	8	12	68	531
Grande Ronde.....	21	4	6,750	7	9,900	19	17,538	17	19	182	1,496
Pendleton.....	21	4	5,300	8	14,400	18	17,814	19	23	197	1,656
Portland.....	43	16	126,585	16	53,800	42	124,856	41	45	805	7,373
Southern Oregon.....	18	3	1,600	9	24,400	16	23,592	17	17	214	1,759
Willamette.....	40	8	25,340	13	25,000	37	45,115	36	39	416	3,527
Synod of Pennsylvania:											
Beaver.....	28	7	19,050	19	42,800	27	100,578	26	27	401	4,445
Blairsville.....	58	12	50,683	28	171,500	58	200,360	58	63	1,093	13,353
Butler.....	45	7	6,775	16	49,100	45	104,716	45	45	636	6,924
Carlisle.....	51	6	36,800	39	186,700	47	305,962	47	54	1,009	10,697
Chester.....	59	15	60,500	35	243,400	57	282,122	58	75	1,266	12,831
Clarion.....	59	4	10,900	30	121,150	59	152,293	56	62	796	8,006
Erie.....	73	11	23,880	40	179,875	72	247,433	72	75	1,335	13,882
Huntingdon.....	80	12	17,658	47	189,700	80	220,298	73	84	1,304	12,492
Kittanning.....	59	2	4,300	19	51,700	59	93,034	55	55	690	8,129
Lackawanna.....	98	21	85,170	58	300,650	95	409,639	90	98	1,905	20,221
Lehigh.....	48	6	33,500	34	188,900	47	202,080	47	55	928	9,584
Northumberland.....	51	11	31,775	30	172,500	47	155,973	45	47	854	7,211
Philadelphia.....	76	17	181,750	24	204,800	75	788,434	75	81	3,431	40,107
Philadelphia, North.....	74	21	125,135	45	313,350	70	508,398	72	88	2,157	23,047
Pittsburgh.....	134	42	336,470	39	250,400	134	1,182,179	133	154	3,528	45,777
Redstone.....	62	9	76,130	37	192,850	62	242,012	62	70	1,119	11,820
Shenango.....	28	4	11,715	18	51,200	28	106,544	28	28	541	5,944
Washington.....	45	6	18,950	20	83,800	43	128,737	44	51	708	7,342
Wellsboro.....	13	2	3,200	9	23,800	13	20,217	13	13	163	1,500
Westminster.....	33	4	7,350	29	112,700	33	158,376	33	39	750	7,684
Synod of South Dakota:											
Aberdeen.....	47	13	20,463	19	41,650	39	66,182	46	47	393	3,199
Black Hills.....	21	8	5,070	6	13,250	21	21,676	18	18	157	1,238
Central Dakota.....	27	3	17,700	11	30,400	25	40,864	23	24	214	2,511
Dakota, Indian.....	37	3	642	14	6,800	34	8,454	24	24	74	736
Sioux Falls.....	26	6	15,000	11	28,200	24	42,661	23	23	246	2,374
Synod of Tennessee:											
Chattanooga.....	16	2	13,400	5	20,250	14	25,042	13	14	211	1,844
Columbia "A".....	11	1	1,000	2	2,800	11	12,993	11	11	107	901
Cookeville.....	3	1	260	1	260	1	260	1	1	7	35
Cumberland Mountain.....	27	1	800	3	4,950	25	6,716	24	25	166	1,750
French Broad.....	15	1	22,200	11	22,200	13	9,600	15	30	161	2,184
Holston.....	19	1	1,000	8	21,200	17	15,416	19	19	147	1,857
McMinnville.....	14	2	750	4	11,500	14	10,640	13	13	120	954
Nashville.....	22	3	10,750	6	12,900	20	31,508	22	23	210	2,079
Union.....	45	3	11,800	10	24,500	45	59,443	44	48	453	4,668
West Tennessee.....	30	6	20,600	9	14,800	30	29,978	28	28	260	1,864
Synod of Texas:											
Abilene.....	35	6	4,480	8	14,800	25	22,834	18	18	167	1,345
Amarillo.....	35	3	12,500	14	31,350	29	64,053	25	26	292	2,783
Austin.....	27	7	19,273	9	20,500	26	38,117	23	24	217	2,002
Brownwood.....	24	2	1,125	6	12,200	16	14,006	15	15	128	1,191
Dallas.....	58	8	70,750	21	36,600	53	318,094	53	55	614	6,055
El Paso.....	7	2	6,500	2	4,000	6	16,522	7	7	88	968
Fort Worth.....	55	6	14,008	15	40,500	48	52,062	39	41	394	3,708
Houston.....	19	2	1,150	6	15,500	18	22,047	18	18	191	1,790
Jefferson.....	43	4	2,600	10	19,100	41	31,677	33	34	237	2,437
Paris.....	40	1	43,300	16	43,300	38	109,867	32	32	307	3,335
S. W. Bohemia.....	10	1	600	1	600	9	2,371	9	13	38	498
Waco.....	48	1	950	15	39,550	35	54,862	32	33	331	3,226
Synod of Utah:											
Ogden.....	7	5	24,660	6	10,600	9	17,753	9	11	155	1,211
Salt Lake.....	9	6	6,525	4	4,000	15	10,192	14	23	127	895
Synod of Washington:											
Bellingham.....	25	4	24,070	11	18,400	25	38,485	24	26	256	2,343
Central Washington.....	23	8	10,660	7	11,550	20	23,451	21	24	287	2,510
Columbia River.....	28	6	12,400	10	21,500	25	21,112	24	24	258	2,258
Coeur d'Alene.....	14	6	4,319	7	11,900	14	16,986	13	14	165	1,439
Olympia.....	28	10	22,850	17	27,100	26	42,483	27	34	366	4,609
Seattle.....	38	13	39,550	10	18,200	37	128,039	38	57	875	8,567
Spokane.....	36	8	33,832	10	18,300	35	61,506	30	31	457	4,392
Walla Walla.....	38	6	21,375	17	35,150	36	46,907	36	36	388	3,079
Wenatchee.....	24	4	2,300	8	10,950	22	26,137	21	24	261	2,390
Synod of West German:											
Galena.....	22	3	1,450	17	40,800	22	25,647	22	22	214	1,537
George.....	34	21	8,690	29	74,100	33	48,566	30	30	286	2,273
Waukon.....	17	2	1,800	14	43,500	17	31,438	14	15	158	1,350
Synod of West Virginia:											
Grafton.....	17	4	35,500	5	30,000	15	68,350	15	16	248	2,913
Parkersburg.....	28	2	11,500	14	36,500	23	36,221	25	33	313	2,885
Wheeling.....	24	6	13,987	12	61,850	24	102,352	24	26	471	5,691
Synod of Wisconsin:											
Chippewa.....	54	13	19,705	16	50,900	46	60,141	45	54	443	3,951
La Crosse.....	18	4	1,700	8	13,000	18	25,085	14	16	151	1,269
Madison.....	32	6	28,375	17	63,500	32	76,888	31	32	389	2,991
Milwaukee.....	31	10	36,900	13	51,900	29	133,261	26	29	582	4,920
Winnebago.....	64	14	19,316	26	71,100	58	119,687	56	71	779	7,208
Synod of Wyoming:											
Cheyenne.....	20	4	5,200	4	9,500	17	14,125	18	24	157	1,170
Laramie.....	12	2	1,800	5	12,250	11	12,846	11	12	92	763
Sheridan.....	9	6	8,020	4	9,800	8	12,485	9	11	94	885

## CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The opening years of the nineteenth century witnessed a remarkable religious awakening in various parts of the United States. Revivals were numerous and in certain sections were accompanied by strange "bodily exercises." The leader of the revival in the "Cumberland country" in Kentucky and Tennessee was the Rev. James McGready, a Presbyterian minister, and a member of the Synod of Kentucky. He and other ministers conducting the services felt constrained to call the attention of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to the peculiar manifestations. The assembly, in reply, recognizing that, although the movement had been accompanied by "extraordinary effects on the body," it had accomplished great good, admonished those in charge of the work of the danger of excesses, and expressed the opinion that these facts may be in a considerable degree produced by natural causes. As the revival work progressed, these physical manifestations became so marked as to create an unfavorable reaction, and some Presbyterian ministers set themselves against the entire movement. Others favored it, on the ground that various communities in which it was carried on were indeed transformed. The division in sentiment resulted finally in two distinct parties, revival and antirevival; the one inclined to regard the bodily exercises as a sign of divine approval; the other unable to see any good in the work because of the extravagances.

At the first meeting of the Synod of Kentucky in 1802 the southwestern portion of the Presbytery of Transylvania, including the Cumberland country, was constituted the Presbytery of Cumberland. As the revival, which had started in the Transylvania Presbytery, spread to the various small settlements in this section, the demand for ministers became greater than the supply, and the revival party, which controlled the new presbytery, believed that the emergency, as well as precedent, justified them in introducing into the ministry men who had not had the usual academic and theological training. A few such were inducted into the ministry, and others were set apart as "exhorters." In addition to this, those thus inducted into the ministry were permitted, if they so desired, to adopt the Westminster Confession "as far as they deemed it agreeable to the Word of God," the reservation having special reference to "the idea of fatality, which," as they later expressed it, "seems to be taught under the mysterious doctrine of predestination."

The antirevival party objected both to the admission into the ministry of men who were not up to the usual literary and theological standard, and to the permission of this reservation in regard to doctrine; and took the whole matter to the Synod of Kentucky, which in 1805 appointed a commission to confer with the members of the Cumberland Presbytery, and adjudicate on their

presbyterial proceedings. The commission met in December, 1805, assumed full synodical power, against the protest of the revival party, and reached the conclusion, in reference to the men who had been inducted into the ministry by the Presbytery of Cumberland, that the majority of them were "not only illiterate, but erroneous in sentiment"; and solemnly prohibited them "from exhorting, preaching, and administering ordinances in consequence of any authority which they have obtained from the Cumberland Presbytery, until they submit to our jurisdiction, and undergo the requisite examination."

The Rev. James McGready, the Rev. Samuel McAdow, and three others were also cited to appear at the next meeting of the synod. The synod in 1806 sanctioned the proceedings of the commission, dissolved the Presbytery of Cumberland, attached its members to the Presbytery of Transylvania, and directed that body to deal with "the recusant members." In May, 1809, the General Assembly confirmed the action of the synod.

Meanwhile the revival party formed a council for the special care of the weak churches and preaching centers, over thirty in number, which were in sympathy with them. On receipt of news of the assembly's action, at a meeting of this council in October, 1809, the formation of an independent presbytery was strongly urged. This, however, was impracticable, as the elders, who made up the great majority of the council, could not participate in such an organization, and of the ministers only two favored the action, whereas at least three were necessary to the constitution of a new presbytery. The Rev. James McGready, the leader of the revival, and generally looked upon as the father of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, never favored it and never identified himself with the independent body. Others also had withdrawn from the council, and it was finally decided to adjourn to March 20, 1810, after which meeting every member would be free to act as he pleased, unless in the meantime a way should be found to constitute an independent presbytery. This was accomplished, and on February 4, 1810, an independent presbytery was constituted by the Rev. Finis Ewing, the Rev. Samuel King, and the Rev. Samuel McAdow, at the home of the latter in Dickson County, Tenn. The name of the dissolved presbytery, Cumberland, was adopted, a licentiate, Mr. McLean, was ordained, and a compact allowing reservation in creed subscription was entered into.

At the adjourned meeting of the council nearly all the churches in the Cumberland country adhered to the new presbytery, but they were weak, and at most could not have represented more than a few hundred members. While the new movement was launched as an independent presbytery, the wish and hope of those connected with it was not that it should

become a separate denomination, but that it might be reunited with the Synod of Kentucky. The organization, however, grew rapidly, and in the course of a few years it became apparent that a new denomination had entered upon its career. At first it was referred to as "the members of the Cumberland Presbytery." As the denominational idea became more apparent, it was called the "Cumberland Presbyterian," the next step being to call it the "Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

In October, 1813, the Presbytery of Cumberland, or General Presbytery, was divided into 3 presbyteries, and a general synod was constituted. This continued to be the supreme judicatory until 1828, when there was a reorganization. In place of the general synod, 4 synods were constituted and a general assembly, which met in 1829. At this time there were 18 presbyteries, representing the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, and Alabama. By 1853 the church had 20 synods, 79 presbyteries, and 1,250 churches with a membership estimated at 100,000. The first fairly accurate statistics were gathered in 1875, and showed 2,158 churches, 1,232 ministers, 98,242 communicants, and congregational property valued at \$2,069,000.

The fact that the strength of the church was in the border states made it inevitable that the slavery question should become prominent. During the discussions preceding the war, the assembly took the position that the church of God is a spiritual body whose jurisdiction extends only to matters of faith and morals and has no power to legislate upon subjects upon which Christ and His apostles did not legislate. During the war commissioners from the southern presbyteries did not meet with the General Assembly, and that body in 1864 adopted strong resolutions against disunion. After the war the southern members again attended, and, being in the majority, rescinded these resolutions. For a time it seemed as if division was inevitable; it was, however, averted, and the church remained one. Then came the question of the Negro churches, resulting in a mutual agreement for the establishment of the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as affording to the Negroes the opportunities they needed most for church development.<sup>1</sup>

There have been various propositions for union with other churches—the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The chief cause of failure, in the last instance, seems to have been the divergence between the two bodies in regard to the

doctrine of the "perseverance of believers," the Cumberland Assembly being unwilling to accept the full Arminian position taken by the Methodist Protestant Church.

When the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America had completed its revision of the Confession of Faith and had taken essentially the position called for by the Cumberland Church in its early history, the question arose again of the union of the two bodies, and in 1903 both General Assemblies appointed committees on fraternity and union. These held a joint meeting and formulated a basis of union which was approved by the General Assemblies in 1904, and was ratified by the presbyteries of each body in the succeeding year, when the General Assemblies took action for the organic union of the two churches. Meanwhile considerable opposition had arisen in the Cumberland Church, and a protest had been filed against the constitutionality of the assembly's action. The civil court, to which the matter was referred, held that action to be legal; and when it became evident that it would be carried through, another movement was started by the opposition in the Cumberland Church, "to enjoin the General Assembly \* \* \* from taking the final steps to merge, or unite, or consolidate the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." The court refused the injunction, and the General Assembly, by a vote of 165 to 91, approved the report and "adjourned sine die as a separate assembly, to meet in and as a part of the One Hundred and Nineteenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." The opposition then filed a protest, and determined to "continue and perpetuate the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as same was constituted and organized on May 17, 1906," and declared itself "to be the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the repository of its established faith, the owners of its property, and the protectors of its trust." It held that all offices had been vacated, appointed men to fill the vacancies in the boards, rescinded "the action and announcements" of the General Assembly, and adjourned to meet in Dickson County, Tenn., the birthplace of the denomination. Suits were brought in a number of courts with regard to church property, with varying results.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is essentially Calvinistic of the more moderate type, that is, it has uniformly protested against the doctrine of reprobation; but recognizes fully the sovereignty of God and the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints. The Westminster Confession continued to be

<sup>1</sup> See Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church, p. 576.



the creed of the church until 1814, when a revision was made which was designed to be a popular statement of doctrine emphasizing human responsibility, and this was again revised along much the same lines in 1883.

From various causes many have joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church who were inclined to Arminian statements of doctrine. The result has been that a party has developed within the church which claims that Cumberland Presbyterianism is really the *via media* between Calvinism and Arminianism. While this has not found expression in definite statements of creed, it has modified very materially the position of many churches and even presbyteries, and a considerable part of the opposition to the union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America appears to have been occasioned by the presence of this element, which looked upon the revision of the Westminster Confession by that church as less thorough and complete than was claimed for it by its advocates.

So far as church membership is concerned, no subscription to the confession is required. Those who are ordained to the ministry, eldership, and diaconate, are required to subscribe to the Confession of Faith.

#### POLITY.

In polity the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has always been thoroughly presbyterian,<sup>1</sup> its government being exercised by the various courts—session, presbytery, synod, and general assembly. The principle of delegated authority is supreme, and the conditions of church membership include a pledge to abide by and support the rules and regulations of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A movement toward emphasizing the share of the local church in the general polity of the denomination was started but never carried through. In worship the church is nonliturgical, the sermon being made the chief feature.

#### WORK.

The organized agency through which the missionary activities, both home and foreign, are carried on, is the Board of Missions and Church Erection.

The home fields occupied in missionary work are mainly in the South, the Southwest, and the far West. For a number of years attention was specially directed to establishing churches in cities. These have generally become self-supporting in a period of from 5 to 10 years, and many of the strongest churches in the denomination were established by this means. Up to 1916 about \$800,000 had been expended by the denomination at large in the interest of home missionary work, not including amounts raised in mission stations for their own work, or amounts raised by presbyteries

for purely presbyterial purposes. Accurate records of all these amounts, it is stated, would show an aggregate of about \$1,500,000. The report for 1916 shows 50 persons employed in home missionary work, 75 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of about \$5,000.

The foreign missionary work included, in early days, work among the American Indians in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), and later missionaries were sent to Africa and Turkey. During the Civil War these were recalled, but after the war was over interest in foreign missions revived, and contributions were made through the American Board, until missions were planted in Japan, China, and Mexico.

The report for 1916 shows 4 stations occupied in China and among Chinese on the coast; 4 American missionaries and 5 native helpers; 6 organized churches, with about 600 members; and 3 schools, with 110 pupils. The value of mission property in the foreign field is estimated at about \$125,000, and the contributions for the year amounted to about \$35,000.

The educational interests of the denomination are represented by Cumberland College, at Leonard, Tex., and Cumberland Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at McKenzie, Tenn. These in 1916 had an attendance of 250 students. The amount contributed toward their support was about \$8,000, they had property valued at about \$25,000, and endowment amounting to \$85,000.

Previous to 1881 the care of disabled ministers and their families devolved upon the various presbyteries, but in this year a Board of Ministerial Relief was established, and there is at Bowling Green, Ky., an orphans' home and home for aged ministers and their widows, and for missionaries. This in 1916 had 15 inmates, and \$1,500 was contributed for their support. The value of the property is estimated at \$10,000.

The Christian Endeavor movement has, from the first, had official recognition, and most of the larger churches have organized local societies. The number of these reported in 1916 was 400, with about 3,500 members.

The attitude of the church toward such organizations as the American Sunday School Union, the American Tract Society, the American Bible Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, temperance societies, and kindred organizations has been one of sympathetic cooperation.

There is a printing and publishing plant at Nashville, Tenn., valued at about \$12,000.

#### STATISTICS.

The statistics of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and presbyteries, on pages 573 to 575; the relation of these statistics to those

<sup>1</sup> See Presbyterian Bodies, p. 549.



of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,317	2,850	-1,533	-53.8
Members.....	72,052	195,770	-123,718	-63.2
Church edifices.....	1,163	2,474	-1,311	-53.0
Value of church property.....	\$1,935,072	\$5,803,960	-\$3,868,888	-66.7
Debt on church property.....	\$69,455	\$208,876	-\$139,421	-66.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	103	436	-333	-76.4
Value.....	\$149,500	\$658,400	-\$508,900	-77.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	909	1,846	-937	-50.8
Officers and teachers.....	6,618	15,596	-8,978	-57.6
Scholars.....	53,431	120,311	-66,880	-55.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$49,500	\$174,073	-\$124,573	-71.6
Domestic.....	\$14,500	\$101,952	-\$87,452	-85.8
Foreign.....	\$35,000	\$72,121	-\$37,121	-51.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

This table shows a heavy decrease in every respect for the denomination, explained by the changes that have occurred consequent upon the union of many of the churches with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The figures for 1906 were obtained just before the union was effected and represent the situation as it was before that event.

It thus appears that since 1906 there has been a loss of 1,533, or 53.8 per cent, in the number of organizations; 123,718, or 63.2 per cent, in the membership; 1,311, or 53 per cent, in the number of church edifices; and \$3,868,888, or 66.7 per cent in the value of church property. Likewise, the number of churches reporting parsonages has declined 333, or 76.4 per cent, and the value of parsonages \$508,900, or 77.3 per cent. There has been, also, a decline of 937, or 50.8 per cent, in the number of Sunday schools; 66,880, or 55.6 per cent, in the number of Sunday school scholars; and \$124,573, or 71.6 per cent, in the contributions for missions and benevolences. As constituted in 1916, the denomination showed 1,317 organizations, with a membership of 72,052; 1,163 church edifices; and church property valued at \$1,935,072. The debt on church property was \$69,455. There were 909 Sunday schools, with 53,431 scholars, and contributions for missions and benevolences amounted to \$49,500.

Certain items not appearing in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$330,905 were reported by 1,009 organizations, and cover running expenses and any other items passing through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 837 organizations in 1916, was 2,502, constituting 4.9 per cent of the 50,937 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 21,115 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 3,539.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 1,317 organizations, 1,304, with 71,737 members reported the use of English only in church services; 1 organization, with 96 members, Chinese and English; 3 organizations, with 52 members, the Indian languages and English; and 9 organizations, with 167 members, Indian only. There was a decrease since 1906 in the number of organizations using foreign languages.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 728. Of these, 364, as shown by the following table, sent in schedules, 273 being in pastoral work and 91 not in pastoral work. An average annual salary of \$607 was reported by 169 pastors. Seventy pastors reported other occupations, chiefly farming. Of those not in pastoral work, 55 were on the retired list, 12 were in evangelistic or other philanthropic work, and 24 in other occupations.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	364	169	104	91	\$607
Alabama.....	17	5	7	5	451
Arkansas.....	37	6	20	11	531
California.....	8	2	.....	6	720
Colorado.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Florida.....	2	2	.....	.....	850
Georgia.....	3	1	1	1	400
Illinois.....	21	9	5	7	598
Indiana.....	8	5	1	2	796
Iowa.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Kansas.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Kentucky.....	41	25	8	8	661
Louisiana.....	3	1	1	1	100
Mississippi.....	7	7	.....	.....	488
Missouri.....	32	12	13	7	614
Montana.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
New Mexico.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....
Ohio.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Oklahoma.....	23	8	10	5	601
Tennessee.....	107	65	28	14	639
Texas.....	48	21	7	20	500

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	1,317	1,313	72,052	1,136	27,195	37,352	1,143	65	1,163	1,150	\$1,935,072
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	1	1	22	1	12	10	1	.....	1	1	1,200
Indiana.....	14	14	1,146	14	557	589	13	.....	15	13	54,500
Illinois.....	70	69	3,814	62	1,353	2,186	64	2	64	64	131,775
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3	3	108	3	51	57	3	.....	3	3	2,700
Missouri.....	178	176	7,094	122	2,124	3,195	159	4	160	164	221,645
South Atlantic division:											
Georgia.....	6	6	246	4	81	120	6	.....	6	6	3,050
Florida.....	2	2	124	2	45	79	2	.....	2	2	17,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	157	157	11,827	145	4,825	6,430	150	2	151	153	231,100
Tennessee.....	399	398	27,631	350	10,432	14,150	378	10	384	376	827,412
Alabama.....	78	78	3,578	63	1,211	1,660	64	5	64	66	68,000
Mississippi.....	42	42	2,275	38	969	1,205	36	2	36	36	38,150
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	142	142	5,400	132	2,109	3,000	108	14	110	108	94,650
Louisiana.....	17	17	585	16	227	323	17	.....	17	17	19,000
Oklahoma.....	53	53	1,642	39	586	756	29	7	29	28	31,700
Texas.....	145	145	6,244	136	2,445	3,458	110	15	118	109	178,365
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	3	3	43	2	11	18	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Pacific division:											
California.....	7	7	273	7	157	116	3	3	3	4	14,825

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	1,317	81	\$69,455	103	\$149,500	1,009	\$330,905	903	909	6,618	53,431
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	1					1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana.....	14	3	14,900	3	5,600	14	11,903	10	11	132	992
Illinois.....	70	5	2,560	6	9,500	53	17,113	52	53	472	3,404
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3			3	2,200	3	1,305	2	2	19	100
Missouri.....	178	8	2,840	9	8,300	112	41,454	101	102	809	5,496
South Atlantic division:											
Georgia.....	6			1	750	5	638	2	2	15	95
Florida.....	2					2	1,630	2	2	17	125
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	157	11	5,680	5	13,550	134	42,104	115	115	807	7,159
Tennessee.....	399	26	29,749	43	75,350	334	130,931	313	316	2,350	20,227
Alabama.....	78	3	1,875	4	4,000	61	13,750	57	57	355	3,161
Mississippi.....	42	2	670	1	2,000	26	5,707	24	24	131	1,063
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	142	6	2,211	6	3,625	114	15,495	94	94	628	4,783
Louisiana.....	17					13	1,531	8	8	45	285
Oklahoma.....	53	5	1,000	5	6,300	31	10,664	32	32	204	1,371
Texas.....	145	9	4,870	16	17,325	100	33,858	86	86	592	4,870
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	3					1	15	1	1	5	45
Pacific division:											
California.....	7	3	3,100	1	1,000	5	2,795	4	4	37	255



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**ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.**

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
<b>Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>\$69,455</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>\$149,500</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>\$330,905</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>53,431</b>
Amarillo.....	7			2	3,300	7	6,088	3	3	19	163
Austin.....	13	1	500	1	500	7	2,617	9	9	58	483
Bartholomew.....	17	2	311	1	700	14	2,866	5	5	32	273
Birmingham.....	6	2	1,175			6	2,837	6	6	45	407
Brownwood.....	9			2	2,100	3	699	5	5	29	230
California.....	3					1	39	1	1	7	70
Chattanooga.....	34			4	12,750	27	14,658	21	21	171	1,895
Cherokee.....	5	1	125	1	2,500	4	2,902	3	3	22	190
Chickasaw.....	12	1	150	1	600	5	1,535	5	5	60	313
Choctaw.....	20	2	525	2	2,600	8	346	15	15	54	321
Clarksville.....	41	3	2,050	9	10,650	27	7,974	24	24	149	1,245
Columbus.....	1					1	12				
Cookeville.....	23					17	2,269	15	16	94	788
Corsicana.....	7			1	1,200	7	3,250	6	6	49	408
Cumberland.....	31	3	905			19	5,231	17	17	107	839
Dallas-Bonham.....	12	1	1,300	1	125	11	3,287	10	10	68	676
Denton.....	12	1	750	1	2,000	8	2,683	7	7	50	366
East Tennessee.....	20			2	3,750	16	4,908	17	17	132	1,378
Elk.....	23	2	800	3	7,000	21	9,370	19	19	144	1,154
Ewing McLin.....	25	1	125	2	1,400	17	3,578	17	17	122	916
Florida.....	2					2	1,630	2	2	17	125
Fort Smith.....	13	1	350	2	1,300	11	1,353	11	11	78	721
Foster.....	16	1	2,200			12	4,678	13	13	112	786
Greer.....	10	1	200	1	600	8	3,911	5	5	33	243
Gregory.....	22	1	364	3	2,100	17	3,748	11	11	79	584
Hopewell.....	39	2	287			33	9,083	31	31	251	1,889
Illinois.....	10	1	10	1	500	7	958	6	6	49	368
Indiana.....	14	3	14,900	3	5,600	14	11,903	10	11	132	992
Iowa.....	3			3	2,200	3	1,305	2	2	19	100
Knoxville.....	28	3	9,236	3	3,600	24	10,076	21	21	153	1,713
Lebanon.....	36	5	6,980	3	7,000	31	17,151	32	32	264	2,211
Leitchfield.....	31			1	800	27	6,501	22	22	132	1,227
Lexington.....	53	3	900	5	5,000	29	8,576	27	27	209	1,346
Lincoln-Decatur.....	15	2	225	3	7,600	13	6,991	12	13	146	1,019
Little Rock Burrow.....	13			1	500	12	2,016	11	11	65	674
Logan.....	18	2	2,700			16	4,661	11	11	77	693
Los Angeles.....	1	1	550	1	1,000	1	1,026	1	1	14	105
Louisiana.....	15					11	986	7	7	38	252
McGee.....	29	1	750	1	1,000	13	5,796	12	12	78	567
McGready.....	17			1	1,200	15	2,392	12	12	62	556
McMinnville.....	20			5	6,800	16	2,872	15	15	82	688
Madison.....	43	4	6,500	1	400	36	17,948	32	33	232	1,994
Marshall.....	15	1	100	3	3,500	13	4,405	11	11	82	578
Mayfield.....	27	1	600			27	7,221	21	21	148	1,250
Memphis.....	17	1	2,500	4	3,150	16	4,769	14	14	106	935
Mississippi.....	13	1	70			5	490	7	7	36	264
Morrilton.....	23	2	1,280			18	1,902	17	17	129	1,014
Mound Prairie.....	20			2	1,125	17	1,945	11	11	53	394
New Hope.....	23	1	600	2	3,000	17	4,497	14	14	87	706
New Lebanon.....	18			1	800	11	12,158	10	10	131	791
Obion.....	46	3	685	5	16,250	43	21,313	44	44	399	2,989
Oklahoma.....	6					6	1,970	4	4	35	304
Owensboro.....	16	3	1,025	1	3,000	15	6,756	15	15	114	1,080
Ozark.....	21					16	3,788	12	12	100	625
Platte.....	20			1	1,000	13	3,891	11	11	79	593
Porter.....	29					21	1,330	22	22	158	1,131
Princeton.....	33	2	450	2	7,500	29	10,045	28	28	223	1,972
Richland.....	39	3	711	6	7,000	35	11,760	33	34	207	1,736
Robert Donnell.....	21			1	1,000	14	2,916	16	16	106	1,012
Roswell.....	4					1	15	1	1	5	45
Sangamon.....	4					4	908	4	4	43	315
Springfield.....	21	1	400	1	500	18	5,607	19	20	145	1,073
Springville.....	16	1	700			12	3,350	11	11	65	619
Sweetwater.....	12	1	1,200	1	500	7	1,485	4	4	26	260
Tallega.....	15			1	800	12	1,817	10	10	63	440
Texas-Green.....	18	1	53			12	2,353	12	12	74	686
Tulare.....	3	2	2,550			3	1,780	2	2	16	80
Weatherford.....	19	2	603	1	2,000	10	3,788	9	9	65	524
West Plains.....	8	1	140			4	223	5	5	36	190
West Prairie.....	15	3	920			15	2,559	10	10	63	472
White River.....	20					14	2,939	12	12	81	515
Yazoo.....	6					4	265	3	3	9	75

## COLORED CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

Before the Civil War it was estimated that there were about 20,000 Negro members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They belonged to the same congregations as the white people, and sat under the same pastors, though they had preachers of their own race, and often held separate meetings. These preachers, however, were not fully ordained and were practically little more than exhorters. With the close of the war and the changed conditions, these Negro members organized separate churches, and later sought a separate ecclesiastical organization. They were legally set apart by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in May, 1869, each synod being instructed to order the presbyteries in its bounds to ordain the Negro ministers under their charge and organize them into presbyteries of their own. Accordingly, in the fall of that year, three presbyteries, all in Tennessee, were set apart. The first synod organized was the Tennessee Synod, in 1871, at Fayetteville; and the first General Assembly was organized in 1874 at Nashville. The discussion and final action in regard to union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has not materially affected this body, which remains distinct.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church accepts in general the Westminster Confession of Faith, but emphasizes the following points: (1) There are no eternal reprobates; (2) Christ died not for a part only, but for all mankind; (3) all persons dying in infancy are saved through Christ and the sanctification of the Spirit; (4) the Spirit of God operates in the world coextensively with Christ's atonement, in such a manner as to leave all men inexcusable.

In polity the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in accord with other Presbyterian bodies, having the usual courts—session, presbytery, synod, and general assembly—and, as officers, bishops or pastors, ruling elders, and deacons.<sup>1</sup>

## WORK.

The general activities of the church are under the care of boards appointed by the General Assembly. The home missionary work is carried on in 8 states, and during the year 1916 there were 15 agents employed and 10 churches aided, at an expense to the church of \$726. No foreign missionary work is carried on.

<sup>1</sup> See Presbyterian bodies, p. 549.

The educational work of the church is represented by 1 school, with 250 pupils, and property valued at \$4,500. There is also 1 parochial school, with 18 pupils. The amount contributed for educational purposes during the year 1916 was \$11,269.

There is a Board of Ministerial Relief having charge of the superannuated ministers, widows, and orphans of the church, and a movement has been started for a permanent home for this department of church work. There is also a publishing plant valued at \$1,500. The Christian Endeavor and missionary societies number 100, with a membership of 800, and contribute for general missionary purposes about \$400 annually.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and synods and presbyteries, on pages 577 and 578, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	136	196	-60	-30.6
Members.....	13,077	18,066	-4,989	-27.6
Church edifices.....	132	195	-63	-32.3
Value of church property.....	\$230,426	\$203,778	\$26,648	13.1
Debt on church property.....	\$7,576	\$10,407	-\$2,831	-27.2
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	6	8	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$8,100	\$5,825	\$2,275	39.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	139	192	-53	-27.6
Officers and teachers.....	928	933	-5	-0.5
Scholars.....	7,471	6,952	519	7.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$11,995	\$2,950	\$9,045	306.6
Domestic.....	\$11,995	\$2,950	\$9,045	306.6
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The Colored Cumberland Presbyterian churches have apparently suffered during the decade from some of the influences that have operated against other Negro churches, and have lost somewhat heavily. Instead of 196 organizations reported in 1906, 136 were reported in 1916, showing a loss of 30.6 per cent. The membership fell from 18,066 to 13,077, or 27.6 per cent; the number of church edifices from 195 to 132, or 32.3 per cent; and Sunday schools from 192 to 139, or 27.6 per cent. There was an increase of 519, or 7.5 per cent, in Sunday school scholars, and the value of church property increased from \$203,778 in 1906 to \$230,426 in 1916, a gain of 13.1 per cent. The total debt on church property, however, fell from \$10,407 to \$7,576, a decrease of 27.2 per cent. Con-

tributions, entirely for domestic work, rose from \$2,950 to \$11,995.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$39,497, reported by 127 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 130 organizations in 1916, was 1,904, constituting 15 per cent of the 12,729 members re-

ported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 348 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,956.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 430. Schedules were received from 32 of these, showing 29 in pastoral work, with an average annual salary of \$410.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	136	136	13,077	136	5,536	7,541	129	2	132	130	\$230,426
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	2	2	170	2	80	90	2	.....	2	2	1,750
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	7	7	466	7	178	288	7	.....	7	7	26,525
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	9	9	1,270	9	565	705	9	.....	9	9	22,500
Tennessee.....	34	34	2,567	34	1,098	1,469	33	1	33	33	50,976
Alabama.....	72	72	7,859	72	3,313	4,546	67	.....	70	67	113,525
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	12	12	745	12	302	443	11	1	11	12	15,150

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	136	11	\$7,576	6	\$8,100	127	\$39,497	133	139	928	7,471
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	310	2	2	12	85
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	7	1	2,000	.....	.....	2	2,290	7	7	31	237
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	9	2	1,979	1	800	8	2,890	9	9	96	805
Tennessee.....	34	4	307	2	4,000	33	9,885	33	38	199	1,582
Alabama.....	72	2	1,840	3	3,300	70	21,504	71	72	514	4,227
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	12	2	1,450	.....	.....	12	2,618	11	11	76	535

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	136	136	13,077	136	5,536	7,541	129	2	132	130	\$230,426
Alabama Synod:											
Florence.....	18	18	1,508	18	657	851	16	.....	16	16	24,650
Huntsville.....	36	36	3,631	36	1,471	2,160	32	1	34	32	55,875
South Alabama.....	11	11	1,830	11	811	1,019	11	.....	12	11	21,500
Tuscaloosa and Pleasant Hill.....	9	9	985	9	411	574	9	.....	9	9	12,500
Kentucky Synod:											
Bowling Green.....	2	2	275	2	115	160	2	.....	2	2	5,000
Cumberland.....	1	1	330	1	150	180	1	.....	1	1	7,000
Purchase.....	8	8	835	8	380	455	8	.....	8	8	12,250
Tennessee Synod:											
Elk River.....	7	7	564	7	219	345	7	.....	7	7	12,000
Farmington.....	4	4	340	4	152	188	4	.....	4	4	7,500
Hiwassee.....	3	3	177	3	72	105	3	.....	3	3	5,850
Kansouri.....	7	7	466	7	178	288	7	.....	7	7	26,525
Middleton.....	7	7	370	7	171	199	7	.....	7	7	7,200
New Hope.....	3	3	223	3	93	135	3	.....	3	3	4,226
Walter Hopewell.....	8	8	793	8	354	439	8	.....	8	8	13,200
Texas Synod:											
Angelina.....	6	6	309	6	109	200	5	1	5	6	6,100
Brazos River.....	5	5	351	5	153	198	5	.....	5	5	8,250
East Texas.....	1	1	85	1	40	45	1	.....	1	1	800

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	136	11	\$7,576	6	\$8,100	127	\$39,497	133	139	928	7,471
Alabama Synod:											
Florence.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	3,235	17	17	100	925
Huntsville.....	36	3	1,870	3	3,300	35	10,506	36	37	264	1,877
South Alabama.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	5,300	11	11	97	995
Tuscaloosa and Pleasant Hill.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	2,790	9	9	70	525
Kentucky Synod:											
Bowling Green.....	2	1	250	.....	.....	1	400	2	2	23	175
Cumberland.....	1	1	1,729	.....	.....	1	500	1	1	10	180
Purchase.....	8	.....	.....	1	800	8	2,300	8	8	75	535
Tennessee Synod:											
Elk River.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2,530	7	7	35	345
Farmington.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,075	4	4	33	235
Hiwassee.....	3	2	267	.....	.....	3	445	3	7	20	121
Kansouri.....	7	1	2,000	.....	.....	2	2,290	7	7	31	237
Middleton.....	7	1	10	.....	.....	7	1,780	6	6	37	230
New Hope.....	3	.....	.....	1	2,500	3	463	3	4	17	104
Walter Hopewell.....	8	.....	.....	1	1,500	8	3,260	8	8	40	452
Texas Synod:											
Angelina.....	6	1	200	.....	.....	6	1,516	5	5	29	153
Brazos River.....	5	1	1,250	.....	.....	5	902	5	5	38	332
East Texas.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	1	1	9	50

## WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The movement in England led by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, which resulted in the organization of Methodism, included various factors. The Wesleys were Arminian in their type of theology; Whitefield was a Calvinist, and so were quite a number who, while in sympathy with the Methodist movement, held Calvinistic doctrine and preferred the Presbyterian form of church government. Among these were the members of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connection, with whom Whitefield was afterwards identified; but the largest community was the outcome of a revival in Wales. For a long time these Welsh churches sought to remain in the Church of England, but found that impracticable, and in 1811 formed a church, Calvinistic in theology, Presbyterian in polity, Methodist in its conception of spiritual life, and retaining the use of the Welsh language in its services. The organization was incomplete for a long time, the first ordination of ministers taking place in 1811, while the first General Assembly was not organized until 1864.

As Welsh communities were gathered in the United States, a church of this order was founded in 1824 at Remsen, N. Y., and a presbytery was organized 4 years later. Since then the denomination has grown as the Welsh immigration has increased, and has for the most part been confined to those communities where Welsh has been widely spoken. In 1892 a forward evangelical movement was begun, and in 3 years 6,000 people were gathered in congregations. The pressure of the development of American influences, however, has been felt, and the English language is fast gaining control in the services of the church.

During the past decade there has been some consideration of union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, but nothing definite has been accomplished. A campaign to raise \$100,000 for home and foreign missions proved successful.

## DOCTRINE.

The statement of doctrine is summed up in forty-four articles, formulated by three of the church's divines, under the direction of the Synod. These articles correspond in general to the Westminster Confession of the Presbyterian Church, and the Thirty-nine Articles of the Episcopal Church. They pass by in silence the subject of "eternal reprobation."

## POLITY.

The church organization is presbyterian, though it differs from that of other Presbyterian bodies in some minor details. The local church has as its officers the

pastor and deacons, the latter being laymen elected by the congregation, and taking the place of both elders and deacons in other Presbyterian churches. The pastor and deacons constitute the church court or session, receive members, inquire into their conduct, have power to admonish or suspend for offenses, make recommendations for ordination of licensed preachers, and elect representatives to the district meeting.

The district meeting, or presbytery, consists of the ministers and lay representatives from the churches within its limits. It has legislative authority on matters bearing directly and solely on the interest of churches, ministers, and members affiliated with it. It has power to entertain and decide appeals from the churches; to examine and license candidates for the ministry; to examine and recognize deacons, inquire into their conduct, and suspend for offenses; to remove pastors; to unite and divide congregations; and, in general, to care for the welfare of the local churches.

The synod is the highest legislative and judicial court of the denomination. In some states it meets semiannually; in others it meets annually. It is composed of ministerial and lay delegates elected by the district meetings within its limits. It hears and decides appeals from the district meetings; forms new districts; examines and ordains ministers; inquires into the characters of both ordained and unordained ministers, and suspends for offenses; decides all questions of doctrine and discipline; and exercises supervision over district meetings.

The General Assembly is a triennial body, and its function is not that of legislation as in other Presbyterian bodies, but that of general supervision of the work of the denomination at home and on the foreign field. It is composed of two ministerial and two lay representatives from the various state synods, together with their ex-moderators and clerks. It provides literature for the adherents of the body, appoints editors for its periodicals, provides grants for missionary work, and takes direct charge of the foreign field.

## WORK.

The missionary work is under the care of a general missionary society, composed of 1 member elected from each synod, and meets triennially. Its object is to give financial aid to weak churches, provide gospel services for Welshmen wherever found in the United States, and establish churches in Welsh-speaking communities. During 1916 there were 2 missionaries employed, 30 churches were aided, and the contributions amounted to \$4,577.

Up to the year 1904 the American church worked in conjunction with a foreign missionary board in Wales, but in that year severed its connection with



that board, deciding to take up a field of its own. The following year the district of Habiganj in South Sylhet, India, was allotted to it, where 2 stations are now occupied by 6 missionaries and 16 native helpers. The report for 1916 shows 1 organized church, with 20 members; 1 high school, with 91 pupils, and 5 day schools, with 300 pupils; 1 hospital, with 11,984 patients treated during the year; while 10 orphans were maintained in orphanages outside the denomination. The contributions for this work during 1916 were \$12,851, and there are endowments amounting to about \$50,000. A young people's society is connected with every church.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church for 1916 are given, by states and synods and presbyteries, on pages 581 and 582, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	135	147	-12	-8.2
Members.....	14,566	13,280	1,286	9.7
Church edifices.....	131	156	-25	-16.0
Value of church property.....	\$1,012,000	\$761,350	\$250,650	32.9
Debt on church property.....	\$44,938	\$27,425	\$17,513	63.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	33	34	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$81,500	\$66,916	\$14,584	21.8
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	127	138	-11	-8.0
Officers and teachers.....	1,446	1,681	-235	-14.0
Scholars.....	10,789	11,347	-558	-4.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$17,428	\$6,928	\$10,500	151.6
Domestic.....	\$4,577	\$3,478	\$1,099	31.6
Foreign.....	\$12,851	\$3,450	\$9,401	272.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The above table shows that there has been somewhat of a decrease in the number of organizations, church edifices, and Sunday schools, but an increase in membership, value of church property, debt on church property, value of parsonages, and contributions for missions and benevolences. The membership in 1916 was 14,566 as against 13,280 in 1906, showing a gain of 9.7 per cent; the value of church property rose from \$761,350 in 1906 to \$1,012,000 in 1916, or 32.9 per cent; and the debt in 1916, reported by 14 churches, was \$44,938 as against \$27,425, reported by 17 churches, in 1906. There

was a loss of 1 in churches reporting parsonages, but a gain in parsonage value from \$66,916 to \$81,500, or 21.8 per cent. Contributions for benevolences grew from \$6,928 to \$17,428, an increase of 151.6 per cent, the greater proportion being for foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$173,977, reported by 129 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 104 organizations in 1916, was 1,950, constituting 16.3 per cent of the 11,956 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 2,610 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 2,376.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 135 organizations, 13, with 426 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 98, with 11,921 members, reported services in Welsh in connection with English; and 24 organizations, with 2,219 members, used Welsh only. There has been a marked decrease in the use of Welsh, as 80 organizations used Welsh only in 1906.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 67. As shown by the following table, 54 sent in schedules, 47 of them reporting annual salaries averaging \$1,145.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	54	47	4	3	\$1,145
Illinois.....	2	2			1,600
Iowa.....	2	2			1,000
Kansas.....	1	1			
Minnesota.....	5	4		1	1,188
Missouri.....	1	1			
Nebraska.....	2	2			567
New York.....	7	6		1	1,098
Ohio.....	8	6	2		1,124
Pennsylvania.....	12	11	1		1,388
South Dakota.....	1	1			
Vermont.....	2	2			975
Washington.....	1	1			
Wisconsin.....	10	8	1	1	1,146

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	135	134	14,566	113	5,468	7,042	129	2	131	126	\$1,012,000
New England division:											
Vermont.....	6	6	591	6	248	343	6		6	6	21,700
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	17	17	1,955	17	850	1,105	17		17	17	192,500
Pennsylvania.....	22	22	3,779	22	1,584	2,195	22		22	22	286,900
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	21	21	2,338	14	648	869	21		21	20	163,950
Illinois.....	4	4	819	4	391	428	2	1	3	2	43,000
Wisconsin.....	35	34	2,543	23	633	881	33		34	31	166,200
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	13	13	1,155	13	545	610	13		13	13	68,200
Iowa.....	6	6	472	5	222	223	5		5	5	21,300
South Dakota.....	2	2	222	1	76	74	2		2	2	6,500
Nebraska.....	4	4	265	4	127	138	4		4	4	7,250
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	427	4	144	176	4	1	4	4	34,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, and Washington.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	135	14	\$44,938	33	\$81,500	129	\$173,977	127	127	1,446	10,789
New England division:											
Vermont.....	6	2	600	2	5,000	6	4,248	6	6	61	329
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	17	1	26,000	7	17,100	16	26,213	15	15	146	977
Pennsylvania.....	22	7	15,238	3	20,100	21	44,673	21	21	382	3,452
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	21			2	6,500	19	22,182	20	20	259	2,000
Illinois.....	4					4	10,671	4	4	43	345
Wisconsin.....	35	2	1,000	10	21,900	33	33,153	32	32	250	1,711
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	13	1	600	3	4,000	13	13,863	13	13	146	929
Iowa.....	6			3	4,000	6	7,601	6	6	55	333
South Dakota.....	2					2	1,501	2	2	22	148
Nebraska.....	4			3	2,900	4	3,978	3	3	32	243
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	1	1,500			5	5,894	5	5	50	322

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, and Washington.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Welsb Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	135	134	14,566	113	5,468	7,042	129	2	131	126	\$1,012,000
<b>Minnesota Synod:</b>											
First.....	11	11	820	11	388	432	11		11	11	37,200
Second.....	5	5	593	3	213	246	4		4	4	49,500
Third.....	2	2	222	1	76	74	2		2	2	6,500
<b>New York Synod:</b>											
Eastern New York and Vermont.....	8	8	1,056	8	461	595	8		8	8	40,200
New York City.....	1	1	341	1	126	215	1		1	1	86,000
Oneida.....	14	14	1,149	14	511	638	14		14	14	88,000
<b>Ohio Synod:</b>											
Jackson and Gallia.....	9	9	834	5	134	157	9		9	8	18,400
Northwestern.....	6	6	1,132	3	371	483	6		6	6	106,300
Pittsburg.....	9	9	769	9	329	440	9		9	9	95,650
<b>Pennsylvania Synod:</b>											
Northern.....	13	13	2,418	13	992	1,426	13		13	13	174,000
Southern.....	6	6	964	6	406	558	6		6	6	56,500
<b>Western Synod:</b>											
Eastern.....	4	4	278	4	142	136	3	1	3	3	15,800
Western.....	8	8	628	8	295	333	8		8	8	28,750
<b>Wisconsin Synod:</b>											
Dodgeville.....	4	4	184	4	68	116	3		4	3	10,000
La Crosse Valley.....	4	4	256	3	83	143	4		4	3	5,300
Waukesha.....	13	13	1,816	11	582	679	11	1	12	11	119,300
Welsh Prairie.....	18	17	1,106	9	291	371	17		17	16	74,600

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Welsb Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	135	14	\$44,938	33	\$81,500	129	\$173,977	127	127	1,446	10,789
<b>Minnesota Synod:</b>											
First.....	11			3	4,000	11	10,673	11	11	118	737
Second.....	5	2	2,100			5	8,040	5	5	53	351
Third.....	2					2	1,501	2	2	22	148
<b>New York Synod:</b>											
Eastern New York and Vermont.....	8	2	600	4	9,500	8	6,866	8	8	99	615
New York City.....	1	1	26,000			1	10,733	1	1	10	70
Oneida.....	14			5	12,600	13	12,862	12	12	98	621
<b>Ohio Synod:</b>											
Jackson and Gallia.....	9					9	5,294	9	9	111	774
Northwestern.....	6			2	6,500	5	11,724	6	6	98	866
Pittsburg.....	9	1	5,700	1	6,500	8	11,968	8	8	112	666
<b>Pennsylvania Synod:</b>											
Northern.....	13	4	7,438	1	10,600	13	27,443	13	13	254	2,500
Southern.....	6	2	2,100	1	3,000	5	10,426	5	5	66	646
<b>Western Synod:</b>											
Eastern.....	4			2	3,500	4	4,508	4	4	37	228
Western.....	8			4	3,400	8	8,115	7	7	75	511
<b>Wisconsin Synod:</b>											
Dodgeville.....	4	1	700	3	4,200	3	2,331	3	3	28	137
La Crosse Valley.....	4					3	522	3	3	18	137
Waukesha.....	13	1	300	2	7,000	13	22,236	12	12	109	787
Welsh Prairie.....	18			5	10,700	18	18,735	18	18	138	995

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

The most successful attempt at union of the different Presbyterian bodies in the United States which represent the Covenanter and Secession movements in Scotland, was that accomplished in 1858, when the greater part of the Associate Synod (Secession) and the Associate Reformed Synod (Secession and Covenanter) were brought together in the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in the city of Pittsburgh.<sup>1</sup> Whatever was distinctive in the views and usages of the two branches of the church, together with their colleges, seminaries, missionary enterprises, traditions, and records, became the inheritance of the United Church.

## DOCTRINE.

The United Presbyterian Church accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as its doctrinal standards, modifying somewhat the chapters on the power of civil magistrates. Accompanying these standards, as a part of the basis of the union, was a "judicial testimony," declaring the sense in which these symbols were received. This testimony, consisting of eighteen articles, contains the declarations of doctrine and order on which the United Presbyterian Church justifies its separation from other Presbyterian churches.

These eighteen articles affirm: The plenary inspiration of the Scriptures; the eternal sonship of Christ; the fall of man in Adam's transgression; man's present inability to secure salvation; atonement through the satisfaction of the justice of God by the sacrifice of Christ, who thereby placed himself in the room of a definite number chosen before the foundation of the world; the imputation of Christ's righteousness to the believer; the free and unconditional offer of salvation to all who hear it; the necessity of appropriation and persuasion, as well as of intellectual assent to the gospel, in order to saving faith; repentance as a fruit of justifying faith, not a ground of the sinner's pardon; obedience to the moral law as a perpetual obligation, but not a condition of salvation; the quickening, regenerating, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit; the headship of Christ, involving His dominion over the church and over all created things; the supremacy, in authority and obligations, of the law of God; that slaveholding is a violation of that law; that secret societies are inconsistent with the letter and spirit of Christianity; that the observance and offer of church communion should be limited to those keeping the ordinances; that public social covenanting is a moral duty; that the songs contained in the Book of Psalms should be used in public and private worship, to the exclusion of the devotional compositions of uninspired men.

<sup>1</sup> See Associate Synod of North America, p. 596, and Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, p. 602.

## POLITY.

In organization and government the church is in accord with other Presbyterian bodies, having the same courts—session, presbytery, synod, and general assembly—and observing the same general methods of baptism, admission to church membership, ordination to the ministry, etc.<sup>2</sup>

## WORK.

The activities of the church are conducted by boards under the immediate authority of the General Assembly. The home missionary work is carried on chiefly through 3 boards—home missions, freedmen's missions, and church extension. The report for 1916 shows 374 missionaries employed by these 3 departments; 345 churches aided; and contributions for the work amounting to \$295,914.

The foreign missionary work of the church is conducted in India, Egypt, and the Sudan, through its Board of Foreign Missions, located in Philadelphia. The report for 1916 shows 455 stations and outstations; 236 American missionaries and 1,449 native workers; 152 organized churches; 45,235 communicants; 393 Sunday schools, with 23,204 scholars; 398 schools of all grades, with 30,799 pupils, including 2 theological seminaries and 3 colleges, with 1,265 students; 17 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 118,552 patients; church property valued at \$2,071,000; and endowments amounting to \$120,948. The total amount contributed for work in the foreign field was \$373,296.

The educational work of the church in the United States is represented by 8 institutions of higher education, including 2 theological seminaries and 6 colleges, with a total of 2,260 students. For this work, \$116,753 was contributed during the year. The value of property devoted to educational purposes is estimated at \$1,300,000, and there are endowments amounting to \$1,934,571.

Under the head of philanthropic institutions in the United States, the report for 1916 shows 1 hospital, with 2,890 patients treated; 2 homes, with 177 inmates; property valued at \$500,000; and endowment amounting to \$45,000. The amount contributed to their support during the year was \$138,810.

The young people's denominational organization is known as the Young People's Christian Union, which in 1916 had 767 societies, with a membership of 24,924, and contributed \$32,254 for local expenses and missionary purposes. The Sunday schools contributed for the same purpose \$242,710. The Woman's Board works in close relation with the other boards of the church, reporting to the General Assembly annually.

<sup>2</sup> See Presbyterian bodies, p. 549.

The grand total of contributions for all purposes during the year 1916 amounted to \$3,185,691.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and synods and presbyteries, on pages 585 to 588, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	991	968	23	2.4
Members.....	160,726	130,342	30,384	23.3
Church edifices.....	986	984	2	0.2
Value of church property.....	\$13,543,213	\$10,760,208	\$2,783,005	25.9
Debt on church property.....	\$1,068,964	\$546,557	\$522,407	95.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	538	450	88	19.6
Value.....	\$1,701,625	\$1,155,750	\$545,875	47.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,019	991	28	2.8
Officers and teachers.....	15,160	12,841	2,319	18.1
Scholars.....	156,072	115,963	40,109	34.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$924,773	\$810,029	\$114,744	14.2
Domestic.....	\$551,477	\$443,865	\$107,612	24.2
Foreign.....	\$373,296	\$366,164	\$7,132	1.9

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased in every particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 991 as against 968 in 1906; the membership rose from 130,342 to 160,726, or 23.3 per cent; there was an increase of 2 in number of edifices; and an increase of 25.9 per cent in the value of church property. Debt on church property amounted in 1916 to \$1,068,964, reported by 225 organizations, as against \$546,557, reported by 151 organizations in 1906. Sunday schools increased 2.8 per cent, and the number of scholars rose from 115,963 to 156,072, or 34.6 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased \$114,744, or 14.2 per cent, the principal advance being for domestic work, chiefly educational.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures, and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,094,945, reported by 974 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 846 organizations in 1916, was 6,638, constituting 4.8 per cent of the 139,714 members re-

ported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 21,012 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 7,636.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 991 organizations, 975, with 159,906 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 1 organization, with 135 members, French only; and 3, with 99 members, used Italian only. One organization, with 70 members, used German and English; 1, with 104 members, Indian and English; and 10 organizations, with 412 members, Italian and English. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 1 in the number of foreign languages used and of 10 in the number of organizations reporting foreign languages.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 995. Schedules were received from 778, distributed, by states, in the table below:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	778	642	26	110	\$1,381
Alabama.....	2	1		1	600
Arkansas.....	3	2		1	800
California.....	31	24		7	1,314
Colorado.....	10	6	1	3	1,417
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Idaho.....	5	5			1,334
Illinois.....	53	45		8	1,302
Indiana.....	19	17		2	1,144
Iowa.....	64	55	1	8	1,235
Kansas.....	35	33	1	1	1,087
Kentucky.....	2		2		
Maryland.....	2	2			1,619
Massachusetts.....	12	12			1,506
Michigan.....	6	4	1	1	1,200
Missouri.....	9	8		1	1,500
Montana.....	1			1	
Nebraska.....	15	14		1	1,202
New Jersey.....	7	5	1	1	1,464
New York.....	57	47	2	8	1,251
North Carolina.....	5		3	2	
Ohio.....	109	90	1	18	1,285
Oklahoma.....	6	5		1	1,124
Oregon.....	10	6	2	2	1,020
Pennsylvania.....	258	215	8	35	1,618
Rhode Island.....	4	4			1,448
South Dakota.....	1	1			
Tennessee.....	5	1	2	2	1,000
Texas.....	6	4	1	1	1,225
Vermont.....	6	5		1	978
Virginia.....	1				
Washington.....	20	17		3	1,342
West Virginia.....	6	6			1,570
Wisconsin.....	6	5		1	1,126
Wyoming.....	1	1			

Of the 778 ministers, 668 were in pastoral work, 640 of them reporting annual salaries averaging \$1,381. Of the 110 not in pastoral work, 56 were on the retired list, 21 were engaged in educational and editorial work, 10 were in evangelistic and philanthropic work, and 11 in the general business of the denomination.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Presbyterian Church of North America .....	991	991	160,726	957	64,670	90,678	969	14	986	952	\$13,543,213
<b>New England division:</b>											
Vermont .....	7	7	582	7	240	342	7		7	7	32,200
Massachusetts .....	12	12	2,993	11	998	1,545	11	1	11	11	285,000
Rhode Island .....	5	5	1,036	5	417	619	4	1	4	5	54,100
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York .....	64	64	11,150	61	4,467	6,223	64		64	62	959,900
New Jersey .....	10	10	1,904	10	741	1,163	10		10	8	148,000
Pennsylvania .....	339	339	73,405	328	29,629	40,611	335	2	340	326	6,312,883
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio .....	146	146	21,613	140	8,843	12,175	143	1	144	142	1,840,400
Indiana .....	24	24	2,844	21	1,013	1,523	24		24	24	423,400
Illinois .....	66	66	9,782	65	3,899	5,720	66		67	66	530,000
Michigan .....	10	10	1,093	10	463	630	10		10	10	84,200
Wisconsin .....	6	6	630	6	259	371	6		6	6	24,500
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Iowa .....	79	79	9,588	77	4,054	5,477	79		80	77	697,750
Missouri .....	14	14	1,899	14	715	1,184	14		14	13	167,800
Nebraska .....	21	21	2,338	20	930	1,368	21		21	21	159,950
Kansas .....	47	47	4,995	47	2,026	2,969	45	2	46	45	237,050
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland .....	2	2	368	2	148	220	2		2	2	60,000
Virginia .....	2	2	224	2	70	154	1	1	1	1	8,000
West Virginia .....	7	7	1,196	6	475	690	6		7	6	178,500
North Carolina .....	3	3	249	3	92	157	2	1	2	2	9,500
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky .....	4	4	161	2	53	80	4		4	4	3,200
Tennessee .....	10	10	467	9	182	250	9	1	11	8	32,350
Alabama .....	5	5	468	5	195	273	4	1	5	4	7,830
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas .....	3	3	107	2	41	56	2		2	2	4,000
Oklahoma .....	7	7	414	7	173	241	7		7	7	83,000
Texas .....	11	11	435	11	199	236	9	1	9	9	35,100
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Idaho .....	5	5	381	5	178	203	5		5	4	29,500
Colorado .....	15	15	2,707	15	1,153	1,554	15		15	15	237,700
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington .....	22	22	2,124	21	807	1,281	20	1	20	21	266,400
Oregon .....	8	8	980	8	403	577	8		10	8	62,600
California .....	32	32	3,787	32	1,484	2,303	31	1	33	31	513,900
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	806	5	323	483	5		5	5	104,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	991	225	\$1,068,964	538	\$1,701,625	974	\$3,064,945	976	1,019	15,160	156,072
New England division:											
Vermont.....	7	2	1,800	6	9,200	7	10,612	7	7	79	517
Massachusetts.....	12	6	46,800	1	3,000	12	43,984	12	12	254	1,977
Rhode Island.....	5			2	10,000	5	12,094	5	5	89	922
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	64	14	74,800	40	116,900	64	233,190	64	66	1,010	10,116
New Jersey.....	10	5	31,800	1	5,000	10	31,942	10	11	228	2,571
Pennsylvania.....	339	86	616,320	142	547,600	335	1,472,301	334	348	6,015	67,961
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	146	32	122,863	75	235,900	143	360,752	144	151	2,105	20,219
Indiana.....	24	5	10,100	16	49,500	23	49,073	23	24	279	2,673
Illinois.....	66	11	13,250	52	167,050	66	174,119	66	68	993	9,369
Michigan.....	10	2	3,700	8	25,300	9	15,675	8	8	119	998
Wisconsin.....	6	1	300	5	13,000	6	11,247	6	6	75	584
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	79	9	12,016	66	194,440	77	207,629	79	81	956	8,970
Missouri.....	14	5	12,150	5	16,750	14	48,047	14	15	254	2,622
Nebraska.....	21	3	6,205	16	31,150	20	46,073	20	20	251	2,501
Kansas.....	47	3	18,050	36	71,250	46	94,317	45	50	611	5,284
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2					2	8,009	2	2	35	436
Virginia.....	2			1	7,000	2	1,400	2	2	19	454
West Virginia.....	7	3	28,700	3	9,500	6	30,590	7	8	91	980
North Carolina.....	3					3	1,641	3	3	26	632
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	4					3	1,078	4	5	30	577
Tennessee.....	10			3	3,600	10	5,550	10	12	94	1,183
Alabama.....	5			2	1,635	5	3,239	5	5	52	937
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	3	1	700	1	1,500	2	1,415	3	3	14	165
Oklahoma.....	7	2	560	6	14,100	6	6,224	7	7	70	724
Texas.....	11	3	5,750	5	18,950	11	6,412	9	9	69	531
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	5	3	3,625	3	9,500	5	6,556	5	5	70	491
Colorado.....	15	6	4,525	6	20,400	15	48,556	15	15	231	2,420
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	22	10	26,350	10	31,200	22	40,010	22	22	316	2,798
Oregon.....	8	2	4,000	8	26,700	8	18,581	8	10	148	1,480
California.....	32	9	20,350	16	50,300	32	89,280	32	34	508	3,994
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	2	4,250	3	11,200	5	15,349	5	5	69	986

<sup>1</sup>One organization each in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	991	991	160,726	957	64,670	90,678	969	14	986	952	\$13,543,213
<b>Synod of California:</b>											
Los Angeles.....	15	15	2,114	15	786	1,328	15	.....	17	15	321,600
San Francisco.....	17	17	1,673	17	698	975	16	1	16	16	192,300
<b>Synod of Columbia:</b>											
Idaho.....	5	6	367	5	172	195	5	.....	6	4	25,700
Oregon.....	7	7	930	7	385	544	7	.....	9	7	56,400
Puget Sound.....	15	15	1,436	14	678	822	14	1	14	15	155,700
Spokane.....	8	8	762	8	252	500	7	.....	7	7	120,700
<b>First Synod of the West:</b>											
Allegheny.....	38	38	11,257	38	4,790	6,467	38	.....	38	37	1,051,600
Beaver Valley.....	23	23	5,897	23	2,574	3,323	23	.....	24	23	399,555
Butler.....	29	29	4,697	29	2,087	2,610	29	.....	29	29	253,100
Cleveland.....	26	26	4,381	24	1,762	2,483	24	.....	24	24	494,900
Lake.....	24	24	3,698	24	1,484	2,214	24	.....	24	24	233,775
Mercer.....	16	16	3,118	14	977	1,298	16	.....	16	14	156,000
<b>Synod of Illinois:</b>											
Chicago.....	13	13	2,372	13	902	1,470	13	.....	13	13	199,600
Illinois, Central.....	7	7	578	7	231	347	7	.....	7	7	47,300
Illinois, Southern.....	26	26	3,742	25	1,581	2,151	25	.....	25	24	204,200
Monmouth.....	16	16	2,780	16	1,084	1,696	16	.....	16	16	148,100
Rock Island.....	13	13	1,409	12	507	739	13	.....	14	13	82,800
Wisconsin.....	6	6	630	6	259	371	6	.....	6	6	24,500
<b>Synod of Iowa:</b>											
Cedar Rapids.....	13	13	1,592	12	694	872	13	.....	13	12	131,800
College Springs.....	22	22	2,804	22	1,175	1,629	22	.....	22	22	169,700
Des Moines.....	25	25	2,746	25	1,164	1,582	25	.....	25	25	205,750
Iowa, Northwestern.....	4	4	246	4	102	144	4	.....	4	4	19,000
Keokuk.....	14	14	2,222	13	904	1,287	14	.....	15	13	185,500
Le Claire.....	6	6	571	6	251	320	6	.....	6	6	29,000
<b>Synod of Kansas:</b>											
Arkansas Valley.....	18	18	1,964	18	810	1,154	17	1	17	17	99,800
Concordia.....	7	7	450	7	200	250	7	.....	7	7	21,300
Garnett.....	10	10	967	10	362	605	10	.....	10	10	32,200
Kansas City.....	11	11	1,400	11	567	833	10	1	10	10	47,000
Oklahoma.....	7	7	414	7	173	241	7	.....	7	7	33,000
Pittsburg.....	6	6	553	6	198	355	6	.....	7	6	55,550
Texas.....	11	11	435	11	199	236	9	1	9	9	35,100
<b>Synod of Nebraska:</b>											
Colorado.....	12	12	2,638	12	1,130	1,508	12	.....	12	12	228,500
Omaha.....	12	12	1,361	11	525	796	12	.....	12	12	101,750
Pawnee.....	10	10	1,167	10	490	677	10	.....	10	10	60,700
Uncompahgre.....	4	4	219	4	93	126	4	.....	4	4	14,200
<b>Synod of New York:</b>											
Albany.....	9	9	1,716	9	719	997	9	.....	9	9	146,200
Argyle.....	13	13	2,168	13	916	1,252	13	.....	13	12	120,000
Boston.....	17	17	4,029	16	1,415	2,164	15	2	15	16	339,100
Caledonia.....	15	15	2,990	13	1,093	1,512	15	.....	15	15	232,500
Delaware.....	16	16	2,525	16	1,088	1,437	16	.....	16	15	67,200
Hudson.....	6	6	812	5	270	467	6	.....	6	6	276,000
New Jersey.....	9	9	1,824	9	711	1,113	9	.....	9	7	136,000
New York.....	7	7	1,249	7	491	758	7	.....	7	7	151,000
Philadelphia.....	27	27	7,019	27	2,840	4,179	27	.....	27	27	915,700
Vermont.....	7	7	582	7	240	342	7	.....	7	7	32,200
<b>Synod of Ohio:</b>											
Detroit.....	9	9	1,081	9	435	596	9	.....	9	9	82,200
Mansfield.....	11	11	1,285	11	571	714	11	.....	11	11	102,100
Muskingum.....	27	27	4,258	26	1,836	2,378	27	.....	28	26	208,000
Steubenville.....	22	22	3,201	19	1,209	1,577	22	.....	22	22	277,800
Wheeling.....	19	19	2,889	19	1,180	1,709	19	.....	19	19	326,300
<b>Synod of Pittsburgh-Pennsylvania:</b>											
Big Spring.....	12	12	1,148	12	446	702	12	.....	12	12	79,600
Brookville.....	13	13	1,052	13	445	607	13	.....	13	13	35,000
Chartiers.....	22	22	6,848	21	2,384	3,270	22	.....	23	22	354,330
Conemaugh.....	25	25	3,164	25	1,297	1,867	24	1	24	21	204,800
Frankfort.....	19	19	1,746	18	769	946	18	.....	18	18	115,800
Kiskiminetas.....	13	13	2,097	12	892	1,165	12	.....	12	12	126,500
Monongahela.....	47	47	16,430	45	6,638	9,283	47	.....	48	45	2,040,623
Westmoreland.....	35	35	6,827	30	2,233	3,015	33	1	35	32	457,500
<b>Second Synod:</b>											
Indiana.....	15	15	1,906	13	683	1,049	15	.....	15	15	163,700
Indiana, Northern.....	6	6	567	5	195	238	6	.....	6	6	21,700
Ohio, First.....	31	31	3,079	28	1,204	1,812	31	.....	33	31	416,750
Sidney.....	13	13	1,715	13	675	1,040	13	.....	13	13	152,400
Tennessee.....	15	15	1,281	15	509	772	11	4	12	10	44,430
Xenia.....	15	15	2,708	15	1,139	1,569	14	1	15	14	279,100



## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	991	225	\$1,068,964	538	\$1,701,625	974	\$3,094,945	976	1,019	15,160	156,072
<b>Synod of California:</b>											
Los Angeles.....	15	6	13,400	6	22,000	15	52,267	15	16	255	2,198
San Francisco.....	17	3	6,950	10	28,300	17	37,013	17	18	253	1,796
<b>Synod of Columbia:</b>											
Idaho.....	5	2	2,125	3	10,300	5	6,624	5	5	64	431
Oregon.....	7	2	4,000	7	22,900	7	17,213	7	9	138	1,430
Puget Sound.....	15	6	6,650	6	17,200	15	24,210	15	15	183	1,834
Spokane.....	8	5	21,200	5	17,000	8	17,100	8	8	149	1,074
<b>First Synod of the West:</b>											
Allegheny.....	38	16	147,642	13	52,000	38	282,743	38	38	933	9,341
Beaver Valley.....	23	4	37,800	10	31,700	23	93,001	23	24	469	5,643
Butler.....	29	4	23,500	12	38,900	29	62,610	29	30	420	3,859
Cleveland.....	26	15	75,825	7	35,500	24	94,393	26	27	485	5,210
Lake.....	24	4	16,780	13	43,900	24	39,394	23	23	273	2,763
Mercer.....	16	2	1,425	5	19,000	16	41,876	16	17	286	3,563
<b>Synod of Illinois:</b>											
Chicago.....	13	7	15,700	10	43,000	13	48,871	13	14	278	2,938
Illinois, Central.....	7	1	2,500	5	15,500	7	17,695	7	7	83	707
Illinois, Southern.....	26	6	9,550	13	21,550	25	51,999	26	27	375	3,657
Monmouth.....	16			15	57,500	16	55,225	16	16	258	2,602
Rock Island.....	13	2	586	12	37,800	13	25,105	13	14	155	1,307
Wisconsin.....	6	1	300	5	13,000	6	11,247	6	6	75	584
<b>Synod of Iowa:</b>											
Cedar Rapids.....	13	1	3,800	11	34,100	12	32,577	13	15	172	1,708
College Springs.....	22	3	2,750	18	50,100	22	62,860	22	23	260	2,566
Des Moines.....	25	3	1,400	19	53,900	25	68,310	25	25	284	2,764
Iowa, Northwestern.....	4			4	9,740	4	5,527	4	4	41	261
Keokuk.....	14	2	5,130	11	45,500	13	49,279	14	14	204	1,886
Le Claire.....	6			6	13,000	6	11,216	6	6	64	503
<b>Synod of Kansas:</b>											
Arkansas Valley.....	18	2	1,050	14	26,000	18	41,470	18	18	222	2,020
Concordia.....	7			5	10,400	7	7,333	7	7	80	519
Garnett.....	10			8	17,200	9	16,171	9	9	104	838
Kansas City.....	11			8	16,150	11	21,374	10	10	164	1,321
Oklahoma.....	7	2	560	6	14,100	6	6,224	7	7	70	724
Pittsburg.....	6	3	20,300	2	3,750	6	13,940	6	11	101	963
Texas.....	11	3	5,750	5	18,950	11	6,412	9	9	69	531
<b>Synod of Nebraska:</b>											
Colorado.....	12	3	3,475	7	23,400	12	44,160	12	12	211	2,323
Omaha.....	12	2	5,500	8	13,700	11	28,479	11	11	135	1,385
Pawnee.....	10	1	705	9	19,450	10	19,744	10	10	135	1,326
Uncompahgre.....	4	3	1,050			4	6,725	4	4	35	247
<b>Synod of New York:</b>											
Albany.....	9	1	11,000	7	22,500	9	30,212	9	10	152	1,504
Argyle.....	13	1	550	11	29,200	13	36,982	13	13	188	1,663
Boston.....	17	6	46,800	3	13,000	17	56,078	17	17	343	2,899
Caledonia.....	15	3	17,800	7	17,100	15	68,033	15	15	248	2,736
Delaware.....	16	1	500	13	30,600	16	34,470	16	17	212	1,908
Hudson.....	6	4	22,500	2	17,500	6	45,944	6	6	86	790
New Jersey.....	9	5	31,800	1	5,000	9	31,487	9	10	218	2,520
New York.....	7	4	22,450	1	5,000	7	22,007	7	7	156	1,746
Philadelphia.....	27	18	151,350	9	71,000	27	142,888	27	27	597	7,864
Vermont.....	7	2	1,800	6	9,200	7	10,612	7	7	79	517
<b>Synod of Ohio:</b>											
Detroit.....	9	2	3,700	8	25,300	8	14,875	7	7	114	952
Mansfield.....	11			9	26,800	11	20,222	11	12	143	1,165
Muskingum.....	27	1	300	10	24,750	27	48,819	27	29	363	3,533
Steubenville.....	22	3	11,500	12	48,500	22	56,477	21	22	297	2,656
Wheeling.....	19	6	28,100	8	19,500	18	50,737	18	20	238	2,194
<b>Synod of Pittsburgh-Pennsylvania:</b>											
Big Spring.....	12	1	1,000	7	15,700	12	18,658	12	12	139	1,098
Brookville.....	13			4	10,000	13	12,124	11	11	109	871
Chartiers.....	22	6	11,200	13	59,600	22	104,743	22	26	438	6,390
Conemaugh.....	25	3	21,008	10	20,100	22	44,600	25	25	290	2,684
Frankfort.....	19	1	1,600	8	25,000	18	28,234	19	20	217	1,600
Kiskiminetas.....	13	1	800	6	24,500	13	29,321	13	13	177	1,821
Monongahela.....	47	19	161,940	13	60,800	47	467,943	47	49	1,152	14,947
Westmoreland.....	35	9	44,525	19	75,400	34	118,345	33	38	563	6,497
<b>Second Synod:</b>											
Indiana.....	15	2	1,500	10	37,000	15	30,799	15	15	187	1,712
Indiana, Northern.....	6	1	1,000	5	9,500	5	9,371	5	5	54	413
Ohio, First.....	31	3	4,638	18	46,500	30	55,535	31	35	374	3,966
Sidney.....	13	2	500	5	17,000	13	24,983	13	13	172	1,648
Tennessee.....	15			5	11,435	15	10,115	15	15	141	2,741
Xenia.....	15	5	30,700	10	27,650	15	49,944	15	15	230	2,215

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

## HISTORY.

Previous to the Civil War the Presbyterian churches in the United States held widely different positions in regard to slavery. The larger denominations did not take positive ground, but left local bodies free to act as they judged best. Some of the smaller and stricter churches, however, were stringent in their rules, and even went so far as to exclude slaveholders from their communion. As early as 1818 the General Assembly expressed itself very strongly in denunciation of slavery, but at the same time recommended consideration toward those so circumstanced as to be unable to carry out the full recommendation of the church. After the separation between the "Old School" and the "New School," the latter was more aggressive, and the New School Assembly, in 1853, called upon its southern presbyteries to report "the real facts in relation to this subject." The result was that several synods and presbyteries, mostly in the border states, seceded and, in 1858, formed the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

When the Civil War broke out, the Old School General Assembly, in session in Philadelphia, through what were known as the "Spring resolutions," pledged its whole constituency to the support of the Federal Government in the contest which was then beginning. The southern churches which were connected with the assembly took the ground that this action violated the constitution of the church, in that it assumed to decide a disputed political question, and would inevitably introduce the strife and rancor of political discussion into the church courts. There was also a deep-seated conviction that the difference of opinion as to the status of slavery was radical and irreconcilable. The great majority of the northern churches, whether or not they gave formal expression to their belief, regarded slavery as sinful. The southern churches refused absolutely to "make slaveholding a sin or nonslaveholding a term [condition] of communion." Accordingly 47 presbyteries formally withdrew from connection with the Old School General Assembly, and their commissioners met in Augusta, Ga., December 4, 1861, and organized the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America.

In 1864 the United Synod and the General Assembly of the Confederate States came together, and in the following year adopted the name "The Presbyterian Church in the United States." This united church was further enlarged by the accession of several bodies which had proclaimed themselves independent of the Northern Assembly, in protest against any political action by an ecclesiastical body. Of these, the largest were the Synod of Kentucky, which joined

in 1869, and the Synod of Missouri, which joined in 1874.

As the discussions connected with the Civil War subsided, fraternal relations were established with the northern churches, in 1882, and in 1888 the two General Assemblies held a joint meeting in Philadelphia in celebration of the centenary of the adoption of the constitution of the church. In 1897 they also united in celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Westminster Assembly, which formulated the Confession of Faith and Catechism of the Church.

Various efforts have been made to bring together these two great sections of the Presbyterian Church. As yet, however, they have not been successful, owing partly to differences in doctrinal emphasis and church conduct, but chiefly to diversity in community and church life. The northern churches make no distinction between white and Negro; the southern churches have adopted a policy of separation, being moved thereto by the conviction that the best development of the Negroes would be secured by the increased responsibility thus laid upon them, and by apprehension that social embarrassment might result from ecclesiastical relations. So far as may be, the Negro members are organized into separate congregations, and these into separate presbyteries, with reference to an ultimate Colored Presbyterian Church. An independent synod was thus set off by the assembly in 1897, but two presbyteries, composed exclusively of Negroes, owing to remoteness, remained as constituent parts of the synods in whose bounds they are located. However, in 1916, the General Assembly constituted these and two other Negro presbyteries existing within its territory into a synod composed exclusively of Negro ministers and members, yet being a constituent part of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrinal matters the church is strictly Calvinistic, adheres closely to the standards, and, while allowing liberty of dissent in minor matters, requires strict creed subscription from all its ministers and office bearers. It particularly excludes from its courts all discussion of political questions, holds to the plenary inspiration of the Bible, and has not abated faith in its inerrancy. It claims that the Scriptures forbid women the public expounding of God's Word, or other functions pertaining to an ordained minister, but admits their services in other lines of Christian work.

In polity the principal distinctive feature is the recognition of ruling elders as entitled to deliver the charge in the installation of a pastor and to serve as moderators of any of the higher courts.

## WORK.

The activities of the church are under the care of executive committees appointed annually by the General Assembly and directly responsible to it. The home missionary work is conducted in part by such an executive committee and in part by the presbyteries. The executive committee aids the weaker presbyteries and conducts new work on the frontier, in the mountains, and among foreigners and Negroes. Its aid includes assistance, not merely in the conduct of services, but in the erection of churches and manses. The committee also conducts schools for the Indian tribes in Oklahoma, for the whites in the Appalachian Mountains, and for immigrant children. In the conduct of the local work, appropriations are made by the executive committee to the presbyteries, not to the specific field or the missionaries to be aided, thus securing presbyterial control of the entire work.

The assembly's executive committee in 1917 aided 630 missionaries and 650 churches, and received contributions amounting to \$632,637. This takes no account of the 220 ministers and as many churches aided directly by the presbyteries, or of the many individual contributions through other channels, but it does include the amount expended by the presbyteries for local work.

The foreign missionary work is under the care of the executive committee, and is carried on in Africa, Brazil, China, Cuba, Japan, Korea, and Mexico. The report for 1916 shows 55 stations and 642 outstations, occupied by 377 American missionaries and 894 native helpers; 160 churches, with 38,169 members; 556 schools, with 23,600 pupils; 33 hospitals and dispensaries, treating during the year 110,498 patients; 1 home, with 140 inmates; property valued at \$810,132; and endowments amounting to \$299,303. The amount of contributions for the foreign work was \$586,544.

The educational interests of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are represented by 6 theological seminaries, of which 1 is for Negroes; 17 colleges of higher grade, and 1 affiliated college; 10 junior colleges; 21 preparatory schools; 15 elementary schools; and 11 orphans' homes and schools; with a total of 8,724 scholars and students. Of these schools and colleges, 38 are governed by the synods, 30 by presbyteries, and 13 by the assembly's home missionary committee.

The value of school property is estimated at \$7,196,914, besides an endowment of \$4,130,152. The contributions in 1916 for educational purposes amounted to \$826,804.

The philanthropic work of the church in 1916 included 11 orphanages, with 1,029 inmates; 3 hospitals, in which 1,565 patients were treated; and 1 training

school for nurses. The orphanages are owned and controlled by the synods in whose territory they are located. They have property valued at \$842,000 and endowments amounting to \$211,000. The contributions for the support of these institutions included \$111,000 for the orphanages, \$4,000 for the hospitals, and \$6,000 for the nurses' training school.

The young people's societies, generally called Westminster Leagues, with Covenanter companies for boys and Miriam chapters for girls, number 1,490, with 36,082 members. There are also 2,603 women's societies for church work, with 68,259 members. The women's societies raised for general church purposes in 1916 the sum of \$500,200; the Westminster Leagues, \$38,318; and the Sunday schools, \$361,274.

The General Assembly in 1906 authorized the organization of societies composed of men, to be known as Presbyterian brotherhoods, for the purpose of stimulating a more active interest among men in the work and services of the church.

Through the Executive Committee of Ministerial Relief, the church aids in the support of aged or infirm ministers. The amount contributed in 1916 to this cause was \$207,737, and the endowment fund now amounts to \$543,652. Aid was given in 1916 to 80 ministers, 158 widows, and 25 orphans. For Sabbath school extension and publication there was raised \$41,781, and for the Bible cause \$12,444.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for 1916 are given, by states and synods and presbyteries, on pages 592 to 595; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 is shown on the opposite page.

The denomination shows an increase in each particular. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 3,368 as against 3,104 in 1906, a gain of 8.5 per cent, and the membership 357,769 as against 266,345, a gain of 34.3 per cent. The number of church edifices also increased by 309, or 10.3 per cent, and the number of churches reporting parsonages by 170, or 18 per cent. The total value of church property advanced from \$15,488,489 in 1906 to \$23,924,915 in 1916, showing a gain of 54.5 per cent. While the debt on church property advanced in greater proportion, showing an increase of 144.7 per cent, the number of organizations reporting debt in 1916 was 424 as against 239 in 1906. The number of Sunday schools increased from 2,699 to 3,273, or 21.3 per cent, and the scholars from 189,767 to 313,165, or 65 per cent. Contributions for missions and

benevolences increased from \$1,214,438 to \$2,166,985, a gain of 78.4 per cent, the greater proportional increase being for the foreign work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	3,368	3,104	264	8.5
Members.....	357,769	266,345	91,424	34.3
Church edifices.....	3,321	3,012	309	10.3
Value of church property.....	\$23,924,915	\$15,488,489	\$8,436,426	54.5
Debt on church property.....	\$1,319,344	\$539,111	\$780,233	144.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1,112	942	170	18.0
Value.....	\$3,782,057	\$2,598,485	\$1,183,572	45.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	3,273	2,699	574	21.3
Officers and teachers.....	32,312	24,327	7,985	32.8
Scholars.....	313,165	189,767	123,398	65.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$2,166,985	\$1,214,438	\$952,547	78.4
Domestic.....	\$1,580,441	\$948,120	\$632,321	66.7
Foreign.....	\$586,544	\$266,318	\$320,226	120.2

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$5,809,909 were reported by 3,101 organizations and cover all expenses and items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 2,564 organizations in 1916, was 17,221, constituting 5.9 per cent of the 292,660 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 65,109 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 21,052.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 3,368 organizations, 3,327, with 353,689 members, reported services conducted in English only; 9, with 2,451 members, reported services in foreign languages and English; and 32, with 1,629

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 6, principally Spanish, which was used by 21 organizations, with 1,208 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 1 in the number of foreign languages reported and of 10 in the number of organizations using foreign languages.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 1,820. Schedules were received from 1,388, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,388	1,098	83	207	\$1,351
Alabama.....	74	52	16	6	1,450
Arkansas.....	44	33	7	4	1,489
District of Columbia.....	2	1		1	1,500
Florida.....	51	35	10	6	1,425
Georgia.....	113	84	12	17	1,452
Illinois.....	1			1	
Indiana.....	2	2			950
Kentucky.....	79	65	3	11	1,362
Louisiana.....	44	38	3	3	1,549
Maryland.....	9	7	1	1	1,850
Michigan.....	1			1	
Mississippi.....	73	61	3	9	1,297
Missouri.....	67	59	1	7	1,411
New Jersey.....	1			1	
New Mexico.....	1	1			
New York.....	2			2	
North Carolina.....	205	156	4	45	1,247
Oklahoma.....	28	25	1	2	1,131
South Carolina.....	112	91	9	12	1,385
Tennessee.....	80	63	3	14	1,437
Texas.....	151	124	3	24	1,369
Virginia.....	189	152	5	32	1,238
Washington.....	1			1	
West Virginia.....	58	49	2	7	1,277

Of the 1,388 ministers reporting, 1,181 were in pastoral work and 207 not in pastoral work. Annual salaries averaging \$1,351 were reported by 1,091 pastors. There were also 62 supplies or assistants, etc., while 21 reported other occupations. Of those not in pastoral work, 27 were engaged in general denominational work, 69 were on the retired list, and 100 were in educational and editorial or general evangelistic work.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Presbyterian Church in the United States.	3,368	3,365	357,769	2,916	130,633	186,188	3,050	65	3,321	3,041	\$23,924,915
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	140	140	17,435	111	6,015	9,329	134	2	142	134	1,365,350
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	13	13	1,580	11	575	868	13		14	13	213,500
District of Columbia.....	2	2	597	2	205	392			2	2	77,000
Virginia.....	373	373	49,186	333	18,662	26,305	353	9	437	352	3,077,250
West Virginia.....	137	137	15,705	127	5,255	8,430	128	2	153	126	970,615
North Carolina.....	518	518	57,836	467	23,456	30,559	482	8	515	481	3,505,615
South Carolina.....	288	288	30,041	228	10,302	13,421	273	4	285	273	1,949,833
Georgia.....	230	230	25,181	216	9,723	14,006	221	3	238	221	2,138,600
Florida.....	111	111	10,170	97	3,790	5,909	96	4	101	95	652,305
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	162	162	22,242	145	8,062	12,055	154	1	167	153	1,632,856
Tennessee.....	201	200	25,606	164	8,310	12,461	190		200	189	1,753,050
Alabama.....	220	220	20,428	192	6,826	9,928	211	3	221	210	1,288,900
Mississippi.....	266	266	19,758	196	6,642	9,224	231	4	242	228	939,050
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	116	116	10,762	113	4,425	6,251	114	1	120	113	740,375
Louisiana.....	97	97	9,636	92	3,519	5,326	89	3	101	89	789,850
Oklahoma.....	67	67	3,396	48	1,019	1,532	46		47	46	139,672
Texas.....	420	420	37,900	368	13,721	20,023	310	21	333	313	2,671,894
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	7	7	310	6	128	189	3		3	3	19,200

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Presbyterian Church in the United States.	3,368	424	\$1,319,344	1,112	\$3,782,057	3,101	\$5,809,909	2,744	3,273	32,312	313,165
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	140	14	105,209	53	154,800	131	292,356	115	128	1,477	13,075
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	13	1	500	10	54,500	12	44,283	12	15	141	1,192
District of Columbia.....	2	1	25,000	1	9,500	2	23,356	2	2	42	376
Virginia.....	373	53	183,824	156	528,200	359	761,318	335	490	4,669	47,100
West Virginia.....	137	20	70,413	51	194,550	130	229,858	116	180	1,658	16,861
North Carolina.....	518	72	107,347	156	535,350	499	949,346	452	550	4,897	51,779
South Carolina.....	288	20	78,040	96	281,700	274	421,912	239	259	2,565	24,747
Georgia.....	230	26	62,862	80	336,050	220	421,459	196	212	2,398	22,381
Florida.....	111	18	37,950	37	134,400	98	209,962	86	98	951	10,142
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	162	20	96,530	71	273,400	152	381,546	137	161	1,715	17,185
Tennessee.....	201	19	100,959	68	257,250	185	420,862	173	191	2,261	20,766
Alabama.....	220	31	101,155	62	193,200	203	253,944	174	191	1,802	17,346
Mississippi.....	266	20	40,635	73	212,050	228	225,525	189	204	1,677	13,857
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	116	21	39,412	42	109,700	108	240,996	97	103	1,031	9,378
Louisiana.....	97	19	93,166	31	119,550	95	173,538	79	97	936	9,013
Oklahoma.....	67	14	14,931	16	25,150	60	46,545	50	51	421	3,776
Texas.....	420	52	159,061	107	359,007	339	708,647	287	336	3,630	33,876
Mountain division:											
New Mexico.....	7	3	2,350	2	3,700	6	4,456	5	5	41	315

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Presbyterian Church in the United States.	3,368	3,365	357,769	2,916	130,633	186,188	3,050	65	3,321	3,041	\$23,924,915
Synod of Alabama:											
Central Alabama.....	11	11	436	11	181	255	11		11	11	13,175
East Alabama.....	57	57	5,002	35	1,424	1,886	52		56	51	269,900
Mobile.....	22	22	2,508	22	873	1,635	22		22	22	195,500
North Alabama.....	70	70	8,311	64	2,549	3,780	68	1	69	68	567,675
Tuscaloosa.....	59	59	4,141	59	1,789	2,352	57	2	62	57	241,650
Synod of Appalachia:											
Abingdon.....	54	54	4,986	46	1,982	2,592	46	5	47	46	295,000
Asheville.....	29	29	2,384	19	776	1,345	29		32	28	173,400
Holston.....	44	44	3,511	34	870	1,180	41		44	41	167,420
Knoxville.....	35	35	4,854	31	1,571	2,729	34		34	34	371,950
Synod of Arkansas:											
Arkansas.....	35	35	3,635	35	1,342	2,293	35		35	35	257,150
Ouachita.....	41	41	3,380	40	1,468	1,870	40	1	42	40	216,525
Pine Bluff.....	28	28	2,524	27	1,149	1,345	27		29	26	177,900
Washburn.....	12	12	1,223	11	466	743	12		14	12	88,800
Synod of Florida:											
Florida.....	30	30	2,573	23	894	1,392	27	2	29	26	100,105
St. Johns.....	43	43	3,773	39	1,450	2,305	35	2	38	35	284,250
Suwanee.....	38	38	3,824	35	1,446	2,212	34		34	34	287,950
Synod of Georgia:											
Athens.....	34	34	2,756	34	1,151	1,605	34		36	34	386,250
Atlanta.....	66	66	9,977	55	3,700	5,408	65		71	65	781,500
Augusta.....	25	25	2,561	25	1,081	1,480	23	1	25	23	178,100
Cherokee.....	33	33	3,136	33	1,287	1,849	32		35	32	151,500
Macon.....	44	44	4,142	43	1,491	2,101	41	2	45	41	436,850
Savannah.....	29	29	2,639	27	1,023	1,583	27		27	27	205,400
Synod of Kentucky:											
Ebenezer.....	26	26	2,850	23	1,011	1,689	25		26	25	200,606
Louisville.....	44	44	7,827	42	2,562	3,911	42		49	42	633,300
Muhlenburg.....	18	18	1,777	18	664	1,113	17		18	16	109,650
Paducah.....	11	11	1,706	6	613	959	11		12	11	192,000
Transylvania.....	22	22	3,227	21	1,249	1,763	22		22	22	177,500
West Lexington.....	35	35	4,247	30	1,774	2,338	32		35	32	285,100
Synod of Louisiana:											
Louisiana.....	24	24	2,105	23	858	1,239	23		30	23	119,600
New Orleans.....	39	39	5,064	36	1,692	2,622	35	1	40	35	524,750
Red River.....	32	32	2,437	31	961	1,443	29	2	29	29	143,650
Synod of Mississippi:											
Central Mississippi.....	66	66	5,379	56	2,076	2,781	61		63	61	328,900
East Mississippi.....	49	49	3,697	43	1,513	1,950	43		45	40	121,950
Ethel.....	17	17	400	5	38	52	14		14	14	7,300
Meridian.....	63	63	4,843	40	1,417	2,023	55		58	55	197,600
Mississippi.....	34	34	2,879	29	915	1,335	32		35	32	154,800
North Mississippi.....	39	39	2,590	25	691	1,105	28	4	29	28	130,350
Synod of Missouri:											
Lafayette.....	31	31	3,072	22	889	1,409	31		32	31	181,050
Missouri.....	27	27	2,830	16	839	1,354	26		26	26	147,500
Palmyra.....	17	17	1,650	17	656	994	15	1	15	15	63,750
Potosi.....	24	24	2,536	20	892	1,279	21	1	24	21	162,200
St. Louis.....	21	21	2,854	18	976	1,742	21		22	21	474,550
Upper Missouri.....	20	20	4,493	18	1,763	2,551	20		23	20	336,300
Synod of North Carolina:											
Albemarle.....	50	50	4,456	50	1,928	2,528	44	2	47	45	279,100
Concord.....	62	62	8,258	62	3,661	4,597	61	1	64	61	330,750
Fayetteville.....	118	118	12,966	112	5,158	6,617	107	2	114	107	399,345
Kings Mountain.....	42	42	3,693	37	1,415	1,899	40		40	40	155,200
Mecklenburg.....	65	65	10,342	49	4,111	4,943	55	1	58	54	1,016,850
Orange.....	78	78	9,209	71	3,731	5,062	76	2	83	76	713,700
Wilmington.....	57	57	5,916	54	2,466	3,238	55		62	55	416,750
Synod of Oklahoma:											
Durant.....	27	27	1,515	21	403	654	18		18	18	59,500
Indian.....	19	19	573	11	124	172	9		9	9	5,072
Mangum.....	21	21	1,308	16	492	706	19		20	19	75,100
Synod of South Carolina:											
Bethel.....	47	47	6,423	27	1,564	1,956	47		51	47	225,300
Charleston.....	26	26	2,019	21	584	1,005	24		24	23	251,900
Congaree.....	27	27	2,817	21	1,048	1,357	23	1	25	23	224,550
Enoree.....	40	40	4,946	33	1,835	2,454	34	3	35	35	363,793
Harmony.....	31	31	3,176	26	1,070	1,273	31		34	31	197,690
Pee Dee.....	37	37	3,477	27	1,240	1,615	36		36	36	194,300
Piedmont.....	37	35	3,064	32	1,279	1,665	36		37	36	224,700
South Carolina.....	43	43	4,238	41	1,713	2,184	42		43	42	264,600

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES: 1916—Continued.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Synod of Tennessee:											
Columbia.....	28	28	3,044	14	694	1,013	27	.....	27	27	\$176,300
Memphis.....	75	75	7,885	75	3,209	4,676	68	.....	72	67	547,300
Nashville.....	40	39	7,265	26	2,262	3,311	39	.....	42	39	545,300
Synod of Texas:											
Brazos.....	43	43	6,415	42	1,868	2,301	38	3	44	38	459,310
Brownwood.....	19	19	1,596	11	556	814	13	.....	14	13	109,500
Central Texas.....	38	38	4,958	36	1,977	2,923	37	1	38	37	371,289
Dallas.....	53	53	5,806	48	2,303	3,074	40	4	44	40	578,200
Eastern Texas.....	46	46	2,669	45	1,067	1,602	29	4	31	32	159,550
El Paso.....	23	23	1,325	19	566	611	18	1	19	18	93,800
Fort Worth.....	50	50	5,064	33	1,751	2,850	30	2	33	31	271,650
Paris.....	52	52	3,534	52	1,412	2,122	45	.....	47	45	270,300
Texas, Mexican.....	22	22	1,260	13	412	464	11	.....	11	10	17,850
Western Texas.....	81	81	5,583	75	1,935	3,431	52	6	55	52	359,665
Synod of Virginia:											
East Hanover.....	46	46	8,405	38	3,202	4,418	46	.....	61	46	758,350
Lexington.....	61	61	13,060	61	5,490	7,570	60	.....	104	60	543,000
Montgomery.....	62	62	8,388	48	2,966	4,541	56	3	66	56	549,550
Norfolk.....	29	29	4,592	28	1,809	2,483	28	.....	30	27	462,100
Potomac.....	33	33	3,980	30	1,452	2,151	30	1	36	30	371,750
Roanoke.....	56	56	4,480	52	1,442	2,095	54	1	57	54	271,900
West Hanover.....	46	46	3,429	43	1,345	1,919	45	.....	47	45	150,500
Winchester.....	50	50	5,110	44	1,577	2,843	48	.....	62	48	273,815
Synod of West Virginia:											
Greenbrier.....	40	40	3,721	39	1,442	2,140	38	1	46	37	169,800
Kanawha.....	22	22	4,815	20	1,251	2,058	20	1	24	19	374,000
Tygarts Valley.....	28	28	2,259	26	811	1,261	26	.....	27	26	121,600

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SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Presbyterian Church in the United States.	3,368	424	\$1,319,344	1,112	\$3,782,057	3,101	\$5,809,909	2,744	3,273	32,312	313,165
Synod of Alabama:											
Central Alabama.....	11	4	410	3	2,500	11	3,406	10	13	69	500
East Alabama.....	57	6	12,400	15	55,000	53	62,795	46	52	463	3,931
Mobile.....	22	2	25,300	7	23,000	19	32,372	17	17	217	2,336
North Alabama.....	70	16	57,045	20	67,200	64	109,119	59	66	700	7,143
Tuscaloosa.....	59	3	6,000	17	45,500	55	46,152	41	42	346	3,401
Synod of Appalachia:											
Abingdon.....	54	5	10,550	20	66,100	47	94,964	44	68	549	6,076
Asheville.....	29	5	2,122	9	21,800	23	42,486	23	24	207	2,243
Holston.....	44	3	16,500	7	21,800	41	42,966	35	40	359	3,262
Knoxville.....	35	6	14,280	9	30,800	29	79,240	30	32	411	4,007
Synod of Arkansas:											
Arkansas.....	35	10	25,612	16	42,100	30	67,310	30	32	352	3,123
Ouachita.....	41	5	2,800	11	24,300	40	71,384	34	35	308	2,934
Pine Bluff.....	28	5	10,800	10	33,300	26	85,298	23	24	247	2,111
Washburn.....	12	1	200	5	10,000	12	17,004	10	12	124	1,210
Synod of Florida:											
Florida.....	30	3	2,125	10	36,500	27	44,691	23	28	263	2,269
St. Johns.....	43	12	33,300	16	66,800	37	109,276	33	38	374	4,371
Suwanee.....	38	3	2,525	11	31,100	34	55,995	30	32	314	3,502
Synod of Georgia:											
Athens.....	34	1	14,000	8	24,750	32	36,225	28	30	310	2,454
Atlanta.....	66	10	24,323	22	103,750	64	194,907	55	60	962	10,493
Augusta.....	25	1	2,500	14	62,000	23	43,588	23	24	234	1,915
Cherokee.....	33	3	1,950	11	35,000	30	31,197	23	25	246	2,148
Macon.....	44	7	10,039	15	76,400	44	78,493	40	45	384	3,324
Savannah.....	29	4	10,050	10	34,150	28	37,149	28	29	269	2,082

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SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod of Kentucky:											
Ebenezer.....	26	2	\$2,200	14	\$48,100	25	\$37,245	21	21	217	2,194
Louisville.....	44	8	50,700	19	78,800	42	141,952	40	49	597	6,410
Muhlenburg.....	18			4	16,000	17	19,014	9	10	104	1,048
Paducah.....	11	2	7,400	5	18,500	9	31,615	8	11	150	1,353
Transylvania.....	22	1	2,500	13	48,000	21	55,327	21	24	221	2,018
West Lexington.....	35	4	23,000	14	59,000	33	86,339	32	39	351	3,440
Synod of Louisiana:											
Louisiana.....	24	2	791	9	29,500	24	33,512	19	26	193	2,302
New Orleans.....	39	13	91,425	12	56,700	39	104,736	36	45	519	4,751
Red River.....	32	4	950	9	33,100	30	35,130	22	23	214	1,884
Synod of Mississippi:											
Central Mississippi.....	66	4	8,665	21	75,950	59	70,675	48	53	451	3,814
East Mississippi.....	49	4	5,425	15	40,900	42	37,128	30	31	284	2,179
Ethel.....	17	2	225	2	400	11	533	12	13	44	353
Meridian.....	63	9	26,220	11	33,900	53	46,080	43	47	386	3,197
Mississippi.....	34	1	100	11	31,000	34	37,036	30	33	289	2,331
North Mississippi.....	39			14	30,150	31	34,233	28	30	233	2,059
Synod of Missouri:											
Lafayette.....	31			15	40,500	30	46,240	27	31	331	2,682
Missouri.....	27	2	5,659	5	11,300	22	28,079	17	18	187	1,932
Palmvra.....	17			8	18,500	15	18,910	13	13	135	1,066
Potosi.....	24	4	8,500	10	21,700	24	31,402	20	22	262	2,299
St. Louis.....	21	5	78,100	5	16,800	20	73,337	19	20	250	1,816
Upper Missouri.....	20	3	12,950	10	46,000	20	94,388	19	24	312	3,280
Synod of North Carolina:											
Albemarle.....	50	8	6,275	18	71,050	49	83,093	42	55	428	4,791
Concord.....	62	6	4,800	24	76,800	62	86,337	52	54	674	6,798
Fayetteville.....	118	13	22,815	20	64,850	116	131,145	106	145	1,059	11,046
Kings Mountain.....	42	5	1,110	14	39,500	42	42,268	34	42	355	3,228
Mecklenburg.....	65	16	30,600	29	100,400	58	181,418	62	67	851	8,459
Orange.....	78	14	38,125	31	110,450	76	240,278	71	83	764	9,802
Wilmington.....	57	5	2,200	10	49,500	57	139,306	48	64	469	4,676
Synod of Oklahoma:											
Durant.....	27	6	12,440	6	9,950	22	22,634	17	17	156	1,506
Indian.....	19	1	41	2	1,700	19	3,617	18	18	118	847
Mangum.....	21	7	2,450	8	13,500	19	20,294	15	16	147	1,423
Synod of South Carolina:											
Bethel.....	47	3	15,800	17	44,300	44	61,245	38	43	528	5,352
Charleston.....	26	1	4,600	7	21,300	25	36,026	19	19	185	1,230
Congaree.....	27	1	13,000	12	44,000	25	43,290	23	27	237	2,483
Engaree.....	40	5	29,400	9	12,600	38	90,302	32	35	387	4,228
Harmony.....	31	2	3,900	15	53,400	30	45,631	31	34	270	2,612
Pee Dee.....	37	2	4,200	14	45,300	37	47,592	32	34	319	3,235
Piedmont.....	37	2	4,975	13	28,300	34	46,321	31	31	306	2,463
South Carolina.....	43	3	965	10	33,500	41	52,153	33	36	342	3,191
Synod of Tennessee:											
Columbia.....	28			12	41,500	21	62,078	23	27	313	2,349
Memphis.....	75	9	60,709	25	88,850	74	135,219	64	69	747	6,706
Nashville.....	40	4	18,700	16	78,300	39	112,300	39	44	569	5,678
Synod of Texas:											
Brazos.....	43	4	18,820	14	56,800	37	99,898	34	47	600	5,794
Brownwood.....	19	1	500	5	15,000	16	44,163	11	11	115	1,092
Central Texas.....	38	6	20,006	18	64,857	38	117,701	36	49	474	4,510
Dallas.....	53	4	43,000	17	72,600	40	171,348	36	40	546	4,980
Eastern Texas.....	46	3	7,700	6	19,500	37	39,382	21	24	227	2,814
El Paso.....	23	5	11,350	9	12,700	20	28,021	20	23	199	1,605
Fort Worth.....	50	8	13,200	16	46,650	38	65,885	31	34	438	3,765
Paris.....	52	7	22,125	9	26,000	44	41,177	38	39	328	3,030
Texas, Mexican.....	22	2	750	2	1,100	17	2,667	16	17	107	1,065
Western Texas.....	81	15	23,960	13	47,500	58	102,861	49	57	637	5,536
Synod of Virginia:											
East Hanover.....	46	11	66,622	18	62,300	44	160,659	43	57	718	6,272
Lexington.....	61	6	16,050	39	121,200	61	170,824	61	126	1,245	13,592
Montgomery.....	62	9	18,800	25	113,500	59	139,934	52	69	693	7,799
Norfolk.....	29	11	59,500	13	43,700	28	82,948	28	33	453	4,491
Potomac.....	33	3	40,650	20	90,900	31	90,793	29	37	351	3,107
Roanoke.....	56	7	2,022	15	49,200	56	50,255	51	62	521	4,610
West Hanover.....	46	6	3,230	15	43,300	46	41,984	41	54	319	3,039
Winchester.....	50	7	5,888	22	84,600	49	73,296	40	63	537	5,143
Synod of West Virginia:											
Greenbrier.....	40	5	6,325	16	41,200	38	45,451	35	54	418	4,122
Kanawha.....	22	4	51,300	9	52,000	19	86,340	17	25	402	4,588
Tygart's Valley.....	28	2	800	7	19,750	27	22,847	26	41	322	2,865



## ASSOCIATE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA (ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH).

## HISTORY.

The Associate Synod of North America, generally known as the Associate Presbyterian Church, is the direct descendant of the first secession from the Established Church of Scotland in November, 1733. At that time four ministers—Ebenezer Erskine, William Wilson, Alexander Moncrieff, and James Fisher—withdraw from the state church, holding that the law of patronage, which deprived the people of any voice in the choice of a pastor, was contrary to the spirit and principles of Presbyterianism. They formed, on December 6, an Associate Presbytery, but did not act judicially as a presbytery until 1736. In 1737 four other ministers joined them. The movement became popular and developed into the Secession Synod of Edinburgh.

To meet the needs of the families which emigrated to this country, this synod sent two missionaries in the fall of 1753, who were reinforced from time to time by others who came out from the mother church, and in 1754 organized the Associate Presbytery. Meanwhile representatives of the Old Covenanter Church had also come, forming in 1774 what was known as the Reformed Presbytery. In 1782 the two bodies, the Associate Presbytery and the Reformed Presbytery, united, taking the name of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Two ministers and three ruling elders, however, refused to enter this union and continued the organization of the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania, which was recognized by the mother (Secession) Synod of Scotland. Other presbyteries were organized, and in 1801 they developed into the Associate Synod of North America. In 1858 this Associate Synod and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church effected a union, under the name of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.<sup>1</sup> Eleven ministers refused to enter this union and continued the Associate Presbyterian Church.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church is Calvinistic, adhering to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger

<sup>1</sup> See United Presbyterian Church, p. 583.

and Shorter Catechisms, and has a published testimony (the Associate Testimony) explaining its position on many doctrinal points more fully than does the Westminster Confession. It encourages public solemn covenanting, provides against occasional communion, opposes secret societies, and prescribes the exclusive use of the Psalms in praise services.

## POLITY.

In polity or government this branch of the church differs in no essential element from other Presbyterian churches. The session is the local court, made up of ruling elders elected by the people, and associated with the pastor. The next higher court is the presbytery, having jurisdiction over the churches of a given territory, and is made up of the ministers resident in this territory, together with a representative elder from each pastoral charge. To this court belongs the prerogative of judging the qualifications of candidates for the ministry. The synod is the court superior to the presbytery. This branch of the church being small, the synod is the highest court, or court of last resort.

## WORK.

The only home missionary work is that which itinerant ministers perform in congregations without stated pastors, and is carried on under the jurisdiction of the various presbyteries. The financial support is chiefly from the congregations thus served, though it is supplemented by general contributions. The amount contributed for 1916 was \$1,841.

The foreign missionary work of the synod is carried on in Leoni, in the Central Provinces of India, jointly with the United Original Secession Synod of Scotland. This work was begun by the Scottish Synod in 1872, and the American Synod has been associated with it for about 20 years. From Leoni, as the chief center of work, 6 villages are occupied. The report for 1916 shows 1 church organization, with 95 members; 1 American missionary, with 2 Scottish and 16 native helpers; 3 schools, with 407 pupils; 1 dispensary, treating during the year 1,659 patients; and 2 orphanages, with 42 inmates. The contributions for this work during the year were \$637.

There is a Sunday school in Leoni, having an average attendance of about 100 pupils, and in all the out-stations Sunday schools are held, with an attendance ranging from 20 to 60.

The synod has no college or other school under its jurisdiction in the United States and carries on no institutional work.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Associate Synod of North America for 1916 are given, by states and pres-byteries, in the following tables, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given in the next column.

From this table it is seen that there has been a considerable decrease in the strength of the denomination during the decade. There were 12 churches reported in 1916 as against 22 in 1906, and a membership of 490 instead of 786, showing a loss in membership of 37.7 per cent. Similarly, there was a loss in number of church edifices, in value of church property, and in Sunday schools. One church reported a parsonage for the first time, valued at \$2,500. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$1,345 to \$2,478, or 84.2 per cent. All the increase was for domestic work, contributions for foreign work having decreased 13.9 per cent.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	12	22	-10	(*)
Members.....	490	786	-296	-37.7
Church edifices.....	12	19	-7	(*)
Value of church property.....	\$26,400	\$28,825	-\$2,425	-8.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1		
Value.....	\$2,500		\$2,500	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	9	-3	(*)
Officers and teachers.....	12	13	-1	(*)
Scholars.....	137	289	-152	-52.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$2,478	\$1,345	\$1,133	84.2
Domestic.....	\$1,841	\$605	\$1,236	204.3
Foreign.....	\$637	\$740	-\$103	-13.9

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$8,114, reported by the 12 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 7, of whom 5 sent in schedules showing annual salaries averaging \$886.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Associate Synod of North America .....	12	12	490	12	198	292	12	.....	12	12	\$26,400
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	4	4	162	4	68	94	4	.....	4	4	10,200
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	1	1	20	1	7	13	1	.....	1	1	1,300
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	4	4	199	4	81	118	4	.....	4	4	12,000
Kansas.....	3	3	109	3	42	67	3	.....	3	3	2,900

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Associate Synod of North America.....	12	.....	.....	1	\$2,500	12	\$8,114	5	6	12	137
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	4	.....	.....	1	2,500	4	2,620	.....	.....	.....	.....
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	447	1	1	3	25
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3,023	2	2	2	47
Kansas.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,024	2	3	7	65

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Associate Synod of North America.....	12	12	490	12	198	292	12	.....	12	12	\$26,400
Clarion.....	4	4	162	4	68	94	4	.....	4	4	10,200
Iowa.....	7	7	308	7	123	185	7	.....	7	7	14,900
Northern Indiana.....	1	1	20	1	7	13	1	.....	1	1	1,300

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Associate Synod of North America.....	12	.....	.....	1	\$2,500	12	\$8,114	5	6	12	137
Clarion.....	4	.....	.....	1	2,500	4	2,620	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5,047	4	5	9	112
Northern Indiana.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	447	1	1	3	25

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(FORMERLY ASSOCIATE REFORMED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.)

HISTORY.

The union in 1782 of the Reformed Presbytery, representing the old Scotch Covenanters, and the Associate Presbytery, representing the Associate Synod, Anti-Burgher, of Scotland, in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church,<sup>1</sup> was followed by a steady increase in the strength of that body, until it included four synods which were organized under a general synod. One of these synods, the Synod of the Carolinas, became somewhat doubtful of the loyalty of the general synod to the distinctive principles of the Scotch churches, and withdrew in 1821, becoming in the next year an independent body—the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, so called to distinguish it from other Associate Reformed synods in the North. By the union of 1858, which formed the United Presbyterian Church, there ceased to be any other Associate Reformed synods in the North or elsewhere, and there being no longer need of the distinction, the synod, in 1913, dropped the phrase “of the South,” and adopted the name Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

In doctrine the synod is thoroughly Calvinistic, having the same symbols of faith as the other Reformed Presbyterian churches. In polity it is presbyterian, in close accord with other similar bodies. Its distinctive feature, it claims, is the exclusive use of the Psalms in praise.

WORK.

The home missionary work of the synod, carried on through its Board of Home Missions, founds and fosters churches in southern cities and towns. The report for 1916 shows 40 missionaries employed in this work, 51 churches aided, and contributions amounting to \$13,344.

The foreign work, carried on by the Board of Foreign Missions, is in Mexico and India. The report for 1916 shows 23 stations occupied; 11 missionaries; 26 native helpers; 19 organized churches, with 900 members; 2 schools, with 35 pupils; and 2 hospitals, in which 3,246 patients were treated during the year. The synod has property in the foreign field estimated at \$80,000, and the amount contributed for this work in 1916 was \$21,517.

The educational institutions in the United States include 1 male college, 1 female college, and 1 theological seminary, with a total of 290 students. The value of the property devoted to this work is estimated at \$125,000, and there are endowments of \$150,000. There is 1 orphanage, valued at \$10,000. During the year there were 51 inmates, and \$1,856 was contributed for its support.

<sup>1</sup> See Associate Synod of North America (Associate Presbyterian Church), p. 596.

The Young People's Christian Union has about 60 societies, with a membership of 2,142.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and presbyteries, on pages 600 and 601, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	133	141	-8	-5.7
Members.....	15,124	13,201	1,923	14.6
Church edifices.....	130	142	-12	-8.5
Value of church property.....	\$667,650	\$436,550	\$231,100	52.9
Debt on church property.....	\$39,196	\$16,680	\$22,516	135.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	63	51	12	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$145,165	\$96,975	\$48,190	49.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	146	131	15	11.5
Officers and teachers.....	1,379	1,109	270	24.3
Scholars.....	13,411	9,732	3,679	37.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$36,717	\$33,563	\$3,154	9.4
Domestic.....	\$15,200	\$13,913	\$1,287	9.3
Foreign.....	\$21,517	\$19,650	\$1,867	9.5

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has suffered a loss in number of organizations and in church edifices, but has grown in other particulars. There were 133 organizations reported in 1916 as against 141 in 1906, but the membership rose from 13,201 to 15,124, or 14.6 per cent. There was a considerable gain in the number of churches reporting parsonages and in the value of parsonages reported. The number of Sunday schools rose from 131 to 146, or 11.5 per cent, and the number of scholars from 9,732 in 1906 to 13,411 in 1916, or 37.8 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$33,563 to \$36,717, or 9.4 per cent, divided about equally between domestic and foreign work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$178,138, reported by 133 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 114 organizations in 1916, was 1,197,

constituting 9.4 per cent of the 12,756 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 2,368 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,419.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was 106. Of these, as shown in the following table, 80 sent in schedules, 72 reporting annual salaries which averaged \$980.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	80	72	8		\$980
Alabama.....	4	4			777
Arkansas.....	7	5	2		1,085
Florida.....	2	1	1		1,800
Georgia.....	5	5			547
Kentucky.....	1	1			
Mississippi.....	1	1			
Missouri.....	1		1		
North Carolina.....	16	15	1		1,181
South Carolina.....	27	24	3		977
Tennessee.....	11	11			938
Virginia.....	4	4			734
West Virginia.....	1	1			

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.	133	133	15,124	126	6,387	7,938	129	4	130	128	\$667,650
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	2	2	106	2	42	64	2		2	2	9,000
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	6	6	705	6	318	387	6		6	6	8,500
West Virginia.....	1	1	75	1	31	44	1		1	1	1,300
North Carolina.....	24	24	4,243	23	1,727	2,299	23	1	23	23	234,400
South Carolina.....	47	47	4,923	47	2,218	2,705	46	1	46	46	229,000
Georgia.....	11	11	927	10	356	459	11		11	11	42,600
Florida.....	5	5	356	3	145	157	5		5	4	15,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2	2	117	2	51	66	2		2	2	11,000
Tennessee.....	15	15	1,644	15	750	894	14	1	14	15	56,100
Alabama.....	8	8	345	7	105	135	7	1	7	7	11,200
Mississippi.....	4	4	790	3	277	307	4		4	3	7,500
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	8	8	888	7	367	421	8		9	8	42,050

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.	133	18	\$39,196	63	\$145,165	133	\$178,138	128	146	1,379	13,411
West North Central division:											
Missouri.....	2	1	3,300	1	1,000	2	1,595	2	2	12	80
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	6			5	4,715	6	4,814	6	12	86	791
West Virginia.....	1			1	1,000	1	630	1	1	6	35
North Carolina.....	24	7	19,867	8	40,500	24	47,485	24	26	310	2,969
South Carolina.....	47	4	12,100	20	43,700	47	65,285	46	51	415	4,167
Georgia.....	11	1	400	6	7,400	11	8,002	11	14	115	1,025
Florida.....	5	1	80	1	3,000	5	7,843	5	5	45	548
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2			2	6,500	2	1,763	1	1	13	140
Tennessee.....	15	2	900	8	19,100	15	19,473	15	16	190	1,688
Alabama.....	8	1	49	2	3,500	8	5,746	7	7	42	364
Mississippi.....	4			3	3,700	4	3,937	3	3	45	597
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	8	1	2,500	6	11,050	8	11,565	7	8	100	1,007

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.	133	133	15,124	126	6,387	7,938	129	4	130	128	\$667,650
Arkansas.....	8	8	888	7	367	421	8	.....	9	8	42,050
First.....	45	45	7,373	44	3,155	4,001	44	1	44	44	376,100
Memphis-Louisville.....	17	17	2,050	16	850	994	16	1	16	16	65,800
Second.....	42	42	3,076	39	1,291	1,619	41	1	41	40	144,800
Tennessee and Alabama.....	21	21	1,732	20	724	903	20	1	20	20	38,800

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.	133	18	\$39,196	63	\$145,165	133	\$178,138	128	146	1,379	13,411
Arkansas.....	8	1	2,500	6	11,050	8	11,565	7	8	100	1,007
First.....	45	9	31,867	19	67,200	45	86,864	45	51	536	5,515
Memphis-Louisville.....	17	2	3,900	10	22,900	17	18,645	15	16	209	1,979
Second.....	42	4	580	16	27,400	42	41,751	41	45	349	3,194
Tennessee and Alabama.....	21	2	349	12	16,615	21	19,313	20	26	185	1,716

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

HISTORY.

The Presbyterian Church of Scotland was organized by John Knox on his return from a conference with Calvin at Geneva, in 1560. As it became evident that the Stuart dynasty was bitterly opposed to the organization, because of its asserted independence of state control, a movement was started in 1580, though apparently not fully organized, for covenanting together in defense of the Presbyterian Church, and this movement secured a quasi indorsement from James VI. On the 28th of February, 1638, in Grayfriars Church, Edinburgh, the Covenant, with important additions, to adapt it to the times, was renewed. Not less than 60,000 people were present and entered enthusiastically into the compact. During the following days it was signed by multitudes in all parts of Scotland.

Anticipating hostile action from the king, the Covenanters prepared for war, and the following years were signalized by constant hostilities, which continued until 1640, when an agreement was signed for commissioners to settle the points in dispute, and the "Solemn League and Covenant" was received by "the English Parliament and the Assembly of Divines in 1643." This covenant consisted in an oath to be subscribed by all sorts of persons in both kingdoms, whereby they bound themselves to preserve the Reformed religion in the Church of Scotland, in doctrine, wor-

ship, discipline, and government \* \* \* according to the word of God and practice of the best Reformed churches; and to endeavor to bring the churches of God in the three kingdoms to the nearest conjunction and uniformity in religion, confession of faith, form of church government, directory for worship, and catechising; to "endeavor, without respect of persons, the extirpation of popery, prelacy (that is, church government by archbishops and all other ecclesiastical officers depending on that hierarchy), and whatsoever should be found contrary to sound doctrine and the power of godliness;" to "preserve the rights and privileges of the parliaments, the liberties of the kingdom, and the king's majesty's person and authority in the preservation and defense of the true religion and liberties of the kingdom;" to "endeavor the discovery of incendiaries and malignants hindering the reformation of religion and dividing the king from his people, that they may be brought to trial and receive condign punishment;" finally, to "assist and defend all those that enter into this covenant and not suffer ourselves to be divided or to be withdrawn from this blessed union, whether to make defection or to give ourselves to a detestable indifference or neutrality in this cause."

It was signed by members of both Houses and by civil and military officers, and, very reluctantly, by

Charles II, in 1650, when he was hoping to recover the English throne. After his restoration, a majority in the House of Commons in 1661, ordered it to be burned by the common hangman. In the same year the Scottish Parliament renounced the covenant and declared the king supreme. The Covenanters protested against these wrongs, and, under the name of "Conventiclers" and sometimes "Hamiltonians," were subjected to a fierce and cruel persecution. Without having any special ecclesiastical organization, they formed societies for worship, meeting often in houses, barns, and caves, and continued to do this even after the accession of William and Mary in 1689. At that time there was established what was known as the revolution settlement, which again made the Presbyterian Church the state church of Scotland. Some, however, believing that in this settlement Reformation principles had been seriously compromised, refused to recognize any longer the authority of the General Assembly, and identified themselves with the Covenanters of the previous years; but it was not until 1743 that they perfected an organization called the Reformed Presbytery of Scotland.

The first minister of this body came to this country from Scotland in 1752. As others joined him they constituted, in 1774, the Reformed Presbytery. Eight years later, 1782, this Presbytery united with the Associate Presbytery<sup>1</sup> in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As in the case of the Associate Presbytery, there were some who were dissatisfied, and in 1798 the Reformed Presbytery was reorganized. At the meeting of the presbytery held in 1800 it was stated that in some of the congregations there were members who owned slaves, and it was resolved that no slaveholder should be retained in their communion. This action was enforced, and accounts for the fact that at the time of the Civil War there were only three Reformed Presbyterian congregations south of Mason and Dixon's line, and these were in the border states.

By 1809 the presbytery had grown so that a synod was constituted. Somewhat later, there arose a difference of opinion as to the practical relation of the members to the Government of the United States, which culminated in 1833 in a division of the church. One party, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old Light), refused to allow its members to vote or hold office under the present constitution. The other, the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (New Light), imposed no such restrictions on its members. The discussion resulted in the framing of a new covenant embodying the engagements of the National Covenant of Scotland and of the Sol-

emn League and Covenant, so far as applicable in this land, and, in 1871, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the synod engaged for the first time in the act of covenanting.

#### DOCTRINE.

The synod maintains that God is the source of all legitimate power; that He has instituted civil government for His own glory and the good of men; that He has appointed His Son, the Mediator, to headship over the nations; and that the Bible is the supreme law and rule in national as well as in all other things. Its members pledge themselves to "promote the interests of public order and justice; to support cheerfully whatever is for the good of the commonwealth in which they dwell;" and to "pray and labor for the peace and welfare of the country, and for its reformation by a constitutional recognition of God as the source of all power, of Jesus Christ as the Ruler of Nations, of the Holy Scriptures as the supreme rule, and of the true Christian religion." They, however, "refuse to incorporate by any act with the political body until this blessed reformation has been secured," and explain thus their refusal to vote or hold office.

The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are accepted as the very Word of God, and as the supreme standard in all matters relating to faith and practice. Their teachings with reference to doctrine are summarized in the subordinate standards, the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, and the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony; and their teachings with reference to order and worship are summarized, in substance, in the Westminster Form of Church Government and Directory for Worship. The covenant of 1871 is recognized as binding on those who took it, and on those they represented.

Only members in regular standing are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The children of church members only are admitted to the ordinance of baptism. The metrical version of the Psalms alone is used in the service of praise. Instruments of music are not allowed in worship. Connection with secret societies is prohibited.

#### POLITY.

Presbyterianism is considered as the "only divinely instituted form of government in the Christian Church." The church courts are the session, the presbytery, and the synod, there being no general assembly. The officers are of two classes, elders and deacons. Elders include both those who rule and those who also teach; the deacons care for the poor, and are usually intrusted with the temporalities. To the latter office women are eligible. In the church courts the ruling elder and the minister are on an equality.

<sup>1</sup> See Associate Synod of North America, p. 596, and United Presbyterian Church, p. 583.

WORK.

The missionary work of the church is carried on in the home department by the Central Board of Missions, with offices in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the foreign department by the Foreign Mission Board, with offices in Philadelphia, Pa.

The home mission work is chiefly among weak congregations of the denominations, the Indians of Oklahoma, and the Negroes of Alabama. There is also a Jewish mission in Philadelphia, and a Syrian mission in Pittsburgh. The report for 1916 shows 9 persons employed in the Indian work, 18 in the southern work, and 2 in the Jewish mission; 47 churches aided; and contributions amounting to \$26,930, including \$5,568 for church erection.

The foreign missionary work is carried on in southern China, northern Syria, Asia Minor, and Cyprus. The report for 1916 shows 5 stations occupied by missionaries, and 10 outstations; 48 American missionaries, including wives; 73 native helpers; 3 organized churches, with 522 church members; 1 theological school, with 12 students, and 19 other schools, with 570 pupils; and 5 hospitals, treating annually 4,818 patients. In 1916 collections for foreign work totaled \$42,438, or \$5.18 per member, which is claimed to be the largest amount per capita contributed by any denomination for foreign missions. The church has an endowment fund of \$50,271 for the foreign mission work.

The educational work in the United States includes 1 college, with 546 students; 1 theological seminary, with 8 students; and an enrollment in the southern mission of 639 pupils. The amount contributed in 1916 toward the support of the college and seminary was \$4,222. A large part of the expense of the mission schools is included in the amount contributed for home missions. The value of property devoted to educational work is \$243,000, and the endowment, \$301,085.

The church has a home for the aged, with 19 inmates. The amount contributed for its support in 1916 was \$1,123. It has property valued at \$50,000, and an endowment of \$5,000.

There are 47 young people's societies, with a membership of 1,970.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and presbyteries, on pages 604 and 605, and the relation

of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	103	114	-11	-9.6
Members.....	8,185	9,122	-937	-10.3
Church edifices.....	102	116	-14	-12.1
Value of church property.....	\$1,131,600	\$1,258,105	-\$126,505	-10.1
Debt on church property.....	\$30,511	\$48,650	-\$18,139	-37.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	27	23	4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$74,400	\$52,800	\$21,600	40.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	115	122	-7	-5.7
Officers and teachers.....	1,204	1,270	-66	-5.2
Scholars.....	9,498	9,613	-115	-1.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$74,713	\$74,176	\$537	0.7
Domestic.....	\$32,275	\$53,211	-\$20,936	-39.3
Foreign.....	\$42,438	\$20,965	\$21,473	102.4

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The above table shows that there has been a decrease in almost every particular in the returns from the synod. As against the 114 organizations reported in 1906, there were 103 in 1916, a loss of 9.6 per cent, and the membership had fallen from 9,122 to 8,185, a decrease of 10.3 per cent. There was a similar decrease in church edifices, in the value of church property, and in the debt on church property. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 23 to 27, while the value of the parsonages increased from \$52,800 to \$74,400, or 40.9 per cent. The total contributions for missions and benevolences advanced slightly, from \$74,176 to \$74,713. Contributions for domestic work showed a considerable decrease and those for foreign work a marked increase.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$225,263, reported by 103 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 87 organizations in 1916, was 425, constituting 6.2 per cent of the 6,858 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same



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proportion would apply to the 1,327 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 507.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 103 organizations 102, with 8,085 members, reported church services conducted in English only, and 1 organization, with 100 members, reported services in Indian and English. As compared with 1906, there was a decrease of 2 in the number of foreign languages reported, and also of 2 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the synod was 135. As shown in the following table, 107 sent in schedules, 87 being in pastoral work and 20 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 73 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,171.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	107	73	14	20	\$1,171
Alabama.....	2	1	.....	1	800
California.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,309
Colorado.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	4	3	1	.....	1,083
Indiana.....	4	3	.....	.....	944
Iowa.....	8	7	1	.....	807
Kansas.....	10	6	2	2	1,133
Massachusetts.....	2	1	1	.....	1,500
Michigan.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	2	2	.....	.....	1,100
New Jersey.....	2	1	.....	1	900
New York.....	15	11	2	2	1,314
Oklahoma.....	12	9	2	1	1,017
Pennsylvania.....	36	20	3	13	1,408
Texas.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Vermont.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	103	103	8,185	100	3,213	4,916	98	2	102	98	\$1,131,600
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	3	242	3	92	150	2	1	2	2	48,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	13	13	1,163	13	388	775	13	.....	13	13	216,000
Pennsylvania.....	29	29	2,335	27	895	1,424	28	.....	30	28	536,800
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	10	10	510	10	192	318	10	.....	11	10	32,500
Indiana.....	3	3	237	3	97	140	3	.....	4	3	14,000
Illinois.....	5	5	390	4	143	207	4	.....	4	4	49,000
Michigan.....	2	2	123	2	56	67	2	.....	2	2	4,000
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6	6	630	6	271	359	6	.....	6	6	33,000
Missouri.....	3	3	192	3	72	120	3	.....	3	3	27,800
Nebraska.....	2	2	134	2	55	79	2	.....	2	2	5,000
Kansas.....	11	11	1,201	11	531	670	11	.....	11	11	60,500
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2	2	151	2	60	91	2	.....	2	2	7,000
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	4	4	245	4	114	131	4	.....	4	4	21,000
Pacific division:											
California.....	3	3	215	3	94	121	2	.....	2	2	22,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	417	7	153	264	6	1	6	6	55,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	103	8	\$30,511	27	\$74,400	103	\$225,263	100	115	1,204	9,498
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	2	15,400			3	6,603	3	3	27	185
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	13	2	9,000	3	8,000	13	37,338	13	13	143	1,158
Pennsylvania.....	29	2	5,650	8	24,100	29	75,474	28	35	395	3,053
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	10			2	2,800	10	15,179	9	9	79	535
Indiana.....	3			1	2,500	3	5,503	3	5	46	334
Illinois.....	5			2	8,000	5	7,402	5	5	57	528
Michigan.....	2					2	2,330	2	2	21	133
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6			5	16,000	6	18,294	5	5	66	537
Missouri.....	3			1	2,000	3	4,699	3	3	26	165
Nebraska.....	2			1	1,500	2	3,533	2	2	20	120
Kansas.....	11	2	461	2	6,500	11	22,324	11	14	160	1,215
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	2					2	2,254	2	5	22	320
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	4					4	6,680	4	4	40	256
Pacific division:											
California.....	3					3	7,398	3	3	34	250
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	7			2	3,000	7	10,252	7	7	68	709

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	103	103	8,185	100	3,213	4,916	98	2	102	98	\$1,131,600
Colorado.....	4	4	245	4	114	131	4		4	4	21,000
Illinois.....	8	8	635	7	223	372	7		8	7	53,000
Iowa.....	8	8	646	8	276	370	8		8	8	59,000
Kansas.....	18	18	1,774	18	765	1,009	18		18	18	89,300
New York.....	15	15	1,315	15	456	859	13	2	13	13	247,500
Ohio.....	12	12	644	12	258	386	12		13	12	33,500
Pacific Coast.....	5	5	362	6	147	215	4		4	4	66,000
Philadelphia.....	4	4	547	3	178	369	4		4	4	153,000
Pittsburgh.....	26	26	1,849	25	739	1,094	25		27	25	390,800
Rochester.....	3	3	168	3	57	111	3		3	3	18,500

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.....	103	8	\$30,611	27	\$74,400	103	\$225,263	100	115	1,204	9,498
Colorado.....	4					4	6,680	4	4	40	256
Illinois.....	8			3	10,500	8	11,398	8	10	92	919
Iowa.....	8			6	15,000	8	17,427	7	7	77	570
Kansas.....	18	2	461	5	14,000	18	37,073	18	24	241	1,960
New York.....	15	4	24,400	1	3,000	16	42,098	15	15	157	1,292
Ohio.....	12			2	2,800	12	17,367	11	11	97	640
Pacific Coast.....	5					5	12,018	5	5	64	540
Philadelphia.....	4					4	20,450	4	4	60	621
Pittsburgh.....	26	2	5,650	8	24,100	26	56,366	25	32	348	2,525
Rochester.....	3			2	5,000	3	4,386	3	3	28	175

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, GENERAL SYNOD.

## HISTORY.

The Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) Church, which was reorganized in 1798 and developed into a synod in 1809,<sup>1</sup> was divided in 1833 on the question of the relation of its members to the Government of the United States. The two parties were termed "Old Light" and "New Light," the former objecting to any participation in public affairs, the latter leaving the decision with the individual. The former was called the "Synod" and the latter the "General Synod."

The General Synod holds equally with the Synod to the Westminster Standards, to the headship of Christ over nations, to the doctrine of "public social covenanting," to the exclusive use of the Psalms in singing, to restricted communion in the use of the sacraments, and to the principle of "dissent from all immoral civil institutions;" but allows its members to decide for themselves whether the Government of this country should be regarded as an immoral institution, and thus determine what duties of citizenship devolve upon them. They may, therefore, exercise the franchise and hold office, provided they do not in these civil acts violate the principle that forbids connection with immoral institutions. Many of them do participate in elections. Negotiations for the union of the General Synod and the Synod failed in 1890, because the latter would not agree to a basis which interpreted the phrase "incorporate with the political body" as meaning "such incorporation as involves sinful compliance with the religious defects of the written constitution as it now stands, either in holding such offices as require an oath to support the constitution, or in voting for men to administer such offices."

In polity this church is in general accord with other Presbyterian bodies.

## WORK.

The church has a sustentation fund for aiding weak congregations, and a Church Extension Board which assists in building church edifices and parsonages.

Foreign missionary work was begun in northern India by Dr. James Campbell in 1836. In 1869 it was suspended, but in 1883 a native Hindu, the Rev. G. W. Scott, was appointed missionary. The report at the close of 1916 showed 4 Americans and 20 native workers; 9 churches, with 755 members; 1 orphanage; 2 leper asylums; contributions by the church in this country amounting to \$7,979; and property with an estimated value of \$4,000.

The church has a college and a theological seminary located at Cedarville, Ohio. The 2 institutions reported 12 instructors and 206 students; property valued at \$60,360; and an endowment of \$165,000. There are 11 young people's societies, with about 200 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church for 1916 are given, by states and presbyteries, on the opposite page; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906 <sup>1</sup>	INCREASE: <sup>2</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	14	28	-14	( <sup>3</sup> )
Members.....	2,386	4,060	-1,674	-41.2
Church edifices.....	15	23	-13	( <sup>3</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$279,200	\$565,400	-\$286,200	-50.6
Debt on church property.....	\$11,000	\$30,420	-\$19,420	-63.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	5	8	-3	( <sup>3</sup> )
Value.....	\$15,500	\$17,250	-\$1,750	-10.1
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	15	24	-9	( <sup>3</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	198	275	-77	-28.0
Scholars.....	1,765	2,145	-380	-17.7
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$7,979	\$10,308	-\$2,327	-22.6
Domestic.....		\$526	-\$526	.....
Foreign.....	\$7,979	\$9,780	-\$1,801	-18.4

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1906 include the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States and Canada, united since 1906 with this denomination.

<sup>2</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>3</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has reported a decrease in every item. As against 28 organizations reported in 1906 there were 14 in 1916, and the membership fell from 4,060 to 2,386, a loss of 41.2 per cent. Similar decreases were reported in church edifices, parsonages, Sunday schools, and contributions. The value of church property dropped from \$565,400 to \$279,200, a loss of 50.6 per cent, and the debt, as reported, from \$30,420 to \$11,000, a decrease of 63.8 per cent. Contributions for foreign purposes fell from \$9,780 to \$7,979, or 18.4 per cent. No contributions were reported in 1916 for domestic purposes.

Church expenditures amounting to \$32,001, reported by 14 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 11 organizations in 1916, was 49, constituting 2.2 per cent of the 2,222 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 53.<sup>2</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the synod was 15. Of these, 10 sent in schedules showing an average annual salary of \$979.

<sup>1</sup> See Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, p. 602.

<sup>2</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GENERAL SYNOD.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	14	14	2,386	14	1,015	1,371	14	.....	15	14	\$279,200
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	7	7	1,608	7	680	928	7	.....	8	7	229,400
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	4	439	4	195	244	4	.....	4	4	22,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	339	3	140	199	3	.....	3	3	27,800

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Kansas, and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	14	3	\$11,000	5	\$15,500	14	\$32,001	14	15	198	1,765
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	7	2	9,500	1	3,000	7	20,602	7	8	109	1,091
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	1	1,500	2	4,000	4	4,554	4	4	49	301
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	.....	.....	2	8,500	3	6,845	3	3	40	373

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Kansas, and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	14	14	2,386	14	1,015	1,371	14	.....	15	14	\$279,200
Ohio.....	1	1	243	1	93	150	1	.....	1	1	22,000
Philadelphia.....	3	3	825	3	337	488	3	.....	3	3	61,400
Pittsburgh.....	4	4	783	4	343	440	4	.....	5	4	168,000
Western.....	6	6	535	6	242	293	6	.....	6	6	27,800

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY PRESBYTERIES: 1916.

PRESBYTERY.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod.....	14	3	\$11,000	5	\$15,500	14	\$32,001	14	15	198	1,765
Ohio.....	1	.....	.....	1	6,500	1	4,557	1	1	22	232
Philadelphia.....	3	1	1,000	.....	.....	3	9,102	3	3	57	735
Pittsburgh.....	4	1	8,500	1	3,000	4	11,500	4	5	52	356
Western.....	6	1	1,500	3	6,000	6	6,842	6	6	67	442

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The interest of the Church of England in America began with the earliest English voyages of discovery. Frobisher (1578) and Drake (1579) had chaplains with them, interested not merely in the ships' companies, but in the people they found; and the charters of the colonies, started by Sir Humphrey Gilbert (1578 and 1583) and by Sir Walter Raleigh (1584-1587) all included, in some form, provision for "public service according to the Church of England." Later enterprises in the first part of the seventeenth century followed the same general policy. Occasional services were conducted at various places, but permanent worship on this side of the Atlantic was begun in 1607, when the Rev. Robert Hunt, underneath a great sail stretched between two old trees, celebrated the Eucharist for the first time at Jamestown, Va. The spirit of the earliest leaders of this colony was one of kindly toleration for all, but with the passing of the colony under the immediate control of the Crown, the harsh tone prevalent in England manifested itself in Virginia, also, in rigid laws in regard to Puritans and Quakers.

The distance from the ecclesiastical authorities, and the growing disposition on the part of the vestries to hire ministers from year to year in order to avoid the sending out of unfit persons by English patrons, brought about an unfortunate condition which the Bishop of London sought to remedy by sending the Rev. James Blair as a missionary to the colonies. He accomplished much, especially in the direction of education, and in 1693 obtained a charter for William and Mary College, which was founded at Williamsburg, Va., and was endowed with 20,000 pounds of tobacco annually for its maintenance. He also secured pastors for many churches.

In New England isolated attempts at church organization were made, but for many years none proved permanent, since the Puritans applied to the Anglicans the same proscription from which they themselves had fled. With the revocation of the charter of the Massachusetts colony, a Church of England clergyman was appointed in 1686; and King's Chapel in Boston, the first Episcopal church in New England, was opened in 1689. In 1698 an Episcopal church was established at Newport, R. I., and the same year saw the consecration of Trinity Church in New York City.

In Maryland the Protestant element in the community of St. Mary's erected a chapel and held services according to the rites of the Church of England. The growth of the church was slow, but the arrival in 1700 of the Rev. Thomas Bray, the Bishop of London's commissary, gave it new life. His influence was felt also in the other colonies, for it was he who gave the impulse for the organization in England of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which had so large

a share in establishing the church in America on a firm foundation.

This society began its work by sending in 1702 a delegation to visit the scattered churches. At that time there does not appear to have been half a dozen clergymen of the Church of England outside of Virginia and Maryland, and the whole number from Maine to Carolina was less than fifty. This mission was the beginning of a new era in the history of the Episcopal Church in America. The number of churches was greatly increased, and a far better grade of ministers was secured for them. There were, however, too many of the class who drift to distant sections, and who, removed from ecclesiastical jurisdiction, were more of a hindrance than a help.

Of the individuals whose influence was felt in the early colonial church, Dean Berkeley, later bishop of Cloyne, in Ireland, undoubtedly took precedence. He came to Newport, R. I., in 1729, with the purpose of founding a university in the colonies. While his purpose remained unaccomplished because of the failure of the financial support promised him, he became the guiding spirit in the sphere of higher education. He was one of the earliest and most munificent benefactors of Yale College, and, after his return to Europe, contributed largely toward forming the charters and directing the course of King's College at New York, now Columbia University, and of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania.

A general survey of the situation during the first half of the eighteenth century reveals the causes of the weakness of the church. There was, first, an established church in a few colonies, as, for instance, in Virginia and Maryland, not sufficiently effective to be of positive assistance, but just enough so to arouse the antagonism of the strong dissenting element which feared the introduction of a state church, to avoid which they had left England. There was, secondly, the difficulty of securing competent ministers who were conversant with the needs of the colonies. The impossibility of ordination, except by a tedious and expensive trip to England, deterred many colonial churchmen from application for orders, and as a result the churches were supplied chiefly from abroad, and this often proved a source of weakness rather than of strength. Throughout the whole period repeated urgent appeals for an episcopate were made, but all failed, owing, probably, in part to ignorance in the Church of England as to the real situation, in part to a failure to realize the missionary power and value of the episcopate, and especially to the persistent opposition to an American episcopate shown by English political leaders who feared that if the colonies were provided with bishops they would be in a better position to claim their independence.

Notwithstanding these hindrances, the Church of England enjoyed a slow but steady growth in power up to the Revolutionary War. In the southern colonies it was the predominant church, and people were required by law to contribute to its support, though there was frequently a lack of harmony between clergy and people. In New England and the middle colonies, on the other hand, it was largely an alien institution, opposed by a strong majority of dissenters. Usually it was not strong financially, and its support came largely from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; but in Maryland and Virginia the churches were maintained by the local governments and were prosperous.

The close of the war found the Episcopal churches thoroughly disorganized. Many of the clergy were loyal to the Crown and left the country, going either to England or to Canada, and of those who remained few conducted any public services, partly for lack of congregations and partly because of the impossibility of conducting the services in full, including the petition for the royal family. Even the semblance of an establishment was no longer maintained, and few, if any, desired one. There was no episcopacy, and not even any association of churches. Furthermore, so intense was the sentiment of state loyalty that there was little recognition of any relation between the churches of different states. The first move toward an organization was the appearance, in 1782, of a pamphlet entitled "The Case of the Episcopal Churches in the United States Considered," written by the Rev. William White, of Philadelphia, but published anonymously. In this he urged that, without waiting for a bishop the churches should unite in some form of association and common government. He also outlined a plan which embodied most of the essential characteristics of the diocesan and general conventions as adopted later.

Meanwhile the Maryland Legislature had, in 1779, passed an act committing to certain vestries, as trustees, the property of the parishes, but also prohibiting general assessments, and affirming the right of each taxpayer to designate the denomination to whose support his contribution should be applied. The next year a conference was called, consisting of 3 clergymen and 24 laymen, and a petition was sent to the legislature asking that the vestries be empowered to raise money for parish uses by pew rents and other means. As it was essential to the petition that the organization have a title, the name "Protestant Episcopal Church" was suggested as appropriate—the term "Protestant" distinguishing it from the Church of Rome, and the term "Episcopal" distinguishing it from the Presbyterian and Congregational bodies. This name was formally approved by a conference at Annapolis in 1783 and appears to have continued in use until definitely adopted by the General Convention of 1789.

With the close of the war and the desire for a full organization, the Maryland churches elected Dr. William Smith bishop and the Connecticut churches, Dr. Samuel Seabury. No steps were taken by Dr. Smith toward consecration, but Dr. Seabury went to England and applied to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The latter received him cordially but could not see his way clear to accede to his request under the existing political conditions. Dr. Seabury, therefore, applied to the nonjuring Scottish bishops, who, after some hesitation, performed the office, in November, 1784.

As it became evident that the Episcopal churches of the different states were organizing independently, a movement to constitute an Episcopal Church for the whole United States was inaugurated, largely by the initiative of Dr. William White, at an informal meeting at New Brunswick, N. J., in May, 1784. Three states only—New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania—were represented, but correspondence with other states resulted in a convention in New York, in October of the same year, with delegates from 8 states. This was also informal, with no recognized authority, and representing very diverse views, but it adopted, with noteworthy unanimity, a recommendation to the churches, embodying the following fundamental principles:

I. There shall be a general convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

II. That the Episcopal Church in each state send deputies to the convention, consisting of clergy and laity.

III. That associated congregations in two or more states may send deputies jointly.

IV. That the said church shall maintain the doctrines of the gospel as now held by the Church of England and shall adhere to the liturgy of said church, as far as shall be consistent with the American Revolution and the constitution of the respective states.

V. That in every state where there shall be a bishop duly consecrated and settled he shall be considered as a member of the convention *ex officio*.

VI. That the clergy and laity assembled in convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

VII. That the first meeting of the convention shall be at Philadelphia the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael next, to which it is hoped and earnestly desired that the Episcopal churches in the respective states will send their clerical and lay deputies duly instructed and authorized to proceed on the necessary business herein proposed for their deliberation.

The project of a general convention aroused varying sentiments. In the South it was feared that too much ecclesiastical authority would be assumed by it, while in the North it was feared that too much would be conceded to it. When the convention next met, in September, 1785, at Philadelphia, 16 clergymen and 24 laymen were present, representing only 7 of the 13 states—New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. New England was thus not represented at all, and there were numerous protests from many quarters against

the proposed plan of organization. The convention adopted, however, with some modifications, the principles already mentioned, and then undertook to draw up a constitution and a liturgy, the latter under the general oversight of Dr. William Smith, and the former under that of Dr. William White. The liturgy, as adopted, involved some radical changes significant of the prevailing tone of the times, but most of these changes were afterwards rejected. The constitution formulated was essentially that of the church as it is to-day.

While no serious disposition to question the validity of Bishop Seabury's consecration was manifested, yet the desire was general to be connected with the Church of England rather than with that of Scotland. Accordingly an address to the archbishops and bishops of the former church was prepared, and the state conventions were urged to elect bishops. The reply from England was on the whole favorable, and before the next meeting of the convention, in 1786, New York had elected as its bishop Dr. Samuel Provoost; Pennsylvania, Dr. William White; Maryland, Dr. William Smith; and Virginia, Dr. David Griffith. Of these four, only Dr. White and Dr. Provoost went to England, where they were consecrated in February, 1787, thus completing the number of three bishops essential to the constitution of the house of bishops. Subsequently, Dr. James Madison was elected bishop of Virginia, and was consecrated in England, so that any objection to the Scottish office was obviated.

In 1789 a union of the different forces was effected and Bishop Seabury joined the other bishops. Two houses were constituted in the General Convention, and the constitution and Book of Common Prayer were adopted. Thus the same year that saw the complete organization of the Federal Government witnessed also the full equipment of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The four bishops above mentioned united in 1792 in the ordination of Dr. Thomas John Claggett, Bishop of Maryland, and thus was inaugurated the distinctively American Episcopate.

For 20 years and more the church had to combat various hostile influences. It was widely distrusted as being really an English institution. Its compact organization and its formality of worship repelled many, especially in an age that was peculiarly fond of emotionalism, and of an untrammelled freedom in religious as well as social and civil life. The loss of the Methodist element, which hitherto had been identified with the church, though somewhat loosely, deprived it of some strength. Growth was slow, and conventions and ordinations were few in number, especially in Virginia and further south. At times it seemed as if the labors of the founders were to be fruitless.

In the second decade of the nineteenth century came a change, coincident with the general change in the

tone of spiritual life throughout the country. New bishops were elected and consecrated, who went out into the newly settled sections, especially in the West. In 1821 the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was organized, and work was begun both on the foreign field and in the remoter regions of the states. Diocesan organizations took the place of state organizations, and little by little the church began to take its place in the development of the nation. An illustration of the progress made is seen in the fact that the 4 or 5 active ministers laboring in Virginia when Bishop Moore came to Richmond in 1814 increased to nearly 100 during the 27 years of his service, and the number of churches to 170.

In the course of time two parties, or rather tendencies, developed, styled, for convenience, evangelical and high church. Lines were not sharply drawn; leaders in each party practiced the principles of the other; yet a distinction existed which grew clearer as the years went by. The high-church party emphasized the church as a comprehensive, ecclesiastical, authoritative unity; the evangelical party, while not denying the authority of the church, emphasized the spiritual freedom of the individual. The former emphasized the catholic character of the church, as the heir of all the Christian ages, and a portion of the one holy Apostolic Church of Christ, and sought to bring all dissenting Christian bodies within the one fold. The latter would gladly welcome them, but would still cooperate with them as nonconforming Christian bodies, so far as possible, being concerned with the maintaining and developing of personal righteousness, and with endeavors for the salvation of souls rather than with the development of a church fold, however ideal in its doctrine, ritual, and government.

About 1845 Dr. W. A. Muhlenberg, one of the most remarkable men in the history of the church, came into prominence. He founded the system of church schools, organized the first free church of any importance in New York City, introduced the male choir, sisterhoods, and the fresh air movement; while his church infirmary suggested to his mind St. Luke's Hospital, the first church hospital of any Christian communion in the country. He hoped to extend the movement in his own parish to the entire church, transforming it from what he considered a liturgical denomination into a real catholic church. As a result a memorial was drawn up, chiefly by himself, but signed also by a number of prominent clergymen, and addressed to the college of bishops. It raised the query whether the church with "her fixed and invariable modes of worship and her traditional customs and usages" was competent for the great and catholic work before it. In partial answer to this query the memorial suggested "that a wider door might be opened for admission to the gospel ministry



\* \* \* of all men who could not bring themselves to conform in all particulars to our prescriptions and customs, yet are sound in the faith." The memorial made a profound impression, and though it showed no immediate result it had much influence in preparing the way for the issuance of the famous Lambeth Quadrilateral on Church Unity in 1888, and the movement for revision of the prayer book, completed in 1892.

The outbreak of the Civil War caused temporary division in the church. The question of slavery had never been brought up in the General Convention, but each diocese had been left to deal with it as was thought best. In the North there were in the church many ardent antislavery agitators, while in the South the proslavery sentiments of bishops and others were equally strong. Each party, however, recognized the essential Christianity of the other, and no antislavery legislation was passed. With the secession of the Southern states the bishops of the various dioceses in the South, influenced not so much by any thought of disagreement with the church of the North as by a desire to emphasize their loyalty to their respective states, organized the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States. With the close of the war and the reestablishment of the National Government in the South, the different dioceses became again a part of the General Convention. No definite action was taken; altered conditions were simply recognized and accepted, and the breach immediately healed.

At the close of the war the old controversy between the evangelical and high-church parties was renewed. A determined effort was made to suppress the growing tendency toward ritualism, and in the General Convention of 1871 a declaration was passed that the word "regenerate" as used in the administration of infant baptism did not signify that a moral change was wrought by the service. In 1874 a canon was enacted limiting the ritual that might be employed in the celebration of the communion. But from this time on the interest in the controversy waned, and the canon on ritualism was repealed in 1904.

The height of the ritualistic controversy was marked by the withdrawal from the church in 1873 of some of the extreme evangelicals, under the leadership of Bishop George D. Cummins, of Kentucky, and their organization into the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Following closely upon this was the introduction of a church congress, which gave to churchmen of different types opportunity to compare views and present ideals. Dominated largely by what became known as the broad church element, it has served to emphasize harmony rather than diversity and has formed a strong factor in church life. Similar influence has been exerted by the Brotherhood of St.

Andrew, founded in 1886, while the increasing emphasis on missionary work, both at home and abroad, has called forth many latent energies and at the same time has brought the church into sympathetic and cooperative relations with other Christian bodies.

During the last decade the Episcopal Church has been very active in deepening and expanding her endeavors for humanity. Her missionary work in foreign lands, as well as in many portions of our own land, including Alaska and the Rocky Mountain states, for the mountaineers of the Appalachians, and such races as the Eskimos, the Indians, and the Negroes, has been strengthened by the development of central administrative forces, and of methods for the presentation of the cause to the people of the church. The greatest advance over the past has been in the field of religious education which has been organized on national lines under the direction of a strong central commission, and has been developed under local management in the provinces, the dioceses, and the parishes. Provision has been made for improved methods and more thorough supervision not only in the field of Christian instruction in the church and the Sunday school, but also in preparatory and technical schools, in colleges and universities, and in the training of men for the ministry. The measures, the methods, and the aims, both in extent and in quality, are a notable improvement over those prevailing hitherto.

For the work of social service and community welfare, central, provincial, and diocesan boards and commissions have been formed from one end of the country to the other, and are very active not only in the investigation and study of social conditions but also in multiform methods of amelioration.

The Episcopal Church completed a year's campaign for a church pension fund, in order to enable her to retire her aged and infirm clergy with an adequate income. Under the advice of actuaries, a thorough and scientific system was developed which it is believed will secure simple justice to those who have given their lives to the service of the church; will make for efficiency, because parishes will no longer be under compulsion to retain the services of clergymen who are no longer physically fit for service; and will encourage young men to enter the ministry with no fear that there will be no provision for their old age. The aim was to raise \$5,000,000; but under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Wm. Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts, the sum of \$9,000,000 was secured, which, before the present war, was the largest sum of money ever raised for any Christian purpose in a short period in the history of the United States.

Since the commencement of the war, a special War Commission, again under the leadership of Bishop Lawrence, has undertaken through chaplains in the Army and Navy, and volunteer chaplains, to subserve



the spiritual interests and welfare of the soldiers and sailors, abroad and at home, raising for this purpose the sum of \$500,000. Three of the bishops, a large number of the clergy, and a still larger number of lay workers went to France and Flanders, and at home great numbers have served in the cantonments and mobilization camps.

Another important movement during the past decade has been the appointment of a joint commission for the purpose of considering questions touching faith and order, in which all Christian communions throughout the world should be asked to unite. This commission invited representatives of a considerable number of churches, including the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches to join them, and an advisory committee was formed which had several meetings and was planning for a world conference when the war began. The immediate result was that these plans have been held in abeyance, but it is the purpose of the commission and the advisory committee to press them as soon as practicable. The commission has issued a number of publications setting forth its scope and purpose.

#### DOCTRINE.

The doctrinal symbols of the Protestant Episcopal Church are the Apostles' and Nicene creeds. The Athanasian Creed, one of the symbols of the Anglican Church, was unanimously rejected by the convention of 1789, chiefly because of its damnatory clauses. The Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England, with the exception of the twenty-first, relating to the authority of the general council, and with some modifications of the eighth, thirty-fifth, and thirty-sixth articles, were accepted by the convention of 1801 as a general statement of doctrine and are appended to the prayer book. Adherence to them as a creed, however, is not generally required either for confirmation or ordination, although this rests with the bishop.

The Episcopal Church expects of all its members loyalty to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the one holy Catholic Apostolic Church, in all the essentials, but allows great liberty in nonessentials. There is no inclination to be rigid or to raise difficulties, but the fundamental principles of the church, based upon the Holy Scriptures as the ultimate rule of faith, have been maintained whenever a question has arisen demanding decision.

The clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, instead of signing the Thirty-nine Articles, as is done in the English Church, make the following declaration:

I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

On this general basis, what are known as the Lambeth Articles were formulated in England in 1888 for the unity of Christendom, as follows:

(a) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as "containing all things necessary to salvation," and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.

(b) The Apostles' Creed as the baptismal symbol, and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

(c) The two sacraments ordained by Christ himself—baptism and the Supper of the Lord—ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.

(d) The historic episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

In the baptism of children either immersion or pouring is allowed. The child must be presented by sponsors, who may be the parents, who shall answer for the child, accepting the Apostles' Creed, with the implied promise that the child shall be trained to accept the pledges thus made.

For those who have not been baptized in infancy, reception into the church is by baptism, by whatever form may be preferred, and acceptance of the Apostles' Creed. For those who have been baptized, reception is by confirmation by the bishop, after instruction in the catechism of the church. Participation in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is, according to the rules of the church, limited to those who have been confirmed, though the custom is growing of regarding all baptized persons as virtually members of the church, and as such permitted to partake, if they so desire.

#### POLITY.

The system of ecclesiastical government includes the parish or congregation, the diocese, the province, and the General Convention. A congregation, when organized, is "required, in its constitution or plan or articles of organization, to recognize and accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the church, and to agree to submit to and obey such directions as may be from time to time received from the bishop in charge, and council of advice."

Officers of the parish are the rector, who must be a priest; wardens, usually two in number, representing the body of the parish and usually having charge of records, collection of alms, and the repair of the church; and vestrymen, who are the trustees and hold the property for the corporation. The direction of spiritual affairs is exclusively in the hands of the rector. The number, mode of election, and term of office of wardens and vestrymen, with qualifications of voters, vary according to the state of diocesan law. The election of officers, including the rector, rests with the vestry as the elected representatives of the congregation.

A diocese includes not less than six parishes, and must have not fewer than six presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within its bounds, regularly settled in a parish or congregation and qualified to vote for a bishop. The early dioceses were in general identical with the states, but with the growth of the church, necessitating the subdivision of the larger dioceses, and the erection of missionary districts, state lines have not always been observed, and many states have been divided into several dioceses, New York and Pennsylvania, for instance, each now containing five separate bishoprics.

The government of the diocese is vested in the bishop and the diocesan convention, the latter consisting of all the ordained clergy, and of at least one lay delegate from each parish or congregation. This convention meets annually, and election of delegates to it is governed by the specific canons of each diocese. A standing committee is appointed by the convention to be the ecclesiastical authority for all purposes declared by the General Convention. This committee elects a president and secretary from its own body, and meets in conformity to its own rules; its rights and duties, except as provided in the constitution and canons of the General Convention, are prescribed by the canons of the respective dioceses.

Sections of states and territories not organized into dioceses are established by the house of bishops and the General Convention as missionary districts. These districts may be elevated into dioceses or may be consolidated with other parts of dioceses as new dioceses.

The dioceses and missionary districts are assembled into eight provinces, to procure unity and cooperation in dealing with regional interests, especially in the fields of missions, religious education, social service, and judicial proceedings. Each province is governed by a synod consisting of the bishops and of four presbyters and four laymen, elected by each constituent diocese, and missionary district.

The General Convention, the highest ecclesiastical authority in the church, consists of two houses, the house of bishops and the house of deputies. The house of bishops includes every bishop having jurisdiction, every bishop coadjutor, and every bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity has resigned his jurisdiction. The house of deputies is composed of delegates elected from the dioceses, including for each diocese not more than four presbyters, canonically resident in the diocese, and not more than four laymen, communicants of the church, resident in the diocese. In addition to the delegates from the dioceses, each missionary district of the church within the boundaries of the United States is entitled to one clerical and one lay deputy with all the qualifications and rights of deputies except the right to vote when the vote is taken by orders. The two houses sit and deliberate separately. On any question, the vote of

a majority of the deputies present is sufficient in the house of deputies, unless some special canon requires more than a majority, or unless the clerical or lay delegation from any diocese demands that the vote be taken by orders. In such case the two orders vote separately, each diocese having one vote in the clerical order and one in the lay order, a majority in each order of all the dioceses being necessary to constitute a vote.

In the house of bishops the senior bishop in the order of consecration, having jurisdiction within the United States, is the presiding bishop, and next to him stands the bishop next in seniority by consecration.

The General Convention meets every third year on the first Wednesday in October, unless a different day be appointed by the preceding convention, and at the place designated by such convention, though the presiding bishop of the church has the power, in case of necessity, to change the place.

Three orders are recognized in the ministry, bishops, priests, and deacons. Deacons are ordained to assist the rector in the services and pastoral work, to baptize infants in the absence of the rector, and to preach as specially licensed by the bishop. A course of study and examination are required, and subscription to the declaration referred to above. A deacon after serving a year, provided he be at least 24 years of age, may be ordained to the priesthood and then receives authority to preach, to administer the sacraments, and in general to conduct the parish affairs. A bishop is a priest elected to that office by a diocesan convention and then approved by a majority of the standing committees of all the dioceses in the United States and a majority of the bishops having jurisdiction in the United States. Missionary bishops are appointed in missionary districts by the house of bishops, subject to confirmation, during the session of the General Convention, by the house of deputies, and at other times by a majority of the standing committees of the dioceses. A bishop is consecrated by not less than 3 bishops. He is the administrative head and spiritual leader of his diocese. He presides over the diocesan convention, ordains deacons and priests, institutes rectors, licenses lay readers, and is required to visit every parish in his diocese at least once in three years. In case of the inability of a bishop to perform all the duties of his office, a bishop coadjutor may be elected in the same manner as the bishop, with the understanding that he shall have the right of succession to the bishopric. A suffragan bishop may be elected in the same way, when there is need of additional episcopal services. His authority is limited and he has not the right of succession.

The election of a rector is according to diocesan law, and notice of election is sent to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. On acceptance of the

candidate by this authority as a duly qualified minister, notice is sent to the secretary of the convention. Usually a service of institution is performed by the bishop, although this is not essential.

Lay readers and deaconesses are appointed by the bishop or ecclesiastical authority of a diocese or missionary district to assist in public services, in the care of the poor and sick, and in religious training. As such they are under the control of the immediate ecclesiastical authority, and may not serve except as duly licensed.

The support of the rector and the general expenditures of each local church are in the care of the vestry. The salary of the bishop is fixed by the diocesan convention, and the amount is apportioned among the churches of his diocese. No new diocese is allowed to be constituted except as provision is made for the support of the episcopate. Many dioceses possess considerable endowment funds for the support of the episcopate. The missionary bishops draw their salaries from the treasury of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

#### WORK.

The missionary activities of the church are conducted through the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, established in the year 1820. According to its constitution all baptized persons of the church are members of the society. The presiding bishop of the church is ex officio its president. A Board of Missions, for the purpose of discharging the corporate duties of the society, has been established; it is composed of 48 elected members, 24 being elected by the General Convention of the church and 24 by the several provincial synods. Auxiliary to the Board of Missions are the following: The Woman's Auxiliary, with organized branches in 92 dioceses and districts within the United States; the Sunday School Auxiliary; and the American Church Missionary Society.

The report on domestic missions for the year 1916 shows that the work was carried on for the white population, for the Indians, the Negro communities, the Swedes, the Japanese in California, and the deaf-mutes in the South and West. The domestic mission department also covers the work in Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone, and Alaska. In the home department of the work, 23 missionary districts, the Panama Canal Zone, and 39 different dioceses were aided during the year 1915-16 in supplying the entire or partial support of 24 bishops and 1,069 missionaries. The total contributions amounted to \$853,452.

In addition to the work of the general society, nearly all the 68 dioceses carry on within their own jurisdictions more or less missionary work, demand-

ing the labors of over 1,000 missionaries, and at a cost of nearly \$800,000 per annum.

In addition to this general missionary work, is that of the American Church Building Fund Commission, created in the year 1880. The fund for the first year was reported as \$7,897. Since that time it has steadily increased until in 1916 it reached a total of \$546,000. During the year the sum of \$16,481 was added to the permanent building fund. Interest on loans and investments was \$29,245, and loans returned by parishes and missions amounted to \$40,735. Gifts of \$13,125 were made to complete 37 churches and rectories, and loans amounting to \$38,700 were granted to complete 15 churches, rectories, and parish houses.

The combined report for all departments of the home missionary work for 1916 shows 2,069 missionaries employed, 2,026 churches aided, and contributions to the amount of \$1,666,577.

The foreign missionary work of the church is being carried on in 7 different countries: Africa (the west coast), China, Japan, Haiti, Brazil, Cuba, and Mexico. In these fields the report for 1915-16 shows 463 stations, 346 American missionaries, 1,349 native helpers, 247 churches and chapels, and 17,551 members. The educational work is represented by 346 schools, including 4 theological schools and 43 colleges and academies, with 12,343 students and pupils; and the philanthropic work by 14 hospitals and dispensaries, caring for 127,326 patients, and 6 asylums and orphanages, having 280 inmates. St. John's College at Shanghai and St. Paul's College at Tokyo are especially to be noted. The contributions in the United States for the foreign work amounted to \$822,402 and other income to \$140,285, making the gross receipts for the work in the foreign field \$962,687. The value of property belonging to the denomination in foreign countries is estimated at \$4,731,721, and there are endowments amounting to \$101,688.

The educational work of the Protestant Episcopal Church is varied in character. There are 14 institutions for theological instruction, 1 of which, the General Theological Seminary, New York City, is under the care of the General Convention. Others, such as the Theological Seminary of Virginia; the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn.; the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., and the Theological Department of the University of the South, are connected with the respective dioceses in which they are located. The total number of students in these theological seminaries, as shown by the report for 1916, was 462. There are 3 distinctively church colleges—the University of the South, Kenyon College, and St. Stephen's College—having in all some 406 students. There are 4 other institutions which are classed as nonsectarian, but which have some

churchly character—Columbia University, Hobart College, Trinity College, and Lehigh University. These have in all 17,419 students. In addition, there are a large number of academic institutions, the figures for which are not available. So far as returns have been received, there are in all 122 colleges and academies; 18,287 students; and also 261 parochial and mission schools, with about 14,086 pupils. The amount contributed in 1916 for the support of these schools was \$533,883; the property value was \$9,966,884; and the amount of endowment was \$24,697,442, not including parochial schools.

So far as available, the statistics for philanthropic work for 1916 show 74 hospitals, in which 47,236 patients received treatment, and 121 other institutions, including orphanages and homes of various kinds. The amount contributed for the support of this work was \$1,366,788; the value of property was estimated at \$18,052,164; and there are endowments amounting to \$28,063,411. Most of these institutions, while closely identified with the church, are not under its direct control.

Chief among the organizations for men and boys are the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Knights of St. Paul and the Knights of St. John, the Lay Readers' League, and the Boy Scouts; for girls and women, the Daughters of the King, the Girls Friendly Society, the order of the Camp Fire, 17 sisterhoods, and the order of Deaconesses. The number of young peoples' societies reported was 997, with 37,237 members. There are a large number of other organizations, such as the American Church Sunday School Institute, Evangelical Education Society, Social Service Commission, Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor, Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, Church Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, and the Church Temperance Society. Orders of distinctively religious types are, the Order of Christian Helpers, Order of the Sisters of Bethany, Order of the Holy Cross, the Society of the Mission Priests of St. John the Evangelist, and many others.

There are several financial organizations, such as the Church Pension Fund, the Retiring Fund Society, the Clergymen's Mutual Insurance League, and the Church Endowment Society, formed for the purpose of securing endowments for the episcopate, cathedrals, parishes, churches, asylums, hospitals, and all enterprises of a religious or charitable character.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Protestant Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and dioceses, on pages 616 to 620, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables

in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	7,392	6,845	547	8.0
Members.....	1,092,821	886,942	205,879	23.2
Church edifices.....	6,726	6,922	-196	-2.8
Value of church property.....	\$164,990,150	\$125,040,498	\$39,949,652	31.9
Debt on church property.....	\$6,380,117	\$4,930,914	\$1,449,203	29.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3,154	2,706	448	16.6
Value.....	\$18,395,182	\$13,207,084	\$5,188,098	39.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	5,790	5,601	189	3.4
Officers and teachers.....	55,918	51,043	4,875	9.5
Scholars.....	489,036	464,351	24,685	5.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$4,389,650	\$3,214,203	\$1,175,447	36.6
Domestic.....	\$3,567,248	\$2,665,133	\$902,115	33.8
Foreign.....	\$822,402	\$549,070	\$273,332	49.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it is seen that the denomination has reported an increase in every particular except in the number of church edifices. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 7,392, as against 6,845 in 1906, a gain of 8 per cent, and the membership rose from 886,942 to 1,092,821, an increase of 23.2 per cent. There was a loss of 196 in the total number of church edifices, the reports for 1916 showing 6,726, as against 6,922 in 1906. The value of church property, however, rose from \$125,040,498 to \$164,990,150, or 31.9 per cent. Of the total number of organizations, 1,281 reported debt on church property amounting to \$6,380,117, as against \$4,930,914, reported by 1,011 organizations in 1906. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased from 2,706 to 3,154, a gain of 16.6 per cent, and the value of parsonages advanced in an even greater ratio—39.3 per cent. The number of Sunday schools showed an increase, but at a smaller rate than the number of organizations, and the number of scholars showed a much smaller rate of increase than the membership. Contributions for missions and benevolences advanced from \$3,214,203 to \$4,389,650, or 36.6 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$22,509,942 were reported by 6,831 organizations and cover general running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 2,601 organizations in 1916, was 3,760, constituting 1 per cent of the 367,465 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 725,356 members reported by the organizations from which no answer

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to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 11,182.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 7,392 organizations, 7,271, with 1,066,356 members, reported church services conducted in English only; 72, with 22,854 members, reported the use of foreign languages and English; and 49 organizations, with 3,611 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 13. The Indian languages were reported alone, or in connection with English, by 80 organizations, with 4,051 members, of which 38 organizations, with 1,949 members, used the Indian only; next in order was Italian, reported alone or with English by 21 organizations, with 5,411 members, and in connection with Chinese and English by 1 organization with 9,191 members. In 1906, 89 organizations reported the use of foreign languages exclusively.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 5,544. Schedules were received from 3,992, distributed, by states, in the opposite table.

Of the 3,992 ministers reporting, 3,297 were in pastoral work and 695 in other than pastoral work. Of the 3,060 pastors, 2,976 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,632; 68 reported other occupations, and 169 were registered as supplies or assistants, etc. Of those not in pastoral work, 294 were on the retired list, 241 were engaged in various lines of denominational work, including the episcopate, 116 in educational and editorial work, and 15 in other occupations.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	Number from whom schedules were received.	MINISTERS: 1916.			Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	3,992	3,060	237	695	\$1,632
Alabama.....	23	18	1	4	1,459
Arizona.....	8	5	1	2	1,800
Arkansas.....	13	8	2	3	1,296
California.....	180	125	18	37	1,330
Colorado.....	41	32	2	7	1,370
Connecticut.....	164	123	13	28	1,617
Delaware.....	18	16	1	1	1,702
District of Columbia.....	67	41	7	19	1,794
Florida.....	48	34	2	12	1,240
Georgia.....	48	41	2	5	1,567
Idaho.....	12	10	.....	2	1,036
Illinois.....	135	102	11	22	1,853
Indiana.....	37	26	3	8	1,414
Iowa.....	38	33	1	4	1,553
Kansas.....	31	23	2	6	1,318
Kentucky.....	36	29	1	6	1,857
Louisiana.....	25	22	1	2	1,542
Maine.....	25	21	1	3	1,310
Maryland.....	137	118	4	15	1,377
Massachusetts.....	245	185	12	48	1,732
Michigan.....	102	80	2	20	1,517
Minnesota.....	76	55	7	14	1,633
Mississippi.....	22	18	.....	4	1,325
Missouri.....	52	46	1	5	1,743
Montana.....	30	21	1	8	1,600
Nebraska.....	38	34	.....	4	1,325
Nevada.....	8	7	.....	1	1,277
New Hampshire.....	41	25	8	8	1,294
New Jersey.....	234	188	10	36	1,653
New Mexico.....	10	8	.....	2	1,258
New York.....	762	573	42	147	1,899
North Carolina.....	84	60	7	17	1,283
North Dakota.....	15	11	3	1	1,088
Ohio.....	136	113	5	18	1,734
Oklahoma.....	19	13	3	3	1,217
Oregon.....	25	18	.....	7	1,388
Pennsylvania.....	389	308	24	57	1,815
Rhode Island.....	62	51	3	8	1,739
South Carolina.....	51	43	1	7	1,467
South Dakota.....	23	18	3	2	1,155
Tennessee.....	46	29	3	14	1,620
Texas.....	65	51	2	12	1,588
Utah.....	11	10	.....	1	1,525
Vermont.....	36	31	.....	5	1,208
Virginia.....	148	108	16	24	1,494
Washington.....	45	37	1	7	1,609
West Virginia.....	23	20	.....	3	1,324
Wisconsin.....	89	58	8	23	1,330
Wyoming.....	19	14	2	3	1,372

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.			Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.	Halls, etc.			
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	7,392	7,345	1,092,821	5,421	305,275	485,996	6,514	168	6,726	6,454	\$164,990,150
New England division:											
Maine.....	63	63	5,628	56	1,725	3,603	55	4	55	55	781,051
New Hampshire.....	56	55	6,715	28	1,348	2,143	50	1	52	50	552,995
Vermont.....	65	65	6,000	63	1,946	3,973	64	.....	65	64	681,956
Massachusetts.....	256	254	75,217	177	19,584	30,695	242	6	250	241	9,616,175
Rhode Island.....	67	67	20,176	47	4,296	7,184	60	2	66	60	1,775,430
Connecticut.....	196	196	48,854	146	13,171	20,723	187	3	190	187	5,488,403
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	885	876	227,685	575	54,679	83,711	840	17	902	831	66,664,099
New Jersey.....	289	289	67,996	223	21,645	30,373	264	8	270	262	7,306,612
Pennsylvania.....	518	515	118,687	384	35,648	54,056	478	9	503	470	17,533,543
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	213	212	47,175	166	13,789	22,495	192	9	200	191	5,124,782
Indiana.....	70	68	8,848	65	3,352	5,073	60	1	60	60	1,115,800
Illinois.....	205	205	40,725	168	11,879	19,946	198	1	206	194	4,180,068
Michigan.....	206	203	33,409	153	10,182	15,127	174	9	178	174	2,980,892
Wisconsin.....	154	154	18,451	131	5,460	9,197	145	.....	147	145	1,976,419

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STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	214	214	22,635	152	6,680	9,952	191	6	192	190	\$2,013,077
Iowa.....	75	75	8,126	45	2,460	4,014	73	2	74	73	1,082,261
Missouri.....	112	112	14,309	84	4,563	7,085	103	2	104	101	2,118,953
North Dakota.....	60	60	2,455	57	960	1,382	45	5	47	45	180,475
South Dakota.....	157	157	8,156	92	2,196	3,041	119	5	123	116	400,740
Nebraska.....	125	125	7,931	105	1,998	3,427	89	5	94	88	794,071
Kansas.....	97	96	5,843	57	1,582	2,309	90	.....	90	92	726,531
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	40	40	4,656	25	944	1,397	40	.....	40	40	462,500
Maryland.....	276	270	38,469	197	11,586	18,493	253	1	255	252	4,094,950
District of Columbia.....	51	51	18,295	34	5,093	8,618	48	1	49	48	3,356,272
Virginia.....	469	466	33,593	360	9,889	18,271	425	3	434	425	3,710,367
West Virginia.....	116	115	6,831	72	1,818	3,379	94	1	96	93	667,650
North Carolina.....	282	279	18,545	222	5,520	8,237	261	8	273	259	1,467,400
South Carolina.....	133	132	11,000	131	4,198	6,767	114	.....	121	114	1,249,400
Georgia.....	117	115	11,098	88	3,316	5,521	103	.....	105	102	1,488,000
Florida.....	152	151	10,399	105	2,887	4,901	137	6	138	135	1,174,624
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	75	73	9,383	71	3,275	5,893	67	3	68	67	1,070,700
Tennessee.....	95	95	9,910	64	2,248	3,515	72	7	72	71	1,092,775
Alabama.....	110	110	10,069	87	3,479	5,485	96	1	101	93	1,052,470
Mississippi.....	97	97	6,132	67	1,786	2,902	77	1	81	77	697,660
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	54	53	4,431	40	1,257	2,280	41	1	45	41	459,987
Louisiana.....	85	85	11,632	38	2,336	4,940	63	.....	63	57	826,261
Oklahoma.....	83	83	3,566	62	859	1,566	57	4	59	58	280,310
Texas.....	184	183	17,116	135	4,684	7,477	161	.....	162	159	1,802,200
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	95	94	4,607	69	1,079	2,224	53	15	55	53	396,993
Idaho.....	73	72	2,404	29	515	1,155	44	1	44	44	234,343
Wyoming.....	53	53	3,890	35	1,049	1,604	45	1	48	43	333,745
Colorado.....	109	109	8,437	74	2,634	4,585	77	3	77	77	853,107
New Mexico.....	45	45	1,718	32	578	946	23	1	23	23	98,900
Arizona.....	19	19	2,318	15	782	1,067	16	1	18	16	191,750
Utah.....	24	24	1,469	15	380	746	17	3	17	17	264,200
Nevada.....	32	32	1,207	27	357	839	22	6	22	22	106,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	106	105	10,881	84	3,820	6,217	91	2	93	88	671,474
Oregon.....	73	73	5,726	46	979	1,982	58	.....	58	57	450,150
California.....	261	260	30,018	223	8,784	15,480	240	5	241	234	3,341,629

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	7,392	1,281	\$6,380,117	3,154	\$18,395,182	6,831	\$22,509,942	5,552	5,790	55,918	489,036
New England division:											
Maine.....	63	2	875	33	166,120	59	93,798	47	47	278	2,561
New Hampshire.....	56	8	7,100	32	149,000	52	104,880	41	41	303	2,328
Vermont.....	65	7	13,330	34	117,100	62	87,557	50	50	250	1,864
Massachusetts.....	256	45	146,985	142	1,050,010	254	1,627,320	245	253	3,757	29,803
Rhode Island.....	67	13	56,510	38	219,040	67	409,887	67	69	1,170	10,486
Connecticut.....	196	16	66,200	129	911,173	193	793,778	178	189	2,278	17,324
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	885	207	2,148,148	450	4,581,436	860	5,710,850	740	799	9,772	89,094
New Jersey.....	289	72	284,995	137	1,445,590	285	1,296,176	275	285	3,916	33,101
Pennsylvania.....	518	97	505,825	243	1,786,951	492	2,749,419	453	482	6,645	65,855
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	213	48	168,162	73	283,540	207	782,187	182	185	1,919	16,781
Indiana.....	70	20	58,059	28	160,400	66	165,661	51	53	407	3,414
Illinois.....	205	63	319,402	80	611,388	192	883,769	176	182	1,899	14,940
Michigan.....	206	33	143,970	87	408,159	184	620,531	146	155	1,486	13,537
Wisconsin.....	154	47	84,844	72	303,750	140	264,053	113	117	851	6,977
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	214	26	125,704	78	358,753	190	357,620	135	138	1,014	7,978
Iowa.....	75	13	26,115	39	199,362	74	174,250	55	56	402	3,074
Missouri.....	112	25	174,855	34	232,650	107	335,398	83	87	779	6,623
North Dakota.....	60	5	2,503	19	65,750	51	49,702	31	33	156	1,499
South Dakota.....	157	5	12,752	71	90,350	140	76,435	82	85	309	3,186
Nebraska.....	125	28	43,825	42	134,410	104	140,803	58	60	359	2,810
Kansas.....	97	28	11,800	36	114,200	81	137,229	64	64	358	2,564
South Atlantic division:											
Delaware.....	40	7	38,950	21	111,500	39	104,233	29	29	252	2,254
Maryland.....	276	43	269,655	171	590,856	268	676,704	215	216	1,775	15,434
District of Columbia.....	51	23	508,086	16	200,542	49	519,928	42	52	823	7,616
Virginia.....	469	55	154,443	176	615,950	432	768,243	334	340	2,635	24,037
West Virginia.....	116	11	19,778	45	187,100	97	130,261	74	76	510	3,809
North Carolina.....	282	34	60,100	99	282,750	261	317,824	222	236	1,482	14,911
South Carolina.....	133	13	12,397	52	187,600	130	209,672	93	98	765	5,960
Georgia.....	117	12	40,876	38	153,550	108	216,251	80	86	646	6,277
Florida.....	152	12	25,894	59	187,604	136	190,423	95	98	594	5,372



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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916—Continued.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	75	18	\$51,023	29	\$115,600	65	\$193,930	54	57	521	4,343
Tennessee.....	95	5	58,000	33	102,850	69	126,736	52	53	477	3,993
Alabama.....	110	10	60,557	36	243,000	95	141,713	78	78	551	4,635
Mississippi.....	97	11	14,322	37	122,804	82	97,463	64	66	423	2,711
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	54	11	30,750	25	55,650	46	81,762	34	36	276	2,016
Louisiana.....	85	12	33,281	33	158,850	68	175,716	54	54	534	3,871
Oklahoma.....	83	11	10,257	16	34,525	70	45,482	44	46	207	1,701
Texas.....	184	25	79,330	67	204,830	167	373,117	126	128	950	8,204
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	95	16	40,333	24	92,400	89	129,835	44	45	323	2,356
Idaho.....	73	5	9,650	22	49,300	42	38,926	41	41	193	1,710
Wyoming.....	53	4	1,747	22	97,900	52	82,284	46	49	238	2,407
Colorado.....	109	17	125,731	37	107,400	91	164,667	73	75	523	4,275
New Mexico.....	45	2	1,450	9	18,400	35	20,508	15	15	87	714
Arizona.....	19	3	5,350	8	30,300	17	42,431	12	12	107	1,104
Utah.....	24	.....	.....	10	132,610	22	20,503	20	24	149	1,359
Nevada.....	32	3	10,500	11	33,650	25	22,287	21	21	101	929
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	106	28	45,712	38	97,450	100	132,357	72	76	552	4,943
Oregon.....	73	22	50,587	25	84,700	67	84,668	47	47	312	2,265
California.....	261	60	219,399	98	696,359	249	540,715	199	206	1,604	14,081

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DIOCESES: 1916.

DIOCESE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	7,392	7,345	1,092,821	5,421	305,275	485,996	6,514	168	6,726	6,454	\$164,990,150
Alabama.....	110	110	10,069	87	3,479	5,485	96	1	101	93	1,052,470
Albany.....	169	164	26,411	111	6,366	10,193	163	.....	174	163	3,334,300
Arizona.....	19	19	2,313	15	732	1,067	16	1	18	16	191,750
Arkansas.....	54	53	4,431	40	1,257	2,280	41	1	45	41	459,937
Asheville.....	85	82	3,976	70	1,565	2,214	73	2	82	77	342,070
Atlanta.....	52	50	5,624	38	1,773	3,165	49	.....	51	49	888,100
Bethlehem.....	32	32	16,523	68	5,244	7,140	76	1	85	76	2,161,675
California.....	89	88	11,734	68	2,806	5,154	85	.....	86	86	1,445,927
Central New York.....	153	153	26,215	102	6,630	10,764	149	1	163	147	2,437,616
Chicago.....	110	110	34,170	79	9,315	16,150	109	.....	115	106	3,383,403
Colorado.....	83	83	7,569	62	2,453	4,218	69	2	69	69	827,607
Connecticut.....	196	196	43,354	146	13,171	20,723	187	3	190	187	5,438,403
Dallas.....	40	40	4,791	39	1,770	3,012	38	.....	38	38	653,800
Delaware.....	40	40	4,656	25	944	1,397	40	.....	40	40	462,500
Duluth.....	80	80	6,083	45	1,524	2,107	64	3	64	63	474,627
East Carolina.....	86	86	6,196	63	1,730	2,662	78	1	78	78	473,655
East Oklahoma.....	48	48	1,890	44	645	1,140	31	2	31	31	130,610
East Oregon.....	25	25	1,183	25	425	753	14	.....	14	13	63,400
Easton.....	56	56	3,946	34	920	1,408	53	.....	53	53	322,650
Erie.....	58	58	3,407	49	2,370	4,343	47	4	47	47	809,484
Florida.....	62	62	5,356	45	1,617	2,539	56	2	56	54	645,673
Fond du Lac.....	50	50	6,405	37	1,908	2,704	49	.....	49	49	596,100
Georgia.....	65	65	5,474	50	1,543	2,356	54	.....	54	53	599,900
Harrisburg.....	92	92	11,236	65	3,443	5,130	87	1	87	86	1,397,019
Idaho.....	73	72	2,404	29	515	1,155	44	1	44	44	234,343
Indianapolis.....	37	37	4,897	36	1,762	2,925	34	.....	34	34	663,500
Iowa.....	75	75	3,126	45	2,460	4,014	73	.....	74	73	1,082,261
Kansas.....	63	62	4,703	38	1,286	1,863	62	.....	62	63	562,751
Kentucky.....	40	38	6,195	36	2,249	3,731	39	.....	40	39	721,050
Lexington.....	35	35	3,188	35	1,026	2,162	28	3	28	28	349,650
Long Island.....	154	153	45,881	95	12,541	18,865	147	.....	147	147	6,159,782
Los Angeles.....	91	91	12,507	79	3,972	6,754	84	2	84	79	1,417,945
Louisiana.....	85	85	11,632	38	2,336	4,940	63	.....	63	57	826,261
Maine.....	63	63	5,623	56	1,725	3,603	55	4	55	55	781,051
Marquette.....	44	44	3,443	33	1,280	1,592	30	4	30	30	232,550
Maryland.....	158	158	28,445	127	8,950	14,767	151	1	153	150	3,503,300
Massachusetts.....	193	191	59,703	131	15,160	24,820	184	5	190	183	8,209,952
Michigan.....	108	105	22,690	76	7,427	10,232	98	3	101	98	2,257,366
Michigan City.....	33	31	3,951	29	1,590	2,148	26	.....	26	26	447,300
Milwaukee.....	104	104	12,046	94	3,552	6,493	96	.....	98	96	1,380,319

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DIOCESES: 1916—Contd.

DIOCESE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Minnesota	134	134	16,552	107	5,156	7,845	127	3	128	127	\$1,538,450
Mississippi	97	97	6,132	87	1,786	2,902	77	1	81	77	697,660
Missouri	69	69	9,431	50	3,137	4,835	63	1	64	61	1,459,350
Montana	95	94	4,607	69	1,079	2,224	53	15	55	53	396,993
Nebraska	57	57	5,169	48	1,355	2,146	50	1	51	49	629,651
Nevada	32	32	1,207	27	357	839	22	6	22	22	106,000
New Hampshire	56	55	6,715	28	1,348	2,143	50	1	52	50	552,995
New Jersey	153	153	26,502	126	9,249	12,771	145	5	150	145	3,495,435
New Mexico	53	53	2,406	39	902	1,305	27	1	27	26	184,400
New York	249	247	97,309	155	20,292	29,938	235	9	266	228	51,293,538
Newark	136	136	41,494	97	12,396	17,602	119	3	120	117	3,811,177
North Carolina	111	111	8,373	89	2,225	3,361	105	5	113	104	651,675
North Dakota	60	60	2,455	57	960	1,382	45	5	47	45	180,475
North Texas	29	29	1,024	18	245	317	19	.....	19	18	43,450
Ohio	130	129	31,192	96	9,191	14,742	114	5	118	114	3,043,614
Oklahoma	35	35	1,676	18	214	426	26	2	28	27	149,700
Olympia	52	52	7,424	42	2,577	4,166	49	.....	50	46	349,552
Oregon	48	48	4,543	21	554	1,224	44	.....	44	44	386,750
Pennsylvania	198	196	67,415	149	19,495	31,092	190	1	206	184	10,676,726
Pittsburgh	88	87	15,106	53	4,596	6,301	78	2	78	77	2,583,639
Quincy	38	38	2,892	38	1,055	1,837	34	1	34	33	271,800
Rhode Island	67	67	20,176	47	4,296	7,184	60	2	66	60	1,775,430
Sacramento	53	53	3,306	49	1,168	1,995	45	2	45	44	272,100
Salina	34	34	1,140	19	296	446	28	.....	28	29	163,780
San Joaquin	28	28	2,471	27	838	1,577	26	1	26	26	205,657
South Carolina	133	132	11,000	131	4,198	6,767	114	.....	121	114	1,249,400
South Dakota	161	161	8,682	92	2,196	3,041	123	5	127	120	407,210
Southern Florida	90	89	5,043	60	1,270	2,362	81	4	82	81	528,951
Southern Ohio	83	83	15,983	70	4,598	7,753	78	4	82	77	2,081,168
Southern Virginia	244	241	17,733	153	4,826	8,560	216	1	219	216	2,078,642
Spokane	54	53	3,457	42	1,243	2,051	42	2	43	42	321,922
Springfield	57	57	3,663	51	1,009	1,959	55	.....	57	55	524,865
Tennessee	95	95	9,910	64	2,248	3,515	72	7	72	71	1,092,775
Texas	57	56	6,456	36	1,060	1,770	56	.....	56	56	658,250
Utah	24	24	1,469	15	380	746	17	3	17	17	264,200
Vermont	65	65	6,000	63	1,946	3,973	64	.....	65	64	681,956
Virginia	225	225	15,800	207	5,063	9,711	209	2	215	209	1,631,725
Washington	113	107	24,373	70	6,809	10,946	97	1	98	97	3,620,272
West Missouri	43	43	4,878	34	1,426	2,200	40	1	40	40	659,603
West Texas	50	50	4,157	35	1,285	2,019	44	.....	45	44	361,200
West Virginia	116	115	6,831	72	1,818	3,379	94	1	96	93	667,650
Western Colorado	26	26	868	12	181	367	8	1	8	8	25,500
Western Massachusetts	63	63	15,514	46	4,424	5,875	58	1	60	58	1,406,223
Western Michigan	54	54	7,276	44	1,475	3,253	46	2	47	46	490,976
Western Nebraska	64	64	2,236	57	643	1,281	35	4	39	35	157,950
Western New York	160	159	31,869	112	8,850	13,951	146	7	152	146	3,338,863
Wyoming	53	53	3,890	35	1,049	1,604	45	1	48	43	333,745

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DIOCESES: 1916.

DIOCESE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Protestant Episcopal Church	7,392	1,281	\$6,380,117	3,154	\$18,395,182	6,831	\$22,509,942	5,552	5,790	55,918	489,036
Alabama	110	10	60,557	36	243,000	95	141,713	78	78	551	4,635
Albany	169	11	40,880	107	539,000	163	502,374	111	119	947	7,230
Arizona	19	3	5,350	8	30,300	17	42,431	12	12	107	1,104
Arkansas	54	11	30,750	25	55,650	46	81,762	34	36	276	2,016
Asheville	85	5	17,200	32	75,300	73	67,953	62	62	277	3,407
Atlanta	52	8	26,066	16	101,900	48	122,130	34	38	331	3,341
Bethlehem	82	16	45,473	49	392,700	78	336,516	77	88	1,051	8,803
California	89	22	59,324	31	115,859	86	214,496	73	76	620	5,902
Central New York	153	52	81,942	74	379,235	152	370,571	118	127	1,036	8,937
Chicago	110	47	274,895	42	470,988	106	743,297	108	111	1,509	12,064
Colorado	83	14	124,101	34	102,100	71	156,980	55	56	433	3,678
Connecticut	196	16	66,200	129	911,173	193	793,778	178	189	2,278	17,324
Dallas	40	11	51,425	17	47,050	39	108,686	36	33	250	2,099
Delaware	40	7	38,950	21	111,500	39	104,233	29	29	252	2,254
Duluth	80	8	64,810	22	78,308	67	63,500	49	50	247	2,386



## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DIOCESES: 1916—Continued.

DIOCESE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
East Carolina.....	86	14	\$8,744	34	\$87,450	80	\$90,279	68	72	525	4,535
East Oklahoma.....	48	6	6,615	5	16,725	40	24,894	24	24	118	864
East Oregon.....	25	2	550	6	16,000	23	10,615	10	10	62	479
Easton.....	56	4	8,500	41	96,906	56	62,854	42	42	206	1,735
Erie.....	58	12	34,485	18	120,140	52	159,301	38	39	351	3,167
Florida.....	62	3	9,426	25	83,754	59	119,216	43	46	310	2,715
Fond du Lac.....	50	26	13,100	32	111,300	47	88,824	38	38	227	2,157
Georgia.....	65	4	14,810	22	61,650	60	94,121	46	48	315	2,936
Harrisburg.....	92	15	75,710	49	257,413	89	217,121	74	74	715	5,608
Idaho.....	73	5	9,650	22	49,300	42	38,926	41	41	193	1,710
Indianapolis.....	37	6	7,655	13	71,500	35	81,331	27	28	220	1,727
Iowa.....	75	13	26,115	39	199,362	74	174,250	55	56	402	3,074
Kansas.....	63	27	11,100	29	96,400	58	117,591	48	48	291	2,131
Kentucky.....	40	10	36,726	15	60,500	39	131,470	36	39	367	2,952
Lexington.....	35	8	14,297	14	55,100	26	62,460	18	18	154	1,391
Long Island.....	154	55	362,737	76	733,456	151	820,279	146	157	2,240	21,320
Los Angeles.....	91	25	138,125	39	497,800	88	237,315	72	75	667	5,266
Louisiana.....	85	12	33,281	33	158,850	68	175,716	54	54	534	3,871
Maine.....	63	2	875	33	166,120	59	93,798	47	47	278	2,561
Marquette.....	44	5	27,840	12	43,400	37	50,651	28	31	205	1,851
Maryland.....	158	32	248,355	92	411,500	153	555,075	130	131	1,280	11,562
Massachusetts.....	193	35	124,862	106	786,660	191	1,306,110	185	192	3,033	24,198
Michigan.....	108	20	105,386	57	276,759	105	460,426	89	95	1,030	9,477
Michigan City.....	33	14	50,404	15	88,900	31	84,330	24	25	187	1,687
Milwaukee.....	104	21	71,744	40	192,450	93	175,229	75	79	624	4,820
Minnesota.....	134	18	60,894	56	280,450	123	294,120	86	88	767	5,592
Mississippi.....	97	11	14,322	37	122,804	82	97,463	64	66	423	2,711
Missouri.....	69	16	117,550	20	169,850	68	248,052	55	58	543	4,764
Montana.....	95	16	40,333	24	92,400	89	129,835	44	45	323	2,356
Nebraska.....	57	25	32,550	22	83,700	54	105,173	35	37	248	1,827
Nevada.....	32	3	10,500	11	33,650	25	22,287	21	21	101	929
New Hampshire.....	56	8	7,100	32	149,000	52	104,880	41	41	303	2,328
New Jersey.....	153	30	96,110	71	869,400	150	524,474	142	150	1,529	13,453
New Mexico.....	53	2	1,450	10	20,400	40	37,172	17	17	107	956
New York.....	249	59	1,578,411	117	2,389,595	243	3,514,707	235	256	4,001	38,353
Newark.....	136	42	188,885	66	576,190	135	771,702	133	135	2,387	19,648
North Carolina.....	111	15	34,156	33	120,000	108	159,592	92	102	680	6,969
North Dakota.....	60	5	2,503	19	65,750	51	49,702	31	33	156	1,499
North Texas.....	29	7	19,200	7	19,200	26	18,345	10	10	61	414
Ohio.....	130	31	111,249	49	216,640	126	464,290	110	113	1,205	11,017
Oklahoma.....	35	5	3,642	11	17,800	30	20,588	20	22	89	837
Olympia.....	52	17	28,220	17	50,250	49	86,093	40	44	358	3,301
Oregon.....	48	20	50,037	19	68,700	44	74,053	37	37	250	1,786
Pennsylvania.....	198	31	200,036	97	840,256	189	1,578,049	189	205	3,664	40,895
Pittsburgh.....	88	23	150,121	30	176,442	84	458,432	75	76	864	7,382
Quincy.....	38	5	6,950	12	45,300	34	50,150	23	24	117	985
Rhode Island.....	67	13	56,510	38	219,040	67	409,887	67	69	1,170	10,486
Sacramento.....	53	8	10,875	18	52,200	50	53,711	35	35	193	1,783
Salina.....	34	1	700	7	17,800	23	19,638	16	16	67	433
San Joaquin.....	28	5	11,075	10	30,500	25	35,193	19	20	124	1,080
South Carolina.....	133	13	12,397	52	187,600	130	209,672	93	98	765	5,960
South Dakota.....	161	5	12,752	75	93,360	144	77,620	83	86	312	3,219
Southern Florida.....	90	9	16,468	34	103,850	77	71,207	52	52	284	2,657
Southern Ohio.....	83	17	56,913	24	66,900	81	317,897	72	72	714	5,764
Southern Virginia.....	244	43	137,870	76	275,150	221	396,831	165	168	1,353	13,006
Spokane.....	54	11	17,492	21	47,200	51	46,264	32	32	194	1,642
Springfield.....	57	11	37,557	26	95,100	52	90,322	45	47	273	1,891
Tennessee.....	95	5	58,000	33	102,850	69	126,736	52	53	477	3,993
Texas.....	57	5	9,864	26	98,100	49	161,196	46	46	377	3,335
Utah.....	24	10	132,610	10	132,610	22	20,503	20	24	149	1,359
Vermont.....	65	7	13,330	34	117,100	62	87,557	50	50	250	1,864
Virginia.....	225	12	16,573	100	340,800	211	371,412	169	172	1,282	11,031
Washington.....	113	30	520,896	54	282,992	108	578,703	85	95	1,112	9,753
West Missouri.....	43	9	57,305	14	62,800	39	87,346	29	29	236	1,859
West Texas.....	50	9	18,041	16	38,500	48	68,226	32	32	242	2,114
West Virginia.....	116	11	19,778	45	187,100	97	130,261	74	76	510	3,809
Western Colorado.....	26	3	1,630	3	5,300	20	7,687	18	19	90	597
Western Massachusetts.....	63	10	22,123	36	263,350	63	321,210	60	61	724	5,605
Western Michigan.....	54	8	10,744	18	88,000	42	109,454	29	29	251	2,209
Western Nebraska.....	64	3	11,275	16	47,700	46	34,445	22	22	108	950
Western New York.....	160	30	84,178	76	540,150	151	502,919	130	140	1,548	13,254
Wyoming.....	53	4	1,747	22	97,900	52	82,284	46	49	238	2,407

## REFORMED BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

The churches, aside from the Lutheran, that were the direct outcome of the Protestant Reformation, trace their ecclesiastical origin to republican Switzerland, and those leaders in the cause of representative government, Zwingli, Calvin, and Melancthon. Of these the Swiss, Dutch, and some German churches came to be known as Reformed; the Scotch and English as Presbyterian; and the French as Huguenot; while those in Bohemia and Hungary preserved their national names.

In the early colonization of America, Dutch and Germans, as well as Scotch and English, were prominent, and as a result there are four Reformed Churches, two tracing their origin to Holland, one to the German Palatinate, and one to Hungary. The first church in New Amsterdam was organized by the Dutch in 1628, and for a considerable time the Hollanders were practically limited to that neighborhood. Somewhat later a German colony, driven from the Palatinate by the ruthless persecution of Louis XIV, settled in upper New York and Pennsylvania, and, as it grew, spread westward. Another Dutch immigration, which established its headquarters in Michigan, identified itself with the New York branch, but afterwards a minor part formed its own ecclesiastical organization. The New York branch, known at first as the "Reformed Dutch Church," later adopted the title "Reformed Church in America"; similarly, the German Reformed Church became the Reformed Church in the United States. The third body is known as the Christian Reformed Church; while a fourth is styled the Hungarian (Magyar) Reformed Church. There are also a number of churches, called Netherlands Dutch Church or True Reformed Dutch Church, which have no general

ecclesiastical organization and are included under the head of "Independent churches."

In its earlier history each body clung to its ancestral language, a practice which not infrequently checked a natural growth, although it had the advantage of giving to the newcomers a congenial church life, to which is largely due the fact that these communities have grown up loyal to the best interests both of their mother church and of their new country. As conditions changed, the use of English was accepted, and the older churches blended with the general interests of the community.

In their doctrine, polity, and general public life, the Reformed churches remain conservative. New ideas, simply because novel, have not had ready acceptance; yet new forms of organization, such as the various societies for young people and similar enterprises, have found a cordial welcome. In interdenominational relations they have always been friendly, are members of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, and early inaugurated foreign mission work. They have stood for high standards in education and scholarship and have furnished many men prominent in public life.

In doctrine they are generally Calvinistic. Their Heidelberg Catechism emphasizes the general comfort of redemption in Christ, while the Westminster Catechism teaches the same and emphasizes the sovereignty of God. The polity is presbyterian, differing from that of the Presbyterian churches only in the names of church offices and some minor details. They have a consistory instead of a session, a classis instead of a presbytery, and a general synod instead of a general assembly. The denominations grouped under the name "Reformed Bodies," in 1916 and 1906, are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REFORMED BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Valuc.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Valuc.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
REFORMED BODIES.										
1916.										
Reformed Church in America.....	715	144,329	757	\$18,928,383	\$1,093,623	528	\$2,378,790	799	12,538	123,092
Reformed Church in the United States.....	1,761	344,374	1,719	20,116,336	2,007,041	786	2,598,115	1,738	29,389	304,250
Christian Reformed Church.....	226	38,768	233	1,658,308	486,408	184	619,095	214	1,681	24,445
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.....	46	9,851	38	434,600	189,624	19	112,750	34	94	2,312
1906.										
Reformed Church in America.....	659	124,938	773	15,553,250	729,225	489	2,022,450	757	12,099	120,705
Reformed Church in the United States.....	1,736	292,654	1,740	14,067,897	1,360,552	724	1,827,569	1,677	25,191	222,324
Christian Reformed Church.....	174	26,660	181	903,600	216,287	136	290,250	150	1,424	18,340
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.....	16	5,253	12	123,500	70,950	6	26,500	4	6	179

## REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

Of the various ecclesiastical organizations representing the European Reformed churches, none is more closely identified with the early history of the American Church than the Classis of Amsterdam. With the development of Dutch commercial enterprise toward the West, it was natural that the Dutch Church should be interested in the new colonies.

In 1614 the New Netherland Company was chartered by the States General of Holland for the purpose of carrying on trade in the country "lying between Virginia and New France," and this section of the coast was named "New Netherland." Later a charter was granted to the Dutch West India Co., under whose protection some Dutch from Holland and Walloons from southern Belgium in 1623 established themselves in permanent settlements on Manhattan Island, on Long Island, and on the site of Albany. In 1626 Manhattan Island was purchased from the Indians, and in that year two "comforters of the sick" came over and read the Scriptures and creeds to the people every Sunday. The first minister, Jonas Michaelius, arrived in 1628, the same year that Endicott came to Salem, Mass., and a church was organized with at least 50 communicants, both Walloons and Dutch. As immigrants settled along the Hudson, on Long Island, and in New Jersey, other congregations were gathered. Some of these churches are still in existence, and are more than 2 centuries old. The first church building was erected in New Amsterdam in 1633, and in 1642 this wooden church was replaced by a stone church which was built within the fort and was in use for 50 years.

With the development of somewhat rigid ecclesiastical discipline in the other colonies, the Dutch settlement, which had the reputation of being more liberal, attracted a considerable number of English, French, and Germans, who sought the privilege of worship, and these were cordially received. The applications of Dutch Lutherans, Quakers, and Anabaptists, however, were not received very cordially, and an ordinance was issued "forbidding all unauthorized conventicles and the preaching of unqualified persons." This ordinance met with disapproval in Holland, but the West India Co. was slow to grant for New Netherland the toleration enjoyed across the Atlantic.

When the British took possession of New Amsterdam and the surrounding country in 1664, there were 13 Dutch churches and 6 ministers in service, besides a teacher and a "proponent." Under the terms of surrender the Dutch retained their own form of worship and the use of the stone church within the fort.

The early part of the eighteenth century was a period of slow growth. The Dutch churches felt somewhat the impulse of the revival period of The Great Awakening and the preaching of Whitefield. With this growth it became important that some definite ecclesiastical organization should be established; and in 1747 a coetus was formed, under the care of the Classis of Amsterdam, to which the Synod of North Holland had committed the American churches, which were no longer under the care of the West India Co. This coetus, however, was merely advisory, and was in entire subordination to the classis, which reserved all power to itself.

In 1755 a minority of the coetus, dissatisfied with the assumption by that body of larger powers, formed a "conferentie." This was the beginning of a sharp controversy, which ended in 1771 in the union of the two bodies in a self-governing organization, which held, however, a close relation to the Classis of Amsterdam. With the close of the Revolutionary War and the development of the independent republic, and with the growth of self-government, the ecclesiastical autonomy of all denominations was further developed, and in 1792 the present ecclesiastical government of the Reformed Churches in America was perfected.

The stream of Dutch immigration ceased in the latter half of the seventeenth century. This fact, and the retention of the Dutch language in the church services for a long time, account largely for the failure of the church to attain greater numerical strength. About 1800 the Dutch language ceased generally to be the language of worship, and in 1867 the word "Dutch" was eliminated from the title of the church, and the present title was adopted. In consequence of a considerable immigration from Holland in the middle of the nineteenth century, the greater part of which has settled in Michigan and other sections of the West, many congregations have been founded there and a few in the East, in which the Dutch language is again used.

The earliest efforts of the church toward general extension in domestic mission lines were begun in 1786, when the church at Saratoga petitioned the synod for a minister, and a committee was appointed to devise some plan of preaching the gospel in destitute localities. This was followed by similar applications from Dutch families in Pennsylvania and Kentucky, while a number of churches in Canada were also to be cared for. For many years the Classis of Albany acted as agent of the synod in looking after such localities in the North, and the Canada churches were subsequently transferred to the Presbyterians. Collections were taken in order to defray the expenses of ministers

who went on preaching tours, and in 1804 the first legacy for missions was left by Sarah de Peyster. In 1806 the General Synod assumed the management of all missionary operations and it continued to send out itinerants, though not a few of the churches planted failed to develop on account of lack of frequent ministrations.

In 1822 several private individuals formed the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, which was soon adopted by the synod. A similar organization was started at Albany in 1828, and in 1831 the Board of Domestic Missions was organized. From that time the movement became more aggressive. In 1837 churches were organized in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. With the development of Dutch immigration in the West the demand for missionary labor increased, and the board was reorganized in 1849. Five years later the plan of a church building fund to aid needy churches was proposed.

The foreign missionary interests of the church were of early origin, some of the earliest Dutch ministers engaging also in work for the Indians. In 1796 the New York Missionary Society was formed by members of the Presbyterian, Reformed Dutch, and Baptist churches. This was succeeded in 1816 by the United Missionary Society, which in 1826 was merged in the American Board;<sup>1</sup> but in 1832 a plan was adopted by which the Reformed Church in America, retaining its general connection with that board, conducted its own missions, developing work in India, China, Japan, and later in Arabia.

In close connection with these missionary activities was the interest in educational institutions, which was manifested in 1766 in the securing of a charter for a college. Under a revision of this charter four years later, the name given to the institution was Queen's College, but this was changed in 1825 to Rutgers College. Union College developed out of the Schenectady Academy founded in 1785; and Hope College at Holland, Mich., out of Holland Academy, the offspring of a parochial school started in 1850. The theological seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., founded in 1784, was the first distinctively theological institution organized in America.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Reformed Church in America accepts as its doctrinal symbols the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian creeds, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of

the Synod of Dort, the Heidelberg Catechism, and is a distinctively Calvinistic body. It has a liturgy for optional use in public worship with forms of prayer. Some parts of the liturgy, as those for the administration of baptism and the Lord's Supper, for the ordination of ministers, elders, and deacons, are obligatory; the forms of prayer, the marriage service, etc., are not obligatory. Children are "baptized as heirs of the kingdom of God and of His covenant"; adults are baptized on profession of repentance for sin and faith in Christ. All baptized persons are considered members of the church, are under its care, and are subject to its government and discipline. No subscription to specific form of words being required, admission to communion and full membership is on confession of faith before the elders and minister.

Ministers, on being ordained, are required to subscribe to the standards and polity of the church

#### POLITY.

The polity of the Reformed Church is presbyterian. The government of the local church is under the control of a consistory which is composed of the minister, elders, and deacons, who are elected by the members of the church over 18 years of age. The minister and elders have particular care of the spiritual interests, and the deacons of the collection of alms and relief of the poor and distressed. The Collegiate Church (College of Churches) is a collection of worshipping congregations under the general management of one consistory. Each congregation, however, has its own special consistory.

The classis, which has immediate supervision of the churches and the ministry, consists of all the ministers within a certain district, and an elder from each consistory within that district, collegiate churches being entitled to an elder for each worshipping assembly. The classes of a certain district are combined in a particular synod, composed of four ministers and four elders from every classis within its bounds, which acts as an intermediate court in certain cases, but has special supervision of church activities within its borders. The highest court of the church is the General Synod. It consists of ministers and elders from each classis nominated by the classes to the particular synods, which have power to appoint them as delegates to the General Synod. In default of nomination by a classis the particular synod makes appointments. Classes meet semiannually in the spring and fall; the particular synods, annually in May; the General Synod, annually in June.

<sup>1</sup> See Congregational Churches, p. 235.

The Reformed Church in America is a member of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System, and of the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, and has approved the articles of agreement proposed with other Reformed and Presbyterian bodies in the United States. These articles, while leaving each church's judicatories independent in action, secure through a council mutual conference and cooperation in church activities. It is also a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is represented on the Commission on a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the church is carried on largely through the Board of Domestic Missions. This board aids weak churches and founds new churches of the denomination throughout the country, assists by grant or loan in the erection of church buildings, organizes Sunday schools, and employs missionaries in evangelistic work without special reference to the founding of new churches. During 1916 it supported, in whole or in part, 261 churches and missions, reaching 11,408 families and 23,335 Sunday school scholars by the services of 223 ministers, aside from Sunday school teachers. Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic Missions is the Woman's Executive Committee, which raises funds for the general work of the board. The sum raised in 1916 was \$97,158. The Young People's Missionary League and other organizations also contribute to this cause. The disbursement is entirely in the hands of the official board of the league, which is appointed by, and makes its annual report to, the General Synod. The total receipts for home mission work in 1916 amounted to \$245,917.

The foreign missionary work of the church is carried on by the Board of Foreign Missions, the Arabian Mission having a board of trustees chosen from the Board of Foreign Missions. It conducts work in Arabia, India, China, and Japan, and in 1916 reported 29 stations and 343 outstations; 141 missionaries; 807 native helpers; 61 churches, with 6,827 members; and 321 Sunday schools, with 13,696 scholars. The educational department of the board reports 3 theological schools, 6 colleges and academies, 23 secondary schools, and 235 primary schools, with a total of 15,034 scholars. There were 26 hospitals and dispensaries in which 121,698 patients were treated in 1916, and 2 orphanages, with 105 inmates. The total amount contributed for the foreign work was \$302,453, the total value of property is estimated at \$750,000, and

there are endowments amounting to \$255,000. For 25 years after the organization of the board, the church worked in connection with the American Board,<sup>1</sup> and its foreign mission churches were ecclesiastically connected with the American Board under the direction of the General Synod. In 1857 it withdrew and since then has conducted its own missionary enterprise, although in recent years it has united with other boards and societies in Japan, China, and India, adopting such ecclesiastical methods and doctrinal systems as seemed best suited to the needs of the different missions.

The educational work of the church in this country is conducted by various colleges and theological seminaries, under the direction of the General Synod. The Board of Education aids young men studying for the ministry and assists in the support of educational institutions. Of these, there are in the United States 2 theological seminaries, 2 colleges, and 3 academies, with a total of 820 students. The contributions for this work during the year were \$92,436, the value of property is estimated at \$450,000, and there are endowments amounting to \$475,000.

The Board of Publication conducts a general publishing and book business and issues the reports of the boards, the minutes of the General Synod, etc., turning profits into the work of the church.

The General Synod appoints from year to year such special committees as may be needed for specific lines of church work. The Committee on Evangelistic Work raises and disburses funds for different enterprises, as the Tent Campaign in New York City, etc.

General Bible and evangelistic literary work is conducted through the American Bible Society and the American Tract Society, which are recognized by the General Synod as authorized to receive contributions from the churches.

The church as such has no orphanages, asylums, or homes in the United States, and but one hospital, that recently instituted at the Kentucky Mountain Mission. Committees of the General Synod have charge of funds for the relief of disabled ministers and their widows.

There are 727 Endeavor societies with 17,815 members. There are also societies of King's Daughters; brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip; crusader posts; mission bands; and many miscellaneous societies. The total contributions from all the young people's societies and Sunday schools during 1916 amounted to \$33,235, of which \$18,971 was for foreign missions, and \$14,264 for home missions.

<sup>1</sup> The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, organized in 1810 as an interdenominational society, is now a distinctively Congregational society.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Church in America for 1916 are given, by states and classes, on pages 626 to 628; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	715	659	56	8.5
Members.....	144,929	124,938	19,991	16.0
Church edifices.....	757	773	-16	-2.1
Value of church property.....	\$18,928,383	\$15,553,250	\$3,375,133	21.7
Debt on church property.....	\$1,093,623	\$729,225	\$364,398	50.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	528	489	39	8.0
Value.....	\$2,378,790	\$2,022,450	\$356,340	17.6
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	799	757	42	5.5
Officers and teachers.....	12,538	12,089	449	3.7
Scholars.....	123,092	120,705	2,387	2.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$640,806	\$349,691	\$291,115	83.2
Foreign.....	\$338,353	\$169,524	\$168,829	99.2
	\$302,453	\$179,867	\$122,586	68.2

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The denomination shows a gain in every item, except in the number of church edifices, and in indebtedness. The number of organizations in 1916 was 715 as against 659 in 1906, an increase of 8.5 per cent, and the membership was 144,929 as against 124,938, a gain of 16 per cent. There was a loss of 16 in number of church edifices, but the value of church property reported was \$18,928,383 in 1916 as against \$15,553,250 in 1906, showing an increase of 21.7 per cent. The number of organizations reporting debt in 1916 was 258 as against 198 in 1906, and the amount of debt reported was \$1,093,623 as against \$729,225. There was a small increase in Sunday schools and in scholars, and contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$349,691 to \$640,806, a gain of 83.2 per cent, the greater increase being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$2,746,065, reported by 705 organizations, cover all running expenses and any other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 539 organizations in 1916, was 1,555, constituting 1.3 per cent of the 115,881 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 29,048 members

reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,945.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 715 organizations, 451, with 101,155 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 264, with 43,774 members, reported the use of foreign languages alone or with English. Dutch was reported in connection with English by 151 organizations, with 27,233 members, and 31 organizations, with 3,974 members, used Dutch only. Next in order was German reported in connection with English by 35 organizations, with 6,330 members, while 35 organizations, with 3,843 members, used German only. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 3 in the number of foreign languages reported, but there was a decrease of 43 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages exclusively.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 756. Schedules were received from 651, distributed among the states as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	651	538	14	99	\$1,368
California.....	3			3	
Colorado.....	2		1	1	
Illinois.....	33	27	1	5	1,092
Indiana.....	2	2			1,000
Iowa.....	54	45	1	8	1,091
Kansas.....	3	3			867
Kentucky.....	2	2			1,200
Maine.....	2	1		1	
Massachusetts.....	1			1	
Michigan.....	67	56	1	10	1,128
Minnesota.....	8	8			913
Missouri.....	1			1	
Montana.....	1	1			
Nebraska.....	2	2			1,050
New Jersey.....	155	127	3	25	1,416
New Mexico.....	1	1			
New York.....	267	225	6	36	1,588
North Dakota.....	3	3			983
Ohio.....	2	2			1,100
Oklahoma.....	2	2			1,350
Pennsylvania.....	10	6	1	3	1,200
Rhode Island.....	1			1	
South Carolina.....	1	1			
South Dakota.....	13	11		2	911
Washington.....	4	2		2	900
Wisconsin.....	11	11			1,009

Of the 651 ministers reporting, 552 were in pastoral work and 99 not in pastoral work. Of the 538 pastors, 529 reported an average annual salary of \$1,368. Of those not in pastoral work, the majority was on the retired list, 19 were in educational work, and 12 in denominational work.

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Church in America.....	715	715	144,929	691	55,896	84,322	695	8	757	690	\$18,928,383
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	300	300	66,773	291	23,705	40,679	297	2	332	294	12,820,035
New Jersey.....	149	149	37,959	144	14,263	22,613	146		164	144	3,992,235
Pennsylvania.....	9	9	1,722	9	748	974	9		10	9	243,200
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	2	297	2	147	150	2		2	2	25,000
Indiana.....	3	3	287	3	115	152	3		4	3	4,900
Illinois.....	35	35	7,053	33	2,997	3,615	34		34	34	329,900
Michigan.....	76	76	14,903	73	6,610	8,178	73	1	75	73	726,238
Wisconsin.....	13	13	3,076	13	1,463	1,613	13		13	13	132,300
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	15	15	1,109	15	543	566	15		15	15	68,950
Iowa.....	66	66	7,575	65	3,547	4,000	59	3	59	59	439,075
North Dakota.....	4	4	265	3	121	126	3		3	3	9,500
South Dakota.....	20	20	1,214	20	616	598	20		21	20	58,500
Nebraska.....	3	3	1,094	2	411	403	3		4	3	16,000
Kansas.....	4	4	290	3	62	63	4		4	4	15,950
South Atlantic division:											
South Carolina.....	2	2	46	2	19	27	2		2	2	3,500
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2	2	127	2	71	56	2		2	2	15,000
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	3	3	486	3	222	264	2	1	3	2	5,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3	3	136	3	66	70	3		3	3	6,600
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	3	277	3	139	138	3		3	3	6,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	260	2	31	37	2	1	4	2	10,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Maine, and New Mexico.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Church in America.....	715	258	\$1,093,623	528	\$2,378,790	705	\$2,746,065	697	799	12,538	123,092
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	300	67	524,070	219	1,104,500	293	1,258,565	294	344	5,432	49,609
New Jersey.....	149	57	259,621	109	602,840	148	702,900	149	188	3,615	35,141
Pennsylvania.....	9	5	32,600	5	24,500	9	25,644	8	10	153	2,028
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	1	3,500	1	5,000	2	6,252	2	2	35	286
Indiana.....	3	2	975	2	2,800	3	4,658	3	3	20	202
Illinois.....	35	16	40,600	28	107,000	35	128,821	33	35	600	5,828
Michigan.....	76	47	141,688	57	213,200	75	252,555	74	76	1,282	15,220
Wisconsin.....	13	7	7,775	13	44,300	13	38,997	13	13	191	2,291
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	15	10	12,889	10	22,700	15	25,969	14	14	105	1,271
Iowa.....	66	29	53,450	53	180,850	66	227,357	61	62	753	7,319
North Dakota.....	4	3	2,750	3	11,000	4	8,527	4	4	32	314
South Dakota.....	20	7	7,955	14	30,500	20	36,962	20	20	122	1,247
Nebraska.....	3	1	100	3	8,000	3	7,851	3	4	52	452
Kansas.....	4	2	1,400	3	7,500	4	7,356	4	4	37	327
South Atlantic division:											
South Carolina.....	2			1	1,000	2	500	2	2	12	100
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	2			1	2,500	2	273	2	5	23	490
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	3			2	3,800	3	4,566	2	2	14	235
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3	2	2,550	1	2,500	3	3,137	3	3	17	141
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	3	2	1,700	2	2,300	3	4,715	3	3	22	277
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3			1	2,000	2	460	3	5	21	314

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Colorado, Maine, and New Mexico.



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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Church in America.....	715	715	144,929	691	55,896	84,322	695	8	757	690	\$18,928,383
Albany.....	18	18	3,589	17	1,442	2,087	18	.....	18	18	423,100
Bergen.....	16	16	2,705	16	1,106	1,599	15	.....	17	14	327,800
Bergen, South.....	13	13	4,914	13	1,887	3,027	13	.....	14	13	600,000
Cascades.....	6	6	413	6	205	208	6	.....	6	6	13,100
Dakota.....	17	17	1,313	16	610	685	16	.....	16	16	62,900
Germania.....	17	17	781	17	391	390	17	.....	17	17	56,125
Grand River.....	35	35	5,939	35	2,718	3,221	34	1	36	34	263,500
Greene.....	6	6	1,510	6	559	951	6	.....	7	6	129,800
Holland.....	25	25	5,144	24	2,324	2,775	24	.....	24	24	223,250
Hudson.....	11	11	1,946	11	661	1,285	10	1	11	10	98,400
Illinois.....	11	11	1,371	10	555	731	10	.....	10	10	60,000
Iowa.....	46	46	5,605	44	2,613	2,799	40	3	41	40	253,075
Kingston.....	16	16	2,314	14	850	1,403	16	.....	18	16	200,000
Long Island, North.....	26	26	5,754	24	1,972	3,419	26	.....	30	25	916,600
Long Island, South.....	22	22	7,936	21	2,549	4,147	22	.....	26	22	1,258,600
Michigan.....	18	18	4,117	16	1,715	2,332	17	.....	17	17	264,488
Monmouth.....	9	9	1,724	9	610	1,114	9	.....	10	9	127,000
Montgomery.....	34	34	5,370	34	1,956	3,414	34	.....	38	33	563,775
New Brunswick.....	14	14	3,248	14	1,300	1,948	14	.....	16	14	436,350
New York.....	33	33	13,757	30	4,549	8,325	30	2	46	29	6,446,700
Newark.....	20	20	7,308	16	2,332	4,057	19	.....	20	19	977,885
Orange.....	22	22	4,012	21	1,401	2,521	22	.....	26	22	396,200
Palisades.....	12	12	3,847	12	1,306	2,541	12	.....	17	12	325,000
Paramus.....	33	33	6,653	32	2,485	4,004	32	.....	35	32	637,900
Passaic.....	17	17	3,740	17	1,528	2,212	17	.....	18	17	284,500
Pella.....	15	15	2,229	15	1,045	1,184	14	1	14	14	145,575
Philadelphia.....	15	15	2,665	15	1,135	1,530	15	.....	15	14	288,500
Pleasant Prairie.....	23	23	1,941	23	891	1,050	22	.....	22	22	126,300
Poughkeepsie.....	12	12	2,164	12	713	1,451	12	.....	12	12	268,150
Raritan.....	14	14	3,844	14	1,659	2,185	14	.....	15	14	319,500
Rensselaer.....	14	14	2,189	13	702	1,323	14	.....	14	14	204,960
Rochester.....	17	17	3,377	17	1,594	1,783	17	.....	18	17	182,400
Saratoga.....	12	12	1,618	12	572	1,046	12	.....	13	12	151,150
Schenectady.....	15	15	3,930	15	1,471	2,459	15	.....	17	15	324,700
Schoharie.....	14	14	1,272	14	482	790	14	.....	14	14	73,300
Ulster.....	15	15	2,595	15	963	1,632	15	.....	15	15	450,700
Westchester.....	18	18	3,659	18	1,267	2,392	18	.....	19	18	673,500
Wisconsin.....	34	34	8,436	33	3,778	4,302	34	.....	35	34	368,600



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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Church in America.....	715	258	\$1,093,623	528	\$2,378,790	705	\$2,746,065	697	799	12,538	123,092
Albany.....	13	4	24,850	13	55,300	17	66,351	18	24	382	2,755
Bergen.....	16	5	3,096	11	64,500	15	60,839	16	17	319	2,894
Bergen, South.....	13	8	45,700	8	64,000	13	76,462	13	16	404	3,689
Cascades.....	6	4	4,250	3	4,800	6	7,852	6	6	39	418
Dakota.....	17	10	14,550	12	33,600	17	36,009	17	17	118	1,395
Germany.....	17	7	5,005	14	30,600	17	25,765	14	14	117	896
Grand River.....	35	22	43,400	25	81,550	35	102,662	33	35	492	5,871
Greene.....	6	1	5,000	6	23,000	6	19,745	6	9	111	897
Holland.....	25	12	30,938	20	68,150	24	79,344	25	25	429	4,885
Hudson.....	11	.....	.....	10	31,100	11	30,983	11	14	161	1,394
Illinois.....	11	2	2,450	6	17,500	11	23,049	9	10	164	1,482
Iowa.....	46	24	40,389	30	101,600	46	143,472	44	44	446	4,966
Kingston.....	16	1	1,500	10	24,800	14	23,856	15	20	209	1,744
Long Island, North.....	26	12	58,750	13	92,500	26	100,862	26	28	649	5,459
Long Island, South.....	22	8	47,100	12	115,800	22	148,162	22	25	698	7,689
Michigan.....	13	14	70,850	13	68,500	18	76,801	18	18	396	4,750
Monmouth.....	9	4	16,200	8	37,000	9	24,111	9	10	150	1,132
Montgomery.....	34	5	3,470	24	76,600	34	75,653	32	35	411	4,044
New Brunswick.....	14	3	8,000	13	78,350	14	61,572	14	22	279	2,241
New York.....	33	10	224,000	19	159,300	31	439,739	30	47	750	9,136
Newark.....	20	8	52,300	11	76,200	20	151,637	20	24	590	6,629
Orange.....	22	2	1,800	19	79,100	22	48,587	22	25	300	2,378
Palisades.....	12	6	51,000	8	48,500	12	85,785	12	18	449	5,586
Paramus.....	33	11	48,850	21	121,290	33	126,752	33	34	684	6,626
Passaic.....	17	9	30,425	15	73,300	17	71,363	17	23	382	3,514
Pella.....	15	5	11,000	14	45,850	15	66,785	14	15	211	2,061
Philadelphia.....	15	6	33,200	10	40,000	15	37,068	14	22	270	2,733
Pleasant Prairie.....	23	7	8,500	20	64,200	23	55,520	23	23	268	1,972
Poughkeepsie.....	12	.....	.....	10	61,500	12	41,177	12	14	159	1,541
Raritan.....	14	3	4,100	14	58,800	14	50,454	14	16	310	2,644
Rensselaer.....	14	2	17,800	13	43,200	14	26,664	14	16	186	1,402
Rochester.....	17	8	27,000	12	42,200	16	39,643	17	17	283	2,990
Saratoga.....	12	1	1,000	11	40,200	11	23,630	11	12	140	1,132
Schenectady.....	15	5	24,400	15	65,200	15	49,908	15	17	359	2,640
Schoharie.....	14	1	3,250	10	26,400	13	11,450	14	14	138	1,074
Ulster.....	15	.....	.....	12	57,000	15	34,185	15	19	197	1,519
Westchester.....	18	6	83,500	11	89,000	18	66,910	18	19	306	2,475
Wisconsin.....	34	22	46,000	32	118,300	34	135,258	34	35	582	6,439

## REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

## HISTORY.

The Reformed Church in the United States—four many years known as the "German Reformed Church"—traces its origin chiefly to the German, Swiss, and French people who settled in America early in the eighteenth century. Among its founders it includes Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin, of Switzerland, while the fact that so many of its early members came from the German Palatinate, gives it close relation to Philip Melancthon. The Heidelberg Catechism, compiled under Frederick III, Elector of the Palatinate, in 1563, by Zacharias Ursinus, a pupil of Melancthon, and Caspar Olevianus, a pupil of Calvin, is still the Reformed Church's standard in teaching the Scriptures.

The emigration from these communities during the seventeenth century was small, and there was no continuity between the early, isolated pioneers and the churches in the succeeding century.

Pastorius with a little company of Mystics came to Pennsylvania in 1683, at the invitation of William Penn, and founded Germantown; but it was not until 1709 that these immigrants became at all numerous. About that time more than 30,000 from the Palatinate, who had found their way to England, encamped near London, clamoring for transportation. Some thousands of them were placed on unoccupied lands in Ireland and elsewhere, while large numbers were brought to America where they established settlements in the South, in New York, and in Pennsylvania. These pioneers were almost invariably thoroughly religious in character, and made provision for churches and parochial schools, although they were not well supplied with either preachers or qualified teachers. In some cases they had been attended by their pastors, and in this way John Frederick Hager accompanied one of the parties, arriving in New York in 1709. Among others who proved energetic and useful workers were John Philip Boehm, George Michael Weiss, and John B. Rieger. The general condition of the churches, however, was deplorable; the number of divisions was very great and there were large companies of Mystics. No regular method of securing ordination in this country existed, although Boehm was ordained by the Dutch Reformed ministers of New York, with the assent of the Classis of Amsterdam. Meanwhile the ecclesiastical authorities of the Palatinate, appreciating their own inability to do much for the American churches, made application to the Classis of Amsterdam, and that classis commissioned Michael Schlatter as a missionary evangelist. He arrived in August, 1746, and soon after had a conference with the pastors who were already in the churches. As a consequence, a coetus, or synod, was organized the next year. Some opposition arose to connection with the Holland Church,

which, in its turn, was somewhat discouraged by the reports from America, and also by the death in 1749 of Boehm, whose influence had been great.

In 1751 Schlatter made a visit to Europe, and so interested the people of Holland in the churches of Pennsylvania, that he returned the next year with 6 ministers, and a sum estimated at \$60,000. This general assistance, however, was so conditioned upon subordination to the Classis of Amsterdam as to occasion a great deal of friction, manifested especially in the development of two distinct parties in the coetus itself, differing in their views of polity, and resembling in a general way the "Old Side" and "New Side" in the Presbyterian Church; the former emphasizing doctrinal regularity, the latter being more in accord with the evangelistic and Pietistic developments of the time. Among the most prominent leaders in the latter company was Philip William Otterbein, later identified with the organization of the United Brethren in Christ. A number of independent ministers declined to identify themselves with the coetus, among whom one of the most prominent was John J. Zubly, pastor of a church in Charleston, S. C., and for a time a member of the Continental Congress.

The latter part of the eighteenth century was not a period of great growth, although the general status of the individual churches was good. With the general development of the feeling of independence and the association with other denominations—particularly the Lutherans under the lead of Muhlenberg—the German Reformed congregations became dissatisfied with the conditions of their connection with the Amsterdam Classis. That connection had proved as heavy a burden for them as for the Dutch churches of New York and New Jersey, and it was finally decided to act independently of the classis.

The first synod of the German Reformed Church met at Lancaster, Pa., April 27, 1793, and reported 178 congregations and 15,000 communicants. Of the congregations at least 55 had no ministers. The churches were scattered through New York, northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, with several congregations west of the Alleghenies. The most important congregations were Philadelphia, Lancaster, and Germantown in Pennsylvania, and Frederick in Maryland. Many churches in sections of Pennsylvania, about which no certain information was available, were reported as vacant. It was difficult for them to secure any ministers, either from their own synod or from the Dutch Reformed Church, especially ministers who could use the German language.

With the development of the Protestant Episcopal Church some congregations joined that body and others joined in the organization of the United Brethren. Various movements sprang up for union with other bodies, such as the Dutch Reformed Church, and especially the Lutheran, at the time of the organ-

ization of the first Lutheran Ministerium. This latter union was especially encouraged by the union in 1817 of the Lutheran and Reformed churches of Prussia. It did not, however, materialize, and after a few years was no longer spoken of.

Then followed the revival period, in which two opposing influences were developed—the liberal and the conservative. The conservative party was anxious to preserve the faith, and the liberal party laid greater stress on fellowship. Another complication arose from the fact that the younger element preferred to use the English language in church services, while the older element preferred the German. As the difficulty of securing trained leaders became more apparent, a theological seminary was founded. During the discussions that followed, a number of churches withdrew and formed, in 1822, the "Synod of the Free German Reformed Congregations of Pennsylvania," later known as the "German Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States." These churches returned in 1837, and eventually the discussion resulted in the establishment of a theological seminary at Mercersburg, Pa.

Meanwhile the church had been developing westward, but the difficulties of intercommunication made the mutual relations uncertain and the western classis soon developed into the Western Synod, which, while holding generally fraternal relations with the Eastern Synod, was not identified with it. As graduates of Mercersburg found their way into the distant sections, the two synods came into more intimate relations, and in 1844 a convention was called in which the Dutch Reformed Church and the two German Reformed synods were represented. Although the convention was purely advisory, it prepared the way for later union. The western congregations meanwhile had met the same difficulty as those in the East in securing ministers, and had established their own educational institutions, one of which, Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, was founded in 1850.

During this period the church developed its general activities. The earliest German church papers were the result of private enterprise, but in 1840 the synod founded a printing establishment at Chambersburg, Pa., which was removed to Philadelphia after the destruction of Chambersburg during the Civil War.

As early as 1755 the Synod of Pennsylvania had organized a society for the relief of ministers and their widows. In 1833 the fund was transferred to the synod and the society placed on a more substantial basis. In 1826 a Board of Domestic Missions was organized, and in 1838 a Board of Foreign Missions, working in relation with the American Board. In all departments of Christian activity there appeared indications of renewed life. The three-hundredth anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism was celebrated by the Reformed Church in 1863, by the union of the two synods in a General

Synod. With the organization of the General Synod began the rapid extension of the work of home missions; the German work in the West rapidly assumed unexpected proportions and the English-speaking portion increased also; as a result, separate district synods and specific classes were organized—the latest being the Hungarian Classis—to meet the needs of the Reformed Hungarian churches.

Through these experiences the church has developed strength, and at the same time has entered into the most cordial relations with other bodies. It is a member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System, and of the American Council of those churches. It has given cordial welcome to consideration of closer union, both with the Reformed Church in America and with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

Both in doctrine and polity the Reformed Church in the United States is in hearty accord with the other Reformed and Presbyterian churches. The Heidelberg Catechism is in universal use in the churches, and the system of church courts corresponds to that of the Reformed Church in America, except that they do not speak of the "particular synod," but of the "synod."

#### WORK.

The missionary work is under the supervision of boards appointed by, and reporting to, the General Synod. The Board of Home Missions reported in 1916 a total of 201 workers in the cities of the United States, reaching Germans, English, French, Hungarians, Japanese, Italians, Jews, and Bohemians. They cared for 242 churches, and the amount received for this work in its varied departments was \$192,848.

The Foreign Mission Board of the General Synod, which carries on work in Japan and China, in 1916 reported 6 stations; 70 American missionaries and 169 native helpers; 35 churches, with 3,768 members; 17 schools, with 1,257 scholars; 3 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 18,606 patients; and 1 orphanage, with 30 inmates. The churches in Japan are united with those of other Reformed and Presbyterian missions in the United Church of Christ, retaining no ecclesiastical connection with the church in the United States. The total value of property in the foreign field is estimated at \$331,677, and of endowments at \$10,750. The amount contributed during the year for the support of the work was \$175,028.

The church has 12 colleges or institutions of high grade, with 2,579 students, property valued at \$2,832,466, and endowments of \$1,734,483; while approximately \$93,000 were contributed in 1916 for the support of the work. There are 5 orphanages, with 456 inmates, supported by the church. The value of property used for philanthropic purposes is estimated

at \$625,000, and the amount contributed during the year for their support was about \$50,000. The number of young people's societies reported was 861, with a membership of 38,339.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1916 are given, by states and classes, on pages 632 to 634; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	1,761	1,736	25	1.4
Members.....	344,374	292,654	51,720	17.7
Church edifices.....	1,719	1,740	-21	-1.2
Value of church property.....	\$20,116,336	\$14,067,897	\$6,048,439	43.0
Debt on church property.....	\$2,007,041	\$1,360,552	\$646,489	47.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	786	724	62	8.6
Value.....	\$2,598,115	\$1,827,569	\$770,546	42.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	1,738	1,677	61	3.6
Officers and teachers.....	29,389	25,191	4,198	16.7
Scholars.....	304,250	222,324	81,926	36.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$510,876	\$299,199	\$211,677	70.7
Domestic.....	\$335,848	\$203,099	\$132,749	65.4
Foreign.....	\$175,028	\$96,100	\$78,928	82.1

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination gained substantially in membership, value of church property, number of churches reporting parsonages, value of parsonages, and in Sunday schools, but suffered a loss in the number of church edifices and made a slight gain only in the number of organizations. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 1,761 as against 1,736 in 1906, a gain of but 1.4 per cent, and the number of church edifices showed a loss of 21. The membership, however, advanced from 292,654 to 344,374, an increase of 17.7 per cent, and the value of church property from \$14,067,897 to \$20,116,336, showing a gain of 43 per cent. Debt on church property, reported by 369 organizations in 1916, was \$2,007,041, as against \$1,360,552, reported by 349 organizations in 1906. There was an increase of 62 in the number of churches reporting parsonages, and of \$770,546, or 42.2 per cent, in the value of parsonages. The number of Sunday schools increased from 1,677 in 1906 to 1,738 in 1916, a gain of 3.6 per cent, and the number of scholars from 222,324 to 304,250, representing an increase of 36.8 per cent. General contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$299,199 in 1906 to \$510,876 in 1916, or 70.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, amounting to \$3,247,773, reported by 1,714 organizations, cover general running

expenses and any other items passing through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 897 organizations in 1916, was 1,861, constituting 1 per cent of the 177,616 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 166,758 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 3,608.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 1,761 organizations, 1,146, with 203,052 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 615, with 141,322 members, reported the use of foreign languages alone or in connection with English. The principal language reported was German, used in connection with English by 437 organizations, with 119,052 members, and used alone by 158 organizations, with 17,685 members. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 2 in the number of foreign languages reported, but a decrease of 79 in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 1,242. Schedules were received from 1,001, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,001	821	30	150	\$1,085
Arkansas.....	1		1		
California.....	6	4		2	1,025
Colorado.....	1	1			
Connecticut.....	5	4		1	981
District of Columbia.....	3	2		1	1,640
Illinois.....	18	12		6	952
Indiana.....	33	31	1	1	1,184
Iowa.....	24	21	1	2	894
Kansas.....	8	6		2	892
Kentucky.....	8	8			1,057
Maryland.....	45	40		5	1,081
Massachusetts.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	10	10			898
Minnesota.....	5	5			698
Missouri.....	8	7		1	1,010
Nebraska.....	15	14		1	849
New Jersey.....	4	3		1	833
New York.....	26	19	1	6	1,029
North Carolina.....	23	21	2	5	967
North Dakota.....	8	8			938
Ohio.....	158	129	4	25	1,122
Oregon.....	8	8			810
Pennsylvania.....	496	401	17	78	1,180
South Dakota.....	8	6		2	1,079
Virginia.....	9	8	1		831
Washington.....	1	1			
West Virginia.....	5	4	1		950
Wisconsin.....	59	47	1	11	789

Of the 1,001 ministers returning schedules, 851 were in pastoral work and 150 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 813 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,085. The number reported as supplies or assistants was 20, and those with other occupations, 10. Of those not in pastoral work, 66 were retired, 20 were engaged in denominational work, and 41 in educational work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.



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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Church in the United States..	1,761	1,758	344,374	1,573	138,014	173,764	1,670	13	1,719	1,663	\$20,116,336
Allegheny.....	25	25	4,989	21	1,655	2,152	25		25	25	515,400
Carlisle.....	22	22	2,558	22	1,058	1,500	22		22	22	149,600
Chicago.....	13	13	1,143	10	441	452	11		11	11	78,500
Cincinnati.....	13	13	3,549	10	1,344	1,711	11		11	11	285,336
Clarion.....	33	33	3,748	25	1,202	1,750	28		28	28	160,800
East Pennsylvania.....	63	63	15,808	61	7,084	8,267	63		64	62	1,043,600
East Susquehanna.....	56	56	10,764	45	4,427	5,290	52	1	54	52	378,250
Eastern Ohio.....	28	28	4,301	26	1,708	2,117	27		27	27	184,200
Erie.....	21	21	5,471	19	2,218	2,863	21		27	21	254,300
Eureka.....	25	25	1,402	16	431	383	18		19	17	23,750
German Maryland.....	9	9	2,570	7	831	1,186	9		9	9	149,400
German Philadelphia.....	23	23	7,949	19	2,513	3,733	22		23	22	549,500
Gettysburg.....	33	33	7,939	32	3,576	4,020	33		33	33	380,000
Goshenhoppen.....	28	28	9,159	24	3,414	3,997	28		32	26	380,000
Heidelberg.....	25	25	6,128	20	2,582	3,090	25		25	25	375,900
Hungarian.....	8	8	2,314	7	1,372	912	8		10	8	117,300
Illinois.....	19	19	924	15	356	521	16		18	16	104,200
Indiana.....	16	16	3,730	15	1,608	2,032	16		18	16	137,450
Iowa.....	19	19	1,656	18	646	969	18		24	18	108,400
Juniata.....	52	52	7,458	50	3,055	4,201	52		53	52	416,200
Kansas.....	8	8	1,098	8	460	638	8		8	8	64,600
Kentucky.....	17	17	2,651	13	989	1,166	17		17	17	105,075
Lancaster (Eastern).....	52	52	11,632	47	4,140	6,004	50	2	51	50	800,400
Lancaster (Ohio).....	25	25	3,245	20	1,271	1,735	20		20	20	124,400
Lebanon.....	47	47	13,569	44	5,644	7,043	47		51	47	741,000
Lehigh.....	66	66	23,716	64	10,206	11,322	66		67	66	1,703,534
Lincoln.....	6	6	590	5	207	309	6		6	6	48,000
Maryland.....	67	67	13,136	66	5,117	7,619	67		71	67	966,353
Mercersburg.....	23	23	4,354	23	1,822	2,532	23		23	23	168,650
Miami.....	50	50	7,734	46	2,690	3,811	48	1	48	48	508,800
Milwaukee.....	24	24	3,366	18	1,284	1,465	23		23	22	142,731
Minnesota.....	21	21	2,619	20	1,222	1,375	20		20	20	97,350
Missouri.....	11	11	1,103	10	526	517	10		10	10	57,400
Nebraska.....	15	15	2,175	15	1,099	1,076	13	2	13	13	42,400
New York.....	14	14	3,635	12	1,293	1,808	14		15	14	332,500
North Carolina.....	56	53	6,109	52	2,488	3,074	56		56	56	243,650
North Dakota.....	18	18	658	18	328	330	13		13	13	27,850
Philadelphia.....	36	36	12,002	32	4,177	5,982	35	1	35	35	1,085,815
Portland (Oregon).....	18	18	1,394	17	663	688	14	3	15	14	339,900
Reading.....	29	29	14,694	26	5,208	6,902	29		29	29	980,700
St. John.....	26	26	8,084	26	3,458	4,626	26		28	26	244,000
St. Joseph.....	36	36	3,773	35	1,473	2,200	35		35	35	229,492
St. Paul.....	20	20	3,567	18	1,509	1,885	20		20	20	174,100
Schuykill.....	35	35	8,938	35	4,061	4,877	35		36	35	481,300
Sheboygan.....	44	44	6,336	38	2,643	2,937	41	2	41	41	204,100
Somerset.....	40	40	4,720	37	1,883	2,364	39		39	39	295,300
South Dakota.....	24	24	1,210	14	489	377	17		17	17	34,200
Tiffin.....	31	31	5,323	30	2,174	2,904	31		33	31	266,600
Tohickon.....	41	41	10,437	33	3,982	4,769	34		34	34	465,850
Toledo.....	18	18	3,652	16	1,637	1,786	18		18	17	175,650
Tuscarawas.....	50	50	10,031	42	3,834	5,280	43		43	42	540,100
Ursinus.....	14	14	2,291	14	1,113	1,178	14		15	14	56,000
Virginia.....	31	31	3,030	26	1,058	1,585	29		30	29	161,300
West New York.....	14	14	5,780	9	1,870	2,093	14		14	14	304,700
West Susquehanna.....	66	66	6,701	48	2,477	3,203	55		56	55	456,800
Westmoreland.....	41	41	8,039	41	3,591	4,448	40	1	40	40	447,300
Wichita.....	4	4	393	4	149	244	4		4	4	21,000
Wyoming.....	44	44	7,933	44	3,562	4,371	44		44	44	377,150
Zion (Potomac).....	37	37	8,285	36	3,604	4,656	36		37	36	634,200
Zion (Southwest).....	11	11	2,831	9	1,092	1,439	11		11	11	155,000

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Church in the United States..	1,761	369	\$2,007,641	786	\$2,598,115	1,714	\$3,247,773	1,658	1,738	29,389	304,250
Allegheny.....	25	7	84,084	12	40,500	25	76,712	25	25	474	4,756
Carlisle.....	22	3	4,100	8	25,100	22	26,355	22	22	360	2,826
Chicago.....	13	4	22,300	6	16,600	13	12,165	12	12	95	639
Cincinnati.....	13	3	11,802	6	27,460	11	35,733	10	10	233	3,174
Clarion.....	33	2	5,500	9	27,700	32	33,953	31	31	401	3,399
East Pennsylvania.....	63	22	129,736	17	72,800	62	138,916	61	73	1,596	16,396
East Susquehanna.....	56	7	5,425	28	61,550	53	53,993	51	52	885	10,071
Eastern Ohio.....	28	2	9,500	9	20,100	27	35,923	27	27	424	4,046
Erie.....	21	7	17,450	15	82,600	19	36,437	21	21	319	3,276
Eureka.....	25			4	8,700	20	8,064	19	19	45	475
German Maryland.....	9	2	11,200	5	14,500	9	21,120	8	9	157	1,618
German Philadelphia.....	23	13	58,609	12	41,600	23	60,562	21	22	502	6,258
Gettysburg.....	33	4	4,600	19	72,550	33	51,696	33	33	686	6,959
Goshenhoppen.....	28	4	13,700	6	21,500	27	60,850	28	31	597	7,014
Heidelberg.....	25	1	6,200	19	55,950	25	69,292	25	26	508	5,689
Hungarian.....	8	8	43,800	6	30,900	8	20,483	8	12	40	697
Illinois.....	19	6	20,200	6	10,600	14	13,982	13	13	172	1,281
Indiana.....	16	3	4,500	14	36,700	16	28,585	15	15	276	3,013
Iowa.....	19	4	22,298	12	26,700	18	19,924	18	19	267	2,036
Juniata.....	52	6	24,275	20	63,700	52	60,835	51	52	722	6,778
Kansas.....	8	3	4,900	6	10,200	7	18,808	8	8	144	1,388
Kentucky.....	17	4	22,800	11	23,125	17	22,369	14	14	163	2,127
Lancaster (Eastern).....	52	17	91,075	17	75,200	52	113,294	50	50	1,083	11,081
Lancaster (Ohio).....	25	2	4,500	10	29,750	20	26,552	25	25	376	2,803
Lebanon.....	47	11	40,406	15	72,050	47	120,107	44	52	1,074	10,670
Lehigh.....	66	16	237,315	10	55,130	65	210,204	64	87	1,800	21,251
Lincoln.....	6	2	17,000	2	4,500	5	8,259	6	6	85	785
Maryland.....	67	11	73,000	33	138,160	67	143,403	64	65	1,138	10,974
Mercersburg.....	23	1	85	13	51,600	21	35,320	20	20	383	4,639
Miami.....	50	9	38,905	20	68,200	49	89,680	48	48	910	7,850
Milwaukee.....	24	6	17,760	15	41,600	24	35,289	23	23	196	1,676
Minnesota.....	21	4	9,400	14	32,550	21	21,937	21	21	167	1,135
Missouri.....	11	1	7,000	6	10,300	11	24,117	10	10	102	780
Nebraska.....	15	1	2,200	11	20,600	15	20,997	15	16	121	1,013
New York.....	14	11	57,000	8	48,500	14	63,703	13	16	271	3,321
North Carolina.....	56	5	16,635	25	53,500	54	42,533	52	58	654	6,972
North Dakota.....	18	4	3,980	5	6,600	18	8,299	16	16	42	363
Philadelphia.....	36	20	207,115	20	88,300	36	177,999	36	37	988	12,557
Portland (Oregon).....	18	5	106,800	11	25,230	18	24,382	18	20	112	849
Reading.....	29	9	95,375	5	21,800	29	116,272	29	34	1,232	12,299
St. John.....	26	2	5,003	15	48,750	26	51,542	25	28	485	6,148
St. Joseph.....	36	5	20,550	15	36,800	35	45,188	34	34	492	4,622
St. Paul.....	20	4	36,100	7	19,900	20	42,630	18	18	278	3,452
Schuylkill.....	35	14	46,170	16	80,000	35	68,256	34	34	700	7,997
Sheboygan.....	44	14	24,950	29	74,600	43	40,601	39	39	344	2,448
Somerset.....	40	7	30,300	16	58,800	40	77,545	39	39	505	4,508
South Dakota.....	24	1	50	8	14,700	24	9,957	22	26	57	573
Tiffin.....	31	5	16,880	16	32,600	31	52,136	31	31	516	5,352
Tohickon.....	41	6	5,850	9	58,000	41	77,282	39	40	934	8,659
Toledo.....	18	4	33,600	14	31,350	17	28,400	16	16	214	2,348
Tuscarawas.....	50	8	33,350	23	67,400	44	107,558	40	40	940	11,464
Ursinus.....	14			9	23,400	14	16,923	10	11	81	731
Virginia.....	31	2	1,100	15	40,300	30	32,625	29	29	367	3,105
West New York.....	14	8	62,450	13	51,200	14	47,122	14	14	237	2,889
West Susquehanna.....	66	6	12,325	26	76,100	64	54,549	61	61	928	8,086
Westmoreland.....	41	9	35,961	23	90,400	41	113,432	39	39	707	7,633
Wichita.....	4	1	500	3	7,800	4	3,056	4	4	50	347
Wyoming.....	44	9	31,947	19	51,800	44	70,048	42	43	726	7,803
Zion (Potomac).....	37	11	34,200	11	39,200	37	80,921	36	36	832	9,207
Zion (Southwest).....	11	2	7,325	9	49,000	11	31,685	11	11	176	1,974



## CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

In 1846-47 a colony from Holland settled in Michigan and gave the names of their old provinces to their new homes, such as Zeeland, Vriesland, Holland, etc. Those in Iowa chose the significant name of "Pella" for their place of refuge. Practically all joined the Dutch Reformed Church in 1849, but when this union was formed, they made an express condition that "they would be most perfectly free at any time they found an ecclesiastical connection opposed to their religious prosperity and enjoyment to bid (the Reformed Church) a fraternal adieu and be by themselves."

After some years a number of the members and two of the ministers of these Michigan congregations considered that various things in the doctrines and discipline of the church they had joined were opposed to their prosperity and enjoyment, and after considerable friction, they withdrew, April 8, 1857. Delegates from six churches met in Holland, Mich., in May, 1857, and effected a separate organization. Two years later the name of "Holland Reformed Church" was adopted as the denominational title, but in 1861 it was changed to "True Dutch Reformed." In 1880 the name "Holland Christian Reformed Church in America" was chosen, but in 1890 the word "Holland" was dropped, and in 1904 the words "in America" were eliminated, so that the official title to-day is "Christian Reformed Church."

At first the growth was slow. Two of the congregations disappeared from the roll the year after organization, and one of the clergymen returned to the Reformed Church, leaving as sole pastor of the denomination the Rev. K. Van den Bosch. Owing to different opinions in regard to ecclesiastical customs, considerable agitation arose among the members. In 1864, the Rev. D. J. Van der Werp, an earnest preacher and a talented writer, came from the Netherlands to settle as pastor of the church at Graafschap, Allegan County, Mich. Coming into relations with recent immigrants from the Netherlands and from Germany (Bentheim and East Friesland), and finding many who were dissatisfied with the conditions in the Reformed Church, he succeeded within a few years in organizing a number of congregations in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois, as well as in Michigan. He also began to train young men for the ministry, thus laying the foundation of the present theological school and Calvin College, which were formally opened in 1876 in Grand Rapids. In 1868 he began the publication of a bi-weekly paper, *De Wachter* (The Watchman), and through this medium was able to extend the influence of the movement in many directions.

In 1880 the first home missionary was ordained for the organization of churches among the Reformed Hollanders and East Friesians, scattered in different

parts of the United States. This home mission work, aided by increasing immigration and a constantly growing number of graduates from the theological school, has been the chief instrument in causing the comparatively rapid growth of the church in recent years.

The denomination was strengthened considerably in 1882 by the accession of half a dozen churches which, with their pastors, had left the Reformed Church because of the refusal of its General Synod to condemn freemasonry and to discipline communicant members who were members of that organization. A further considerable increase came in 1890, when the Classis of Hackensack united with the denomination. This classis was the remnant of the True Reformed Dutch Church, which in 1822 had withdrawn from the Synod of the Reformed Church in America (then called the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church) because of its alleged departure from Calvinistic teaching and preaching and from the administration of church discipline.

In their early history the language of the churches was almost exclusively Dutch, but what became known as the "Americanization movement" in Michigan was strengthened by the formation of an English-speaking congregation in Grand Rapids, Mich., and the addition of the Hackensack Classis, which had been using English for many years. In the city congregations in many instances the use of English is increasing rapidly. In Iowa there are about a dozen German churches, which in 1916 opened the Christian Reformed College at Grundy Center, Iowa.

## DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The creeds of the Christian Reformed Church are those of the Reformed Churches which trace their origin to Holland, namely, the Belgic Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort.

As its constitution the church adopted the eighty-six articles of church government (the Church Order) approved by the National Synod of Dort in 1619, in so far as they were suited to American civil conditions. These articles provide for a strictly presbyterian order of polity, including the parity of the ministry and the joint rule of the elders of the different congregations.

The first organization of all the congregations was called a "classis" (presbytery). From 1865 to 1879 general assemblies were held annually. In 1880 the name "synod" was adopted for the annual meeting of all the churches as one body. At present six delegates from each classis—three ministers and three elders—meet biennially as a synod, the highest church court in the organization. This corresponds to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, with no intermediary court corresponding to the particular synod.



In the congregational worship, the Psalms are sung exclusively, except that a few "Spiritual Songs" are used as a supplement to the Psalter, and in some congregations 52 hymns are used, selected as being appropriate to the 52 Lord's days of the Heidelberg Catechism.

#### WORK.

The activities of the church include work among the Indians, under the supervision of a Board of Heathen Missions appointed by the Synod, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Mich.; work among the Mormons at Ogden, Utah; among the Jews at Paterson, N. J.; among the Dutch sailors and Dutch immigrants at Hoboken, N. J., and Ellis Island; and general mission work carried on by the different classes and a joint committee of the Synod. During 1906, 7 home missionaries, 6 missionaries to the Indians, 6 missionary helpers to the Indians, and 2 workers among Mormons and Jews were engaged in this work, and 32 churches were aided. The total amount of contributions was \$90,400, including \$41,400 for the Indian work, \$31,800 for the salaries of home missionaries and for weak congregations, \$13,700 in part for the purchase of a building for mission work among the Jews, \$1,500 for Mormon work, and \$2,000 for the immigration work and sailors' home. The missionaries for the Indians are located at Rehoboth, Zuni, Gallup, Crown Point, Toadlene, and Tohatchi, all in New Mexico.

The chief educational institution is at Grand Rapids, Mich., and includes a theological seminary (the Calvin College) and a preparatory school, with 17 teachers and 359 students; the Christian Reformed College, at Grundy Center, Iowa, opened in 1916, has a faculty of 12 and an enrollment of 75 students. There are in addition 65 parochial or "Christian" schools, many of which are the property of independent societies for Christian instruction, composed almost exclusively of members of the Christian Reformed Church. These have a total of 10,000 pupils. The amount contributed in 1916 for education was \$37,000 for the support of the colleges and \$175,000 for that of the parochial schools. The value of the school property is estimated at \$150,000 for the institution at Grand Rapids, Mich.; \$25,000 for the schools for the Indians; \$700,000 for the parochial schools; and \$25,000 for the school at Grundy Center, Iowa. The theological school at Grand Rapids has a special endowment valued at \$40,000. The various congregations, in addition to the Sunday schools, have week-day classes for the children and young people for training in Bible history and doctrine by means of a graded system of catechisms.

One hospital for Indians, at which 180 patients were treated in 1916, is maintained by the Board of Heathen Missions. It is located at Rehoboth, N. Mex.

The building is valued at \$10,000; the annual maintenance is \$6,000.

Five other institutions of a philanthropic character are in part supported by Christian Reformed people, in conjunction with members of the Reformed Church in America. There are homes for aged Hollanders in Grand Rapids, Mich., Pella, Iowa, and Paterson, N. J., and, on a similar plan, 1 Christian Psychopathic Hospital is maintained at Cutlerville, near Grand Rapids, Mich., and a hospital for tuberculosis sufferers (Bethesda Sanitarium), at Denver, Colo. These 5 institutions cost approximately \$200,000; and annual contributions of the Christian Reformed people, for their support, have approximated \$26,000. The Christian Reformed denomination has 227 young people's societies, with 6,464 members.

There are three denominational periodical publications: One English weekly, "The Banner," published at Grand Rapids, Mich.; one Dutch weekly, "De Wachter," published in Holland, Mich.; and one German monthly, "Der Reformierte Bote," published at Wellsburg, Iowa.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Christian Reformed Church for 1916 are given, by states and classes, on pages 637 and 638, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	226	174	52	29.9
Members.....	38,668	26,669	11,999	45.0
Church edifices.....	233	181	52	28.7
Value of church property.....	\$1,658,308	\$903,600	\$754,708	83.5
Debt on church property.....	\$486,408	\$216,287	\$270,121	124.9
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	184	136	48	35.3
Value.....	\$619,095	\$290,250	\$328,845	113.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	214	150	64	42.7
Officers and teachers.....	1,681	1,424	257	18.0
Scholars.....	24,445	18,340	6,105	33.3
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$159,400	\$129,661	\$29,739	22.9
Domestic.....	\$159,400	\$129,661	\$29,739	22.9
Foreign.....				

From this table it appears that there has been a somewhat uniform increase in the denomination during the decade. The number of organizations rose from 174 in 1906 to 226 in 1916, an increase of 29.9 per cent, and the membership advanced from 26,669 to 38,668, a gain of 45 per cent. The increase in the number of church edifices was 52, or 28.7 per cent, and the value of church property rose from \$903,600 to \$1,658,308, or 83.5 per cent. Debt on church property amounting to \$486,408 was reported by 151

organizations, an increase over the total for 1906 of \$270,121. There was a considerable increase—35.3 per cent—in the number of churches reporting parsonages, and a still greater increase—113.2 per cent—in the value of parsonages reported. Sunday schools increased 42.7 per cent in number, but had a smaller increase in scholars—33.3 per cent—and in officers and teachers—18 per cent. Contributions for missions and benevolences were \$159,400, an increase of \$29,739, or 22.9 per cent.

Church expenditures amounting to \$715,193, reported by 221 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 226 organizations, 23, with 4,292 members, reported services conducted in English only; 52, with 8,796 members, reported services in foreign languages in connection with English; and 151 organizations, with 25,580 members, used foreign languages only. Of the 3 foreign languages reported, the principal language was Dutch, used exclusively by 143 organizations, with 24,990 members, and in connection with German by 3 organizations, with 233 members; there were also 48 organizations, with 8,363 members, using Dutch and English. As compared with the report for 1906, there was an increase of 50 in the number of organizations reporting the use of a foreign

language, and an increase of 9,241 in the membership of such organizations.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 185. Schedules were received from 151, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	151	133	2	16	\$1,073
California.....	1	1			
Colorado.....	1	1			
Idaho.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	13	12	1		1,158
Indiana.....	2	2			975
Iowa.....	26	23		3	1,039
Kansas.....	1	1			
Massachusetts.....	1	1			
Michigan.....	66	55		11	1,078
Minnesota.....	4	3	1		1,000
Montana.....	2	2			1,150
New Jersey.....	10	10			1,175
New Mexico.....	3	2		1	1,350
New York.....	2	2			1,000
Ohio.....	2	2			950
South Dakota.....	5	5			920
Washington.....	4	3		1	1,100
Wisconsin.....	7	7			1,011

Of the 151 ministers reporting, 135 were in pastoral work and 133 of them reported an average annual salary of \$1,073. Of the 16 not in pastoral work, 9 were retired, and the others were in educational or evangelistic work.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Reformed Church.....	226	226	38,668	216	17,064	18,171	211	12	233	209	\$1,658,308
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	5	389	5	182	207	4	1	4	3	21,500
New Jersey.....	13	13	3,067	13	1,363	1,704	12	1	12	12	195,722
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	4	446	4	209	237	4		4	4	28,800
Indiana.....	4	4	719	4	362	357	4		4	4	21,500
Illinois.....	14	14	3,093	13	1,501	1,553	14		14	14	186,046
Michigan.....	88	88	20,645	79	8,286	8,965	87	1	103	87	835,528
Wisconsin.....	9	9	1,344	9	656	688	9		9	9	39,800
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	16	16	1,205	16	600	605	13	2	14	14	46,087
Iowa.....	34	34	4,276	34	2,136	2,140	32	2	34	31	163,850
North Dakota.....	3	3	152	3	77	75	2	1	2	1	2,025
South Dakota.....	11	11	1,107	11	569	538	9	1	9	9	22,700
Kansas.....	2	2	338	2	172	166	2		2	2	16,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	5	351	5	174	177	5		5	5	27,850
Colorado.....	4	4	262	4	132	130	4		4	4	8,200
New Mexico.....	2	2	119	2	52	67		2			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	5	627	5	329	298	4		6	4	12,800
California.....	4	4	164	4	88	76	3	1	3	3	12,900
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	304	3	176	188	3		4	3	17,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Idaho.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Reformed Church.....	226	151	\$486,408	184	\$619,095	221	\$715,193	188	214	1,681	24,445
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	2	6,125	3	8,000	5	8,732	4	5	24	327
New Jersey.....	13	9	52,625	12	65,498	13	73,863	13	13	190	2,385
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	4	2	2,050	3	7,100	4	10,740	4	4	24	255
Indiana.....	4	2	3,200	4	13,100	4	11,366	1	1	16	165
Illinois.....	14	11	46,000	14	63,483	14	59,546	12	16	128	2,091
Michigan.....	88	66	269,568	77	269,564	87	342,395	83	100	977	14,096
Wisconsin.....	9	6	11,785	8	27,600	9	24,481	5	5	25	366
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	16	10	14,230	8	18,500	15	17,575	11	12	49	836
Iowa.....	34	20	39,950	30	86,400	33	98,530	26	27	146	2,465
North Dakota.....	3			1	4,300	3	5,411	3	3	10	110
South Dakota.....	11	6	5,550	8	13,600	11	18,001	5	5	16	366
Kansas.....	2	1	5,000	2	5,300	2	6,771	2	2	12	170
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	4	13,950	3	7,950	5	9,509	3	3	5	63
Colorado.....	4	4	3,225	2	4,600	4	9,850	3	5	18	129
New Mexico.....	2					2	508	2	2	9	109
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	2	1,700	3	6,700	4	7,243	4	4	7	216
California.....	4	3	8,250	3	7,900	3	3,292	4	4	10	93
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	3,200	3	9,500	3	7,380	3	3	15	203

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Idaho.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Christian Reformed Church.....	226	226	38,668	216	17,064	18,171	211	12	233	209	\$1,658,308
East Friesland.....	14	14	1,199	14	602	597	13	1	14	13	42,187
Grand Rapids, East.....	21	21	5,087	17	1,559	1,768	20	1	22	20	221,300
Grand Rapids, West.....	20	20	5,368	18	2,136	2,537	20		21	20	271,350
Hackensack.....	5	5	508	5	197	312	5		5	4	71,722
Holland.....	13	13	3,781	11	1,534	1,538	13		15	13	106,944
Hudson.....	14	14	3,226	14	1,480	1,746	12	2	13	12	159,500
Illinois.....	26	26	5,056	25	2,461	2,556	26		26	26	257,346
Muskegon.....	25	25	3,962	25	1,927	2,035	25		27	25	157,234
Orange City.....	21	21	2,140	21	1,085	1,055	19	1	21	19	74,200
Pacific.....	11	11	1,018	11	527	491	10		12	10	42,650
Pella.....	24	24	2,171	24	1,081	1,090	20	4	20	20	87,430
Sioux Center.....	19	19	2,284	19	1,141	1,143	15	3	15	14	72,925
Zeeland.....	13	13	2,867	12	1,334	1,303	13		22	13	93,500

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CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Christian Reformed Church.....	226	151	\$486,408	184	\$619,095	221	\$715,193	188	214	1,681	24,445
East Friesland.....	14	6	7,450	11	23,300	13	21,693	14	15	82	924
Grand Rapids, East.....	21	17	93,975	15	50,600	21	94,741	19	29	234	3,351
Grand Rapids, West.....	20	17	100,065	18	80,300	20	100,618	19	26	271	3,644
Hackensack.....	5	3	15,500	4	23,998	5	16,181	4	4	99	1,102
Holland.....	13	7	18,383	13	44,827	13	51,792	13	13	191	2,518
Hudson.....	14	9	44,950	12	55,500	14	71,714	14	15	124	1,740
Illinois.....	26	20	62,485	25	99,983	26	94,843	18	22	165	2,582
Muskegon.....	25	19	42,515	22	57,837	25	67,514	23	23	188	2,835
Orange City.....	21	15	22,480	15	35,600	20	42,072	11	12	63	1,037
Pacific.....	11	7	16,750	7	17,150	10	17,932	8	8	14	309
Pella.....	24	14	32,225	18	53,000	23	55,116	20	22	95	1,384
Sioux Center.....	19	10	14,450	12	35,200	19	44,857	13	13	43	1,076
Zeeland.....	13	7	15,180	12	41,800	12	36,120	12	12	112	1,943

## HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

## HISTORY.

This youngest of the Reformed Churches in this country is the outcome of a desire to bring together into one organization and into close relationship with the Reformed Church of Hungary, the numerous congregations that had been formed as a result of the immigration into this country. A considerable number of these congregations had become identified with the Reformed Church in the United States, or with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, although some were included in various other denominations—Congregational, Baptist, etc. As a difficulty arose in regard to securing for these different churches ministers who were acquainted with the Hungarian language, and who understood the general type of the people, an appeal was made to the Church in Hungary for assistance. Accordingly a representative of that church, Count Joseph Degenfeld, curator-general of the Reformed Church in Hungary, visited the different Reformed and Presbyterian congregations. Becoming convinced that these American Hungarian congregations should be connected with the mother church in Hungary, he put the question definitely to all, whether they were willing to join that mother church. On his return from the United States, and as a result of his report on the situation in the United States, the General Convention of the Reformed Church in Hungary decided to give what assistance it could to those congregations which voted to submit themselves to its care and supervision. This assistance was to take the form of sending properly trained ministers and of granting such financial aid as might be needed.

On October 7, 1904, the Hungarian Reformed Church in America was organized in the city of New York by six congregations and six ministers, and other congregations have since united with it. While under the general care and supervision of the Reformed Church in Hungary, this is a distinctively American body, receiving its ministers and financial aid from Hungary in the same way that the congregations of the German Reformed Church received aid from Holland until they became strong enough to provide for themselves.

In doctrine, discipline, and polity the Hungarian Church is in general accord with the other Reformed Churches.

## WORK.

There is no organized home or foreign missionary work or any regular educational system. A parochial school with 150 pupils was maintained in 1916 at a cost of \$600. There are 6 young people's societies

connected with the denomination, with a membership of 450.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Hungarian Reformed Church in America for 1916 are given, by states and classes, in the tables on page 640; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	46	16	30	(1)
Members.....	9,851	5,253	4,598	87.5
Church edifices.....	38	12	26	(1)
Value of church property.....	\$434,600	\$123,500	\$311,100	251.9
Debt on church property.....	\$189,624	\$70,950	\$118,674	167.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	19	6	13	(1)
Value.....	\$112,750	\$26,500	\$86,250	325.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	34	4	30	(1)
Officers and teachers.....	94	6	88	(1)
Scholars.....	2,312	179	2,133	1,191.6

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it is seen that the denomination has materially increased in strength in every particular. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 46 as against 16 in 1906, and the membership 9,851 as against 5,253, a gain of 87.5 per cent. Church edifices had increased in number from 12 to 38, and the value of church property from \$123,500 to \$434,600, an increase of 251.9 per cent. Debt on church property reported by 9 organizations in 1906 was \$70,950, while in 1916 there was a debt of \$189,624 reported by 31 organizations. Churches reporting parsonages increased from 6 to 19 and the value of parsonages from \$26,500 to \$112,750. Sunday schools increased from 4 to 34 and their scholars from 179 to 2,312, a gain of 1,191.6 per cent. Contributions for general purposes were not reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$133,511, reported by 44 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

Of the 46 organizations, 43, with 8,673 members, reported the use of Magyar only in the conduct of church services, and 3, with 1,178 members, reported Magyar and Slavic. In 1906 there were 15 organizations, with 5,153 members, reported as using Magyar only, and 1, with 100 members, using Magyar and Slavic.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 30, all of whom were in pastoral work, and 27 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,290.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.	46	46	9,851	46	6,829	3,022	38	2	38	39	\$434,600
New England division:											
Connecticut.....	2	2	574	2	338	236	2		2	2	26,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	670	6	515	155	2		2	2	58,000
New Jersey.....	11	11	3,254	11	2,095	1,159	10		10	10	99,550
Pennsylvania.....	12	12	1,813	12	1,406	407	11	1	11	11	97,350
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8	8	2,031	8	1,477	554	7	1	7	8	97,200
Illinois.....	3	3	285	3	232	53	3		3	3	34,700
Michigan.....	3	3	1,186	3	731	455	3		3	3	21,800
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	1	1	38	1	35	3					

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.	46	31	\$189,624	19	\$112,750	44	\$133,511	32	34	94	2,312
New England division:											
Connecticut.....	2	2	13,800	2	14,000	2	5,963	2	2	6	174
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	2	43,700	2	16,000	6	33,448	5	5	6	148
New Jersey.....	11	9	33,750	5	24,450	11	31,997	7	8	11	603
Pennsylvania.....	12	5	40,542	5	36,000	11	19,102	6	6	19	409
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	8	7	28,450	2	15,800	8	16,569	6	7	29	537
Illinois.....	3	3	20,861	1	1,000	2	7,197	2	2	8	132
Michigan.....	3	3	8,521	2	5,500	3	18,485	3	3	14	294
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	1					1	750	1	1	1	15

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.	46	46	9,851	46	6,829	3,022	38	2	38	*39	\$434,600
Eastern.....	24	24	4,915	24	3,241	1,674	17	1	17	17	206,050
Western.....	22	22	4,936	22	3,588	1,348	21	1	21	22	228,550

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CLASSES: 1916.

CLASSIS.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Hungarian Reformed Church in America.	46	31	\$189,624	19	\$112,750	44	\$133,511	32	34	94	2,312
Eastern.....	24	14	97,917	10	69,450	23	75,324	16	17	30	1,014
Western.....	22	17	91,707	9	43,300	21	58,187	16	17	64	1,298

## REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

At the sixth conference of the Evangelical Alliance in New York in October, 1873, a communion service was held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, in which Dr. Payne Smith, Dean of Canterbury, and Bishop George David Cummins, of Kentucky, participated. This was at the time of the intense discussion in the Protestant Episcopal Church concerning ritual, and Dean Smith and Bishop Cummins were subjected to some very severe and unfriendly criticisms for participating in this union communion service. Bishop Cummins had for some time felt disturbed at the apparently ritualistic tendencies of his church, and the loss—as he thought—of true catholicity, and so keenly did he feel these criticisms as new evidence of these tendencies that, on November 10, he withdrew. A number of others shared his opinions, and on a call from him, 7 clergymen and 20 laymen met in New York City on December 2, and organized the Reformed Episcopal Church. Bishop Cummins was chosen as presiding bishop, and the Rev. Dr. Charles Edward Cheney was elected a bishop and was subsequently consecrated in Chicago.

The name Reformed Episcopal was chosen because of the belief of the founders of the new movement that the same principles were adopted which were the basis of the Anglican Church at the Reformation—which is known in law as the "Reformed Church of England"—and also of the Protestant Episcopal Church when fully organized after the American Revolution.

The Reformed Episcopal Church has identified itself with the various movements for church unity, is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is in close relation with the Liturgical Free Churches of England.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Reformed Episcopal Church declares its belief in the Scriptures as the Word of God, and the sole rule of faith and practice; and accepts the Apostles' Creed, the divine institution of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the doctrines of grace, substantially as set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It rejects the doctrine that the Lord's table is an altar on which the oblation of the body and blood of Christ is offered anew to the Father; that the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper is a presence in the elements of bread and wine; and that regeneration is inseparably connected with baptism.

## POLITY.

The polity accords with that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, except that it looks upon episcopacy as

an ancient and desirable form of church government rather than as of divine right. It rejects, as erroneous doctrine and contrary to God's Word, the position that the Church of Christ consists of only one order of ecclesiastical polity; and that Christian ministers are priests in any other sense than that in which all other believers are "a royal priesthood."

The Reformed Episcopal Church recognizes the Christian character of members of other branches of Christ's Church and receives them on letters dimissory. It does not demand the reordination of clergymen, duly ordained in other communions, who enter its ranks. It holds, however, that, through its bishops, who alone have the right to confirm and ordain, it has preserved intact the historic succession of the ministry. Unlike the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the bishops do not constitute a separate house in the General Council. They preside over synods or jurisdictions which correspond to dioceses and jurisdictions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

For worship the church accepts the Book of Common Prayer as revised by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1785, but holds that no liturgy should be imperative or repressive of freedom in prayer, and reserves full liberty to alter, abridge, enlarge, and amend the same, as may seem best, "provided that the substance of the faith be kept entire."

## WORK.

The Board of Home Missions cares for the weak parishes in the organization, conducts work among Negroes in the South, and provides a part of the salaries of missionary bishops. The report for 1916 shows 17 missionaries employed; 35 churches aided; and contributions for the support of the work, amounting to \$3,137.

The Board of Foreign Missions carries on work in India, in 8 stations, with 6 missionaries and 20 native helpers. There are 17 primary schools; 2 hospitals, in which about 45,000 persons received treatment during the year; and 1 orphanage, with 53 inmates. The property in India is valued at \$20,000, and there is an endowment of \$72,000. The amount contributed for the foreign work in 1916 was \$16,453.

The educational work in the United States is confined to a theological seminary in Philadelphia, with 9 students. The seminary has also a preparatory department. The property is valued at \$60,000, and there is an endowment of \$140,349. The contributions for educational work during the year were \$6,854.

There are 90 Christian Endeavor societies, with 2,250 members.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Reformed Episcopal Church for 1916 are given, by states and synods, in the tables below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	75	81	-6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	11,050	9,682	1,368	14.1
Church edifices.....	74	87	-13	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$1,702,187	\$1,469,787	\$232,400	15.8
Debt on church property.....	\$94,198	\$67,143	\$27,055	40.3
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	12	14	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$67,000	\$48,950	\$18,050	36.9
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	72	89	-17	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	878	959	-81	-8.4
Scholars.....	8,603	9,864	-1,261	-12.8
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$26,444	\$27,020	-\$576	-2.1
Domestic.....	\$9,991	\$18,861	-\$8,870	-47.0
Foreign.....	\$16,453	\$8,159	\$8,294	101.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it is seen that in number of organizations, church edifices, parsonages, and Sunday schools, there was somewhat of a falling off between 1906 and 1916. The membership, however, advanced from 9,682 to 11,050, showing a gain of 14.1 per cent, and the value of church property increased by \$232,400, or 15.8 per cent. There was also an increase of \$18,050, or 36.9 per cent, in the value of parsonages. Contributions for general benevolent purposes fell from \$27,020 to \$26,444. The loss was in contributions for domestic work, those for foreign work having risen from \$8,159 to \$16,453, or 101.7 per cent.

Church expenditures amounting to \$180,880, reported by 75 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 43 organizations in 1916, was 131, constituting 1.8 per cent of the 7,474 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 194.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 88. Of these, 46 sent in schedules, and 28 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,415. The following table gives the principal facts in regard to the ministers from whom schedules were received:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	46	28	5	13	\$1,415
California.....	1			1	
Florida.....	1			1	
Illinois.....	5	2		3	2,400
Maryland.....	3	3			1,133
Massachusetts.....	1			1	
Michigan.....	1	1			
New Jersey.....	2	2			1,405
New York.....	5	2		3	2,250
Ohio.....	1	1			
Pennsylvania.....	13	10		3	1,580
South Carolina.....	11	5	5	1	334
Tennessee.....	1	1			
Virginia.....	1	1			

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Episcopal Church.....	75	74	11,050	68	4,194	6,550	74	1	74	74	\$1,702,187
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	7	7	744	6	262	432	7		7	7	511,500
New Jersey.....	3	2	234	2	72	162	3		3	3	47,500
Pennsylvania.....	15	15	4,352	15	1,852	2,500	15		15	14	719,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2	2	476	2	160	316	2		2	2	71,000
Illinois.....	5	5	1,501	5	556	945	5		5	5	208,000
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	4	485	4	175	310	4		4	4	62,500
Virginia.....	2	2	54	2	25	29	2		2	2	2,825
South Carolina.....	35	35	3,017	30	1,012	1,749	34	1	34	35	45,862
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	187	2	80	107	2		2	2	34,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware and Michigan.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Reformed Episcopal Church.....	75	28	\$94,198	12	\$67,000	75	\$180,880	70	72	878	8,603
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	7	3	31,200	1	4,000	7	15,879	7	7	69	507
New Jersey.....	3			3	4,000	3	5,534	3	3	26	187
Pennsylvania.....	15	4	21,600	1	15,000	15	83,377	15	16	400	4,430
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	2			2	10,000	2	8,600	2	2	24	205
Illinois.....	5	2	6,000	2	29,000	5	41,100	5	6	126	1,198
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	4	3	14,500	1	4,500	4	12,029	4	4	83	510
Virginia.....	2	2	1,300			2	750	2	2	12	50
South Carolina.....	35	13	2,598	3	4,500	35	9,243	30	30	103	1,266
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	17,000			2	4,368	2	2	35	250

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware and Michigan.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Reformed Episcopal Church.....	75	74	11,050	68	4,194	6,550	74	1	74	74	\$1,702,187
Chicago.....	8	8	2,089	8	771	1,318	8		8	8	305,000
New York and Philadelphia.....	32	31	5,944	30	2,411	3,483	32		32	31	1,351,325
Special Missionary Jurisdiction of the South.....	35	35	3,017	30	1,012	1,749	34	1	34	35	45,862

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY SYNODS: 1916.

SYNOD.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars..
Reformed Episcopal Church.....	75	28	\$94,198	12	\$67,000	75	\$180,880	70	72	878	8,603
Chicago.....	8	3	23,000	4	39,000	8	53,000	8	9	176	1,578
New York and Philadelphia.....	32	12	68,600	5	23,500	32	118,637	32	33	599	5,759
Special Missionary Jurisdiction of the South....	35	13	2,598	3	4,500	35	9,243	30	30	103	1,266



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The Holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church, more generally known as the "Roman Catholic Church," includes that portion of the Christian Church which recognizes the Bishop of Rome as Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth, and the Visible Head of the Church. It dates its origin from the selection by Jesus Christ of the Apostle Peter as "chief of the Apostles," and it traces its history through his successors in the bishopric of Rome.

Until the tenth century practically the entire Christian Church was recognized as one. Divergent views on various matters, particularly the doctrine of the Procession of the Holy Ghost and the primacy of the Bishop of Rome, culminated in the eleventh century in a separation between the Western and Eastern sections. The Western Church, which held to the Procession of the Holy Ghost from both the Father and the Son, and recognized the primacy of the Bishop of Rome, included western and southern Europe and North Africa, except Egypt. With the incursions into southern Europe of the tribes from the north the missionary activities of the church were developed, and it grew in strength and became more thoroughly organized. The discoveries of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries contributed new life to it and resulted in wider extension. Africa, India, China, and Japan were visited by the missionary fathers, numerous Catholic converts were made, and many Catholic communities were established. The discovery of America opened still another field. Missionaries accompanied the various Spanish expeditions of discovery and settlement in the first half century after Columbus made the first voyage to America, and they always raised the cross and conducted divine worship.

The first Catholic congregation in the territory now constituting the United States was founded at St. Augustine, Fla., in 1565, although Catholic services had been held on the soil of Florida long before that date, and from that point many companies of missionaries went along the coast, particularly toward the north, and labored among the Indians. That date also marks the evangelization of practically all present Latin America.

Missionaries in connection with Coronado's exploring expedition in 1540 preached among the Indians of New Mexico, but they soon perished. After the founding of Santa Fe, the second oldest town in the United States, missionary work was more successful and many tribes of Indians accepted the Catholic faith. On the Pacific coast Franciscans accompanied the expeditions to California about 1600, and on the Atlantic coast French priests held worship on Neutral Island, on the coast of Maine, in 1609, and three years later on Mount

Desert Island. Jesuit missions, begun on the upper Kennebec in 1646, were more successful and permanent, many Indian converts being among their fruits. In 1665 Catholics sought to convert the Onondagas and other tribes in New York, while similar attempts among the Indians on the Great Lakes had been made as early as 1641.

The history of the Catholic Church among the English colonists began with the immigration of English and Irish Catholics to Maryland in 1634, and the founding of the town of St. Marys in that year. Religious toleration was from the beginning the law of the colony; but in later years the Catholics were restricted and even disfranchised, and the restrictions were not entirely removed until after the War of the Revolution. In Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and New England, severe laws against Catholics were enforced for many years. In New York there were, it is said, no more than 7 Catholic families in 1696, and the few Catholics living on Manhattan Island 80 years later had to go to Philadelphia to receive the sacraments. In a report to the Propaganda in 1763, Bishop Challoner gives the number of missionaries in Maryland as 12, of Catholics, including children, 16,000; in Pennsylvania, missionaries 5, Catholics 6,000 or 7,000. The Roman Catholic missionaries in Maryland and the other English colonies were under the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical superiors in England, although this was based on common law rather than on any formal document. The first authoritative act dates from 1757, when Bishop Petre, vicar apostolic of London, was given jurisdiction for 6 years over all the colonies and islands in America subject to the British Empire. The same grant was renewed in 1759 for 6 years more to Bishop Challoner, who, on account of his necessary absence from the field, recommended the nomination of a vicar apostolic for America, and suggested that, as long as Canada and Florida were under British rule, the Bishop of Quebec might have his jurisdiction extended, although he preferred separate vicariates for America.

Catholics, almost to a man, took sides with the colonists in the War of the Revolution. Among the signers either of the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, or the Constitution, were three Catholics—Thomas Fitzsimmons, Daniel Carroll, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, who saw in the Declaration "the basis for a future charity and liberty for his church"; while Thomas Sim Lee was war governor of Maryland. Volunteers joined the Army and Navy, and a regiment of Catholic Indians from Maine was enlisted for the colonial forces, while the accession of the French Government to the American cause brought to the service of the Republic a number of Catholic officers from Europe.

Following the war religious liberty was not established by all the colonies at once, but the recommendation of the Continental Congress in 1774, "that all former differences about religion or politics \* \* \* from henceforth cease and be forever buried in oblivion," had its effect, and some of the states promptly removed the existing restrictions on the Catholics, admitting members of that church to all rights of citizenship. Religious equality, however, became universal and complete only after the Philadelphia Convention of 1787, in which the present Constitution of the United States was adopted. During the discussion of the Constitution a memorial was presented by the Rev. John Carroll, recently appointed (1784) superior of the missions in the United States, which undoubtedly contributed to the adoption of the provision of the sixth article which abolishes religious tests as a qualification for any office or public trust, and of that portion of the first amendment which says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Revolutionary War left the Catholic Church in America without any immediate hierarchical superior. The vicar apostolic of London held no intercourse with the church in America and refused to exercise jurisdiction in the United States. The Maryland clergy took steps to secure their property and maintain some kind of discipline, and application was made to Rome for the appointment of a superior with power to administer confirmation and with other privileges not strictly of the episcopal order. At that time Franklin represented the United States in Paris, and French influence was brought to bear to secure a Frenchman as ecclesiastical superior in the colonies, with a view to making the church a dependency of the Church of France. The matter was referred to the Continental Congress, which announced that it had no power or jurisdiction in the case, those "being reserved to the several states individually." After considerable investigation and delay the Propaganda proposed the name of John Carroll as the superior or prefect apostolic of the church in the thirteen original states, with the power to administer confirmation. This nomination was confirmed and was followed by a decree making the church in the United States a distinct body from that in England.

Already the question of foreign jurisdiction had arisen, and the new superior in 1785 urged that as Catholics were not admitted to any office in the state unless they renounced all foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical, some plan should be adopted by which an ecclesiastical superior might be appointed "in such a way as to retain absolutely the spiritual jurisdiction of the Holy See and at the same time remove all ground of objecting to us [Catholics] as though we [they] held anything hostile to the national independence." Ac-

companying this letter was a statement of the number of Catholics in the United States, according to which there were 15,800 in Maryland; in Pennsylvania, 700; in Virginia, 200; and in New York, 1,500. In the territory bordering on the Mississippi there were said to be many Catholics, for whom there were no priests.

In the early history of the church various perplexing situations appeared. One of the first was occasioned by what was known as "trusteeism." In 1785 the board of "Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church in the city of New York" was incorporated, and purchased a site for a church. These trustees were not content with holding the property, but held that the congregation represented by them had the right not only to choose its pastor but to dismiss him at pleasure, and that no ecclesiastical superior, bishop or prefect, had any right to interfere. Such a situation, as Dr. Carroll wrote to the New York trustees, "would result in the formation of distinct and independent societies in nearly the same manner as the Congregational Presbyterians," and several churches for a time firmly resisted the authority of the bishops. Subsequently the present system<sup>1</sup> was adopted.

Another problem was that of providing a body of native clergy in place of the older missionaries, who were mostly members of the Society of Jesus, and were fast passing away. The immediate difficulty was solved in a measure by the coming of a number of priests of the Congregation of St. Sulpice in Paris, during the French Revolution (1791). They founded an ecclesiastical seminary in Baltimore, and made their special work the preparation for the priesthood of those who were native to America, and were thoroughly identified with the new national life.

The general policy of the earlier episcopate was to avoid the antagonisms often occasioned by different nationalities, languages, and training. To accomplish this an effort was made to incorporate the non-English speaking Catholics in the same churches with those whose habitual language was English, and whose spirit was thoroughly American. As immigration increased, however, great pressure was brought to bear for the appointment of clergy native to the various countries and familiar with the languages and customs—as Irish, German, French, and Slavic. The Church of the Holy Trinity, opened for Germans in Philadelphia in 1789, was the first effort to meet this demand, and since then the immediate needs of these foreign communities have been met, in the main, by the appointment of priests of their own nationality, although the general policy of the church has been to extend the use of the English language as much as possible.

<sup>1</sup> See under Polity, p. 650.

In this connection, mention should be made of what are known as the "Uniat churches," some of which were formerly connected with the Eastern or Oriental Churches, particularly in southeastern Europe and the Levant. They recognize the authority of the Pope, and teach the same doctrine and have the same polity as the Roman Catholic Church, but differ from it in some matters of discipline, and use their own languages, as Greek, Syriac, Slavonic, Armenian, etc., in the liturgy. Among them are the Maronite, the Greek Catholic or United Greek, and Slavonic Catholic Churches, all of which are branches of the Roman Catholic Church and are included in its statistics.

A serious difficulty which the church faced during the second quarter of the nineteenth century was the "Know-nothing" movement. A certain part of the nation, thoroughly imbued with the idea that no Roman Catholic could be a loyal American citizen, and believing that the obedience which the hierarchy was pledged to give to the Pope must inevitably affect not merely their ecclesiastical, but their social, and even their civil and national relations, looked upon the Roman Catholics as not merely un-American, but anti-American and absolutely disloyal. Riots occurred in various cities and considerable property of Catholics was destroyed, but the storm soon spent its force.

During the same period the school question arose. As the elementary school system developed it was under the control of Protestants, who introduced Protestant forms of religious observance. While not objecting to a religious element in the schools, the Catholics objected to conditions which constrained their children to attend, or take part in, non-Catholic services or instruction. The result was the absolute separation of public education from the control of any religious body and the development within the church of the parochial school system, in order to meet what was felt by the clergy to be an absolute necessity for the religious instruction of the children of Catholic families.

Of a somewhat similar nature to this was a question which arose in regard to Government assistance in missionary education, especially in the West. The church had organized extensive schools among the Indians, and Protestant bodies had done the same. The question arose as to the relation of the Government to such religious teaching, and the result was that Government aid was withdrawn from all alike.

In these questions two men stand out preeminently as leaders: Archbishop Carroll, of Baltimore, and Archbishop Hughes, of New York. Their influence, however, was not confined to distinctively church mat-

ters; the former was one of a committee sent to Canada in 1776 by the Continental Congress, in order to induce the Canadian Catholics to join the Revolutionary forces; while the latter was sent by President Lincoln as an envoy to France and Spain during the Civil War, and succeeded in materially checking the movement in Europe in favor of the Confederacy.

The growth of the church is indicated by the increase in its membership, the development of its dioceses, and its councils and congresses.

In 1807 about 80 churches were reported, and a Catholic population of 150,000. Since that date a number of estimates have been made by different historians, some of them differing very widely. Thus Prof. A. J. Schemm gives the total Roman Catholic population in 1860 as 4,500,000, while John Gilmory Shea estimates it at 3,000,000. According to the census report of 1890 the number of communicants or members, not including those under 9 years of age, was 6,231,417.

The first diocese was that of Baltimore, erected in 1789, followed by New Orleans in 1793. In 1808 Baltimore was made an archdiocese, and the dioceses of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were erected. Others followed: Charleston, S. C., 1820; Cincinnati and Richmond, 1821; St. Louis, 1826; Mobile, 1829; Detroit, 1833; Indianapolis, 1834; Dubuque, Nashville, and Natchez, 1837; Chicago, Hartford, Little Rock, Milwaukee, and Pittsburgh, 1843; Oregon City, 1846. In 1847 St. Louis in turn became an archdiocese, and three years later Cincinnati, New York, New Orleans, and Oregon City were elevated into provinces, while other dioceses were formed—Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, and Galveston in 1847; and St. Paul, Santa Fe, Monterey and Los Angeles, Nesqually (Seattle), Savannah, and Wheeling, in 1850. In 1853 San Francisco was established as an archdiocese, and in 1875 the dioceses of Philadelphia, Santa Fe, Boston, and Milwaukee became archdioceses. Among other archdioceses formed have been those of Chicago in 1880, St. Paul in 1888, and Dubuque in 1893.

Three plenary or national councils have been held in Baltimore, in 1852, in 1866, and in 1884. The Catholic laymen have held two congresses, one in Baltimore in 1889, in conjunction with the centennial of the establishment of the hierarchy in the United States, and another in Chicago in 1893. Other items of interest are the promotion to the cardinalate of Archbishop McCloskey of New York, in 1875, and of Archbishop Gibbons of Baltimore, in 1886; the establishment of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., by the decree of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore (1884); and the establishment of the apostolic delegation at Washington, in 1893.

DOCTRINE.

The Roman Catholic Church bases its doctrines upon the Canonical Books of the Sacred Scriptures, explaining and supplementing them by tradition expressed in written documents, the more important of which are the dogmatic definitions issued either by an Ecumenical or General Council, or by the Pope speaking "ex Cathedra," or as Head of the Church. Such definitions are not considered as constituting or establishing new doctrines, but only as official statements that the particular doctrine was revealed by God, and is contained in the "Depositum Fidei," or Sacred Depository of Faith of the Church.

The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed are regarded as containing the essential truths accepted by the church. A general formula of doctrine is presented in the "profession of faith," to which assent must be given by those who join the church. It includes the rejection of all such doctrines as have been declared by the church to be wrong, a promise of obedience to the church's authority in matters of faith, and acceptance of the following statement of belief:

One only God, in three divine Persons, distinct from, and equal to, each other—that is to say, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

The Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the personal union of the two Natures, the divine and the human; the divine Maternity of the most holy Mary, together with her most spotless Virginity;

The true, real, and substantial presence of the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist;

The seven Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind; that is to say, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Orders, Matrimony;

Purgatory, the Resurrection of the dead, Everlasting Life;

The Primacy, not only of honor, but also of jurisdiction, of the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Vicar of Jesus Christ; the veneration of the Saints and of their images; the authority of the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical Traditions, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret, and understand, only in the sense which our holy mother the Catholic Church has held, and does hold; and everything else that has been defined, and declared by the sacred Canons, and by the General Councils, and particularly by the holy Council of Trent, and delivered, defined, and declared by the General Council of the Vatican, especially concerning the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff, and his infallible teaching authority.

The sacrament of baptism is administered to infants or adults by pouring, and "cleanses from original sin." Confirmation is the sacrament through which "the Holy Spirit is received" by the laying on of hands of the bishop, and the anointing with the holy chrism in the form of a cross. The Eucharist is "the sacrament which contains the body and blood, soul and divinity, of the Lord Jesus Christ, under the appearances of bread and wine." It is usually to be received fasting, and is given to the laity only in one kind, the form of bread. Penance is a sacrament in which the sins com-

mitted after baptism are forgiven. Extreme unction is a sacrament in which the sick who are in danger of death receive spiritual succor by the anointing with holy oil and the prayers of the priest. The sacrament of orders, or holy orders, is that by which bishops, priests, and other ministers of the church are ordained and receive power and grace to perform their sacred duties. The sacrament of matrimony is the sacrament which unites a Christian man and woman in lawful marriage, and such marriage "can not be dissolved by any human power."

The chief commandments of the church are: To hear mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation; to fast and abstain from meat on the days appointed; to confess at least once a year; to receive the Holy Eucharist during Easter time; to contribute toward the support of pastors, and to observe the regulations in regard to marriage.

POLITY.

The organization of the Roman Catholic Church centers in the Bishop of Rome as Pope, and his authority is supreme in matters of faith and in the conduct of the affairs of the church. Next to the Pope is the College of Cardinals, who act as his advisers and as heads or members of various commissions called Congregations, which are charged with the general administration of the church. These never exceed 70 in number, and are of three orders: Cardinal deacons, cardinal priests, and cardinal bishops. These terms do not indicate their jurisdictional standing, but only their position in the cardinalate. With few exceptions the cardinal priests are archbishops or bishops, and the cardinal deacons are generally priests. In case of the death of the Pope the cardinals elect his successor, authority meanwhile being vested in the body of cardinals. Most of the cardinals reside in Rome, and their active duties are chiefly in connection with the various congregations or commissions which have the care of the different departments of church activity.

These congregations constitute the Roman Curia, which has been reorganized and includes the following, as described in the official Catholic Directory:

*Congregation of the Holy Office.*—Its object is to guard the teaching of faith and morals; to judge on heresy; the dogmatic doctrine of the sacraments; all matters concerning indulgences; and certain matrimonial questions.

*Consistorial Congregation.*—Its office is: (a) To prepare all matters for consistories, and in places not subject to the Propaganda to found new dioceses and chapters, both cathedral and collegiate; to elect bishops, apostolic administrators, etc.; (b) to regulate all matters concerning the government of the dioceses not subject to the Propaganda; (c) to solve all doubts concerning the competence of the Sacred Congregations; (d) to provide for the spiritual care of emigrants.

*Congregation of the Sacraments.*—To this congregation is assigned the entire legislation concerning the discipline of the seven sacraments, except their dogmatic doctrine, which is committed to the Holy Office, and their ceremonies, which belong to the Congregation of Sacred Rites. To it appertain, therefore, all dispensations of matrimony in *foro externo*, legitimation of birth, dispensations for candidates for orders, dispensations concerning the reception, the reservation of the most holy sacrament, etc. The same congregation decides also questions regarding the discipline of the sacraments.

*Congregation of the Council.*—To this congregation is committed the universal discipline of the secular clergy and the Christian people. Its province, therefore, is to oversee the observance of the precepts of the church, such as fasts, abstinences, tithes, the observation of feasts, the government of parish priests and canons, of sodalities, pious works, honorariums for masses, benefices or offices, ecclesiastical property, etc. To it also appertains all that regards the summoning and examination of councils and gatherings or conferences of bishops. This congregation, too, is the competent tribunal in all causes in its sphere.

*Congregation of the Affairs of Religious.*—This congregation decides those matters throughout the world, which relate to the affairs of Religious, whether bound by simple or solemn vows, and also of the secular third orders, and whether the matters to be treated are between Bishops and Religious, or between Religious themselves; it is also the competent tribunal in all causes, when a Religious is either defendant or complainant; finally to this congregation is reserved the concession of dispensations from the common law for Religious.

*Congregation of the Index.*—Its office is not only to examine the books submitted, to prohibit them, and to concede dispensations, but also officially to investigate whether writings of any kind, that should be condemned, are being circulated; and to remind the ordinaries how solemnly they are bound to condemn pernicious writings and to denounce them to the Holy See.

*Congregation of Sacred Rites.*—It has the office to watch over the diligent observance of the Sacred Rites and Ceremonies in the Latin Church; to grant opportune dispensations; to bestow, relating to the Sacred Rites and Ceremonies, insignia and privileges of honor, both personal and local. It has to deal with everything relating to the beatification and canonization of the saints or to the sacred relics. To this congregation are joined: The Liturgical Commission, the Historico Liturgical Commission and the Commission for Sacred Music.

*Congregation of Ceremonies.*—This congregation arranges all the pontifical ceremonies to be observed in the pontifical chapel and court and in the sacred functions, which the cardinals perform outside the

pontifical chapel; it decides questions affecting the precedence of the cardinals and of the legates, whom many nations send to the Holy See.

*Congregation of Seminaries and Universities.*—To this congregation is committed the regulation of all things pertaining to the seminaries and the studies in the Catholic universities, including those administered by the members of religious societies. It examines and approves new institutions, grants the power to confer academic degrees, and may confer degrees itself on men distinguished for special learning.

The Congregation for the Propagation of Faith and the Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs have no direct relation to the United States.

*The Sacred Penitentiary.*—This sacred tribunal is entirely limited in its jurisdiction to those matters which regard the internal forum nonsacramental as well as sacramental, and decides questions of conscience.

For the same internal forum it concedes favors, absolutions, dispensations, commutations, donations and condonations.

*The Sacred Roman Rota.*—To this tribunal devolve all contentious cases, requiring judicial procedure with trial proofs, civil as well as criminal (not major ones), which are treated in the Roman Curia.

*The Apostolic Segnatura.*—This is the Supreme Tribunal of the Roman Curia. It is the court of appeal from the Rota.

Any questions arising in any part of the church, in whatever country, which are not settled within that particular territory, are referred, or can be referred, to one of these congregations, which then passes upon the question and makes its recommendation to the Pope, who has full authority to accept or change a decision, although, as a matter of fact, it is very rarely the case that the decision of the congregation is not indorsed.

The highest office of the regular hierarchy, next to the Pope, is that of patriarch. There are 14 patriarchs, most of them in the East, including those of Constantinople, Alexandria (Latin and Coptic Rites), Antioch (Melchite, Maronite, Syriac, and Latin Rites), Jerusalem, Babylon of the Chaldeans, and Cilicia of the Armenians. There are also the honorary patriarchs of Lisbon, the East Indies, the West Indies, and Venice.

The organization of the church in the United States includes an apostolic delegate, 14 archbishops, of whom three are cardinals (the cardinalate in the United States is honorary, not of jurisdiction), about 100 bishops, and 20,000 priests. The special province of the apostolic delegate is the settling of difficulties that may arise in the conduct of the dioceses. An archbishop has the care of his archdiocese, and has precedence and a certain limited competence in his province. There are 14 provinces. Within each diocese authority is vested in the bishop, although appeal may be made to the archbishop or to the apostolic delegate, and in the last resort to one of the

congregations in Rome. In addition to the bishop the organization of a diocese includes a vicar-general, who, under certain conditions, acts as the bishop's representative; a chancellor or secretary; a council of consultors, usually 6 in number, 3 of whom are nominated by the bishop and 3 by the clergy of the diocese; and different boards of examination and superintendence. Special appointments are also made of persons to conduct specific departments of the diocesan work.

In the parish the pastor is in charge, subject to the bishop; he alone has authority to administer the sacraments, though he has the assistance of other priests as may be needed. Appointment to a parish rests absolutely with the bishop or archbishop, and in most cases the priest is removable at the discretion of his superior. There are, however, certain parishes whose rectors are regarded as irremovable, and can be removed only on the basis of charges presented by the bishop or archbishop to an ecclesiastical court, or to the apostolic delegate, or to the appropriate congregation in Rome. In case of a grievance arising between a priest and the bishop, appeal can be had to the archbishop or apostolic delegate, or alternatively to a congregation in Rome.

Appointment to a bishopric rests with the Holy See at Rome, but names are recommended by the hierarchy in this country. The bishops of each province send each year to the Holy See the names of priests suitable for the office. When a vacancy occurs they may individually make suggestions as to the best one for the see. The appointment is made by the consistorial congregation and approved by the Pope. Within three months of his appointment the bishop-elect is consecrated by an archbishop or bishop assisted by two other bishops.

The clergy are all who are tonsured. The orders of the clergy consist of those in minor orders, and of subdeacons, deacons, and priests. Candidates for orders, living and studying in divinity schools, are termed "seminarians." There are two recognized divinity schools—The Cathedral College or preparatory seminary, and the grand seminary. On taking the vow of chastity a seminarian is ordained by the bishop as subdeacon, and after a time of service, if approved, as deacon, and then as priest. The priest has the privilege of conducting the church services, administering the sacraments, and alone is authorized to celebrate the mass. A deacon may, under peculiar circumstances, preach and administer sacraments, but only by special authorization. All men in orders exercise some functions of the ministry. The bishops and archbishops and higher orders of the clergy are chosen from the ranks of the priesthood.

An important element in the polity of the Roman Catholic Church is furnished by the religious orders. These are of two kinds—the monastic orders, the members of which take solemn vows of obedience,

poverty, and chastity, and the religious congregations of priests and the various brotherhoods and sisterhoods. They are governed ultimately by a general or president, or superior, who is represented in the different countries by subordinates and by councils of various forms, though some form independent communities. The clerical members are ordained, and constitute what is known as the "regular" clergy, in distinction from the parish priests, known as the diocesan or "secular" clergy. The term "regular" is from the Latin *regula*, a rule, and is applied to these priests because they live under a special rule in a community. They can enter a diocese or parish only on the special authorization of the bishop and priest. Their jurisdiction may be for a limited time or indefinite, and may be withdrawn by the bishop. Any complaint is referred to the apostolic delegate or to the Congregation for the Affairs of Religious.

The orders are generally divided into provinces or communities, and the different members, wherever they may happen to be located, are under the general supervision of the head of the particular province or community. Thus the Jesuit Fathers of the Missouri Province number 403, but by no means all of them are within the bounds of that province. Some are in foreign lands, while others are engaged in educational or church work in other parts of this country. The situation is essentially the same in regard to the other orders. Thus, while at the close of 1916 there were 5,254 regular clergy within the United States, the total number of fathers under the supervision of superiors in the United States was considerably larger.

The regular clergy pass through the same form of induction into the priesthood as the diocesan clergy. Ordination is absolutely in the hands of the bishop, and the superiors of the orders have to do simply with the control of the movement and the duties of the clergy in those orders. The orders also have lay members who take the vows but are not inducted into the priesthood. The lay brothers assist in the conduct of the ordinary business of the order; thus, among the Benedictines, organized originally as an agricultural order, the clergy and brothers are obliged to share in the ordinary farm work.

Members of the brotherhoods and sisterhoods take the vows but are not ordained, and are not of the clergy. They are subject to the general rules of each order and to the discipline of their superior, and have duties of various kinds. Most of them are engaged in educational work. Others have philanthropic and charitable work as their special province, and serve in hospitals, asylums, or in general care for the poor. All are spiritually under the jurisdiction of the bishop, but their appointments are made by their own superiors.

A prominent feature in the organization of the Roman Catholic Church, and an important factor in its history, is the system of ecclesiastical councils.



These are, general or ecumenical, plenary or national, and provincial. A general council is convoked by the Pope, or with his consent, is presided over by him or his legates, and includes all the Roman Catholic bishops of the world. A plenary or national council is an assembly of all the bishops of a country, as the United States. A provincial council includes the bishops within the territory of a metropolitan or archbishop. There is, in addition, the diocesan synod, which is a gathering of the priests of a diocese.

The acts of a general council, to be binding, must be confirmed by the Pope; those of a plenary or provincial council must be submitted to the Holy See before promulgation, for confirmation and for any needed correction. The scope of the general council includes doctrine and matters of discipline concerning the church in the whole world. Plenary and provincial councils do not define, but repeat the doctrine defined by the general councils, and apply universal discipline, determined by those councils and the Holy See, by explicit statutes to each country or province, or they initiate such discipline as the peculiar circumstances may demand.

The procedure and working of these councils are similar to those of an ordinary legislative body. A plenary council is summoned either in response to a petition by the hierarchy to the Holy See or by a direct order from Rome. The president is appointed by the Pope and commissioned with the title and powers of an apostolic delegate, and has been in each case the archbishop of Baltimore. The topics are presented in the form of bills or *schemata*, prepared under the general superintendence of the hierarchy, often after special consultation with authorities at Rome. The conduct of the business is in private committees, committee of the whole, and public sessions. At the close, the minutes of the debates, called "*acta*," and the bills passed, called "*decreta*," are sent to Rome, where they are examined by commissions who may make amendments, usually in the wording rather than in the matter. Their report is submitted to the Pope, whose approval is not, however, meant to be such an act as entails papal infallibility. As confirmed by the Holy See, these decrees are sent back to the president of the council, are promulgated and communicated to the bishops by him, and then become laws.

Provincial councils and diocesan synods make further promulgation and application of these decrees, applying thus the legislation to the priests and laymen of each diocese.

The laity have no voice in the conduct of the church, nor in the choice of the local priest, but they are consulted in the management of parish affairs. In a few cases the church property is in the hands of a board of trustees appointed by the bishop, including certain ecclesiastics and some laymen. This is the

normal tenure, and the one which the church wishes introduced, but at present the prevailing tenure is that of the "corporation sole", under which the entire property is held under the title of "The Roman Catholic (Arch) Bishop of ———." Thus property is held officially, not personally, and passes automatically to successors in the see.

The income of the church is from pew rents, plate collections, and offerings for baptisms, marriage ceremonies, masses, etc. In general, all moneys pass through the hands of the priest, who retains only so much as is allowed for his personal salary and the running expenses of the church, and the balance is credited to and used for that church. Collections for charities are either disbursed by the priest or are handed over by him to societies for distribution. The salaries of priests are settled for each diocese and are uniform throughout the diocese, the rector of a city church receiving no higher salary than the priest in a country village. The reception by the priest of the full amount of salary depends, however, upon the amount collected. In cities and the larger towns, the house and at least a portion of his living expenses are generally provided for the priest.

Church membership begins with baptism in infancy and there is no method of induction into formal membership corresponding to confirmation or admission to the church in Protestant bodies, except as there is a renewal of baptismal vows connected with the first communion and confirmation.

It is seldom that there are as many Roman Catholic churches in a community in proportion to the number of communicants as is the case in other religious bodies, and, as a result, comparatively few edifices are large enough to accommodate all the members of the parish at the same time. In view of this fact it is the custom to hold the Sunday morning services, or masses, at different hours. The more important service, or "high mass," in which some parts of the liturgy are sung by the officiating clergyman and other parts by the choir, and at which a regular sermon is delivered by one of the priests, is celebrated between 10 a. m. and noon. At the other services, called "low masses," from 5 a. m. to 12 m., the mass is read and a short instruction is given. At these services, varying from 2 to 7 in number, the congregations attending are always quite different. Vespers are also sung on Sunday afternoon or evening, mass is said daily by each priest, and special services are held on Fridays and on all holy days. The churches are kept open through the day for individual worship and confession. The liturgy is the same for all Roman Catholic Churches and is in Latin, except in such Uniat churches as have the privilege of using their own language. The sermons and instructions, however, are always in the language spoken by the congregation, and the Scriptures are read in the same language.

## WORK.

The special activities of the Roman Catholic Church—missionary, educational, and philanthropic—are carried on by three distinct classes of agencies—(1) general societies organized for some specific phase of such work, chiefly missionary, (2) local churches and dioceses, and (3) the religious orders both for men and women.

For the home missionary work of the church there are a number of general organizations, including the Catholic Church Extension Society of Chicago; the Marquette League of New York City; the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D. C.; the Catholic Board for Missionary Work among the Colored People, New York City; the Commission for Catholic Missions among Colored People and Indians, with headquarters in Baltimore; the Society for the Preservation of the Faith among Indian Children, at Washington; American Catholic Truth Society of Brooklyn; the St. Joseph Society for Colored Missions, at Baltimore; and the Missionary Aid Society of Pittsburgh. There are various other associations but these are the principal ones. The Catholic Church Extension Society devotes its time and all the money collected to the erection of churches, to the assistance of needy parishes, and to the support of the clergy in the poorer districts, especially in the country and among the immigrants. Membership in this society is based on contributions varying from \$5,000 to \$1 a year, or 2 cents a week.

The different dioceses and archdioceses take up special collections for the assistance of needy parishes and rural pastors. The Archdiocese of New York sets apart a certain Sunday in Lent of each year for this collection and other dioceses carry on a similar work, the funds being controlled by the ecclesiastical authorities of the diocese. There are also special home mission collections and scores of guilds are organized, especially in the West, for assisting in the erection and maintenance of churches and schools in those districts where the church is not firmly established. In the conduct of this work representatives of the poorer dioceses are in the habit of visiting the larger and more flourishing parishes of the great cities and, under permission from the bishops of the dioceses, making collections for the extension of their work. In all the Catholic churches in the land each year there is a special collection for the Indian and Negro missions. They are conducted by the special societies for that purpose or by other organizations.

A large amount of mission work is also carried on by the various orders, such as the Franciscan, Jesuit, Redemptorist, Vincentian, Dominican, Oblate, and Passionist Fathers. The Paulist Fathers have as their peculiar province the conduct of missions with the view of converting non-Catholics, but other orders carry on evangelistic or revival services which are called missions. These are not planned on any general sys-

tem, but when, in the judgment of the parish priest or of his immediate superior, there is an opening for such services, application is made to some one of the orders and certain ones are then commissioned to conduct the service under the general direction of, or in consultation with, the parish priest.

There are also certain orders of sisters or nuns who devote their entire time to work which should be classed as home missionary work, especially among the Indians and Negroes.

In view of the impossibility of collecting returns from all these different sources a detailed statement of the amount contributed for home missions is impracticable, but a general estimate places it as something over \$1,000,000.

For the foreign missionary work the foremost Roman Catholic organization in the United States is probably the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, with headquarters in New York City, and with 35 or more diocesan branches. Other organizations included are, the Society of the Divine Word, an order of priests, with headquarters at Techny, Ill., which devotes a great deal of its time to foreign missionary work and makes a specialty of training young men for that work; the Society of the Holy Childhood, for the redemption of children of infidels; the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America; the Society of St. Peter Claver for African Missions; the American Missionary Association of Catholic Women; and the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Before the war broke out there were in the United States at nearly all times bishops, vicars-general, or clergymen from foreign dioceses who were collecting funds for their work. Also many of the religious orders, both of men and women, do a great deal of foreign missionary work. Thus a call came some years ago from the Caroline Islands for sisters and nuns to take charge of the schools, and the Sisters of St. Francis, with headquarters at Milwaukee, Wis., volunteered for the service, being supported in their work by the organization in this country. Among the orders especially interested in foreign work are the Franciscan and Jesuit Fathers. The dioceses frequently take up special collections, and the Archdiocese of New York is credited with making a larger contribution for foreign missions than any other diocese or archdiocese in the world.

As in regard to the work of home missions, so also in regard to that in the foreign field, detailed statements of the work or of contributions are not available. A conservative estimate of the contributions places the amount at about \$1,200,000 annually.

The educational system of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is well developed and thoroughly organized. Among the agencies or societies engaged in it are 41 religious orders of men, including the orders of priests and brothers. There are also 129 religious orders of women represented in the



educational field, and the secular clergy are deeply interested in it. Some of the foremost institutions in the land, such as the Catholic University, at Washington, D. C., are under the care of the secular clergy, while among those conducted by the orders are certain institutions such as Georgetown University, at Washington; Fordham University in New York City; College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., under Jesuit supervision; St. John's University, at Collegeville, Minn.; St. Vincent's Seminary and College, near Pittsburgh; St. Benedict's College, Newark, N. J., and others, under the care of the Benedictine Fathers; St. John's Theological Seminary and College, at Brooklyn; Niagara University, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., under the care of the Vincentian Fathers; Gethsemani College in Kentucky, under the care of the Trappist Fathers (Order of Reformed Cistercians).

The schools of the Christian Brothers are for the most part identified with churches, rather than incorporated as separate institutions. They have, however, a number of colleges at Oakland, Calif., Baltimore, Washington, Ellicott City, Md., Memphis, Sacramento, and New York. The sisterhoods are also active in educational work. Trinity College for Women, at Washington, D. C., under the care of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, ranks with the best colleges. There are also schools under the care of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, the Franciscan, Benedictine, and Dominican Sisters, Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Mercy, the Ursuline and Visitation Nuns, and others. Many of the schools conducted by sisters are parochial schools connected with churches. As no record is kept during the year of the amount contributed for the support of these schools, even an estimate is impracticable but it is claimed that the total amount runs into many millions of dollars. In all the dioceses there are regular school boards, examiners of teachers, and educational committees.

At the end of 1916 there were under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States 102 ecclesiastical seminaries, with 6,898 seminarians; 216 colleges for boys, with 49,813 students; 676 academies for girls, with 96,194 pupils; and 5,687 parochial schools, with an attendance of 1,537,644 children.

The philanthropic work of the Roman Catholic Church is very widely extended and includes a great variety of agencies. Practically all of the institutions and many of the religious orders of men are engaged in philanthropic work of one kind or another, while many of these devote their entire time to this work. Among these are the Little Sisters of the Poor, who provide homes for aged people of both sexes, regardless of creed or nationality, and at the end of 1916 were conducting 53 homes, with about 9,000 inmates; and the Alexian Brothers who make a specialty of conducting hospitals and insane asylums. The order of the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis Seraphicus

provides for the protection of poor and homeless boys, and the Brothers of the Holy Infancy and Youth of Jesus also make a specialty of looking after boys. The chief work, however, is in the conduct of hospitals, sanitariums, infant asylums, orphan asylums, homes for the aged, homes for the deaf, homes for the blind, insane asylums, retreats for incurable cancer, etc., in all parts of the country. There are also a considerable number of organizations engaged in specific work; thus, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul conduct a Leper Home, at Carrville, La.; the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd devote their entire time to the reformation of girls, and conduct industrial schools for girls exposed to dangers of various kinds. The Little Sisters of the Assumption, the Sisters of Notre Dame De Bon Secours, the Company of Mary, and others, nurse sick poor in their own homes, accepting no remuneration. Other orders of sisters conduct catechism classes in rural districts and immigrant settlements, visit the sick and poor in their homes, and give religious instruction to women and children in penal institutions and almshouses, etc. At the end of 1916 there were reported 543 hospitals, sanitariums, and dispensaries, and the number of patients was given as 484,842, not including outdoor patients or those treated in dispensaries, which were reported by only a few institutions.

Asylums and homes for orphans to the number of 645 were reported, with 131,671 inmates. As in the case of the educational work it is impracticable to give even an estimate of the amount contributed for the philanthropic work.

The most prominent single organization is a society of laymen, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, organized in Paris, France, in 1833, by a band of college students. Its general plan of organization and its objects and methods were based upon the various works of charity instituted early in the seventeenth century by St. Vincent de Paul, for whom the society was named. The main office is in Paris, and branches are established in all parts of the world. In 1916 there were in the United States 7 metropolitan and 4 diocesan central councils, 45 particular councils, and 886 conferences (reporting). The number of active members was 15,314, of honorary members, 1,526, and of subscribers, 4,794. During the year 29,326 families, with 122,645 persons, were assisted, and 264,990 visits were made. The total expenditures for this work were \$993,889, and in default of better figures this sum is given, as a partial report.

Following the entrance of the United States Government into the war, and in response to a general movement throughout the church, a convention met at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in August, 1917. At the convention it was decided that all Catholic war activities should be unified and coordinated for greater efficiency; that

local boards should be established in the various dioceses; and that the Knights of Columbus should be recognized as the body representing the church in the recreational welfare of the soldiers in the camps. In accordance with this action the National Catholic War Council was organized, consisting of the 14 archbishops, Administrative and Executive Committees, and a General Committee consisting of clerical and lay representation from each diocese and the various Catholic societies. There are also an Advisory Finance Committee, a Committee on Special War Activities, and the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities. In addition to these there is a Catholic Army and Navy Chaplain Bureau which has charge of the securing of an adequate number of chaplains for service, the supply of their needs, and the general superintendence of their activities in this country and on the field in connection with the Chaplains' Aid Association of the War Council. This latter organization had furnished by the fall of 1918 large numbers of prayer books (including those in Polish, Slovak, and Italian), rosaries, scapulars, pamphlets, and books, besides other supplies, and editions of an Army and Navy Testament. The Knights of Columbus activities included the establishment of buildings in the military, naval, or allied centers in the United States and in France, and the appointment of secretaries and volunteer chaplains. In all this the church has worked in cordial cooperation with other activities, as the Red Cross, the Council of National Defense, the Food and Fuel Administrations, the Young Men's Christian Association, the General War Time Commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Boy Scouts, and other organizations.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Roman Catholic Church in 1916 are given, by states and archdioceses, dioceses, etc., on pages 655 to 659, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is given in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items for 1916 and 1906 is shown in the next column.

As shown by this table, the Roman Catholic Church has reported an increase in every particular. The number of organizations increased from 12,482, as reported in 1906, to 17,487, as reported in 1916, showing a gain of 40.1 per cent, and the membership rose from 14,210,755 in 1906 to 15,721,815 in 1916, or 10.6 per cent. This increase is based on corrected figures of membership for 1906. In the report for that year, as in 1890, the number of baptized members

as returned by the individual organizations was reduced by 15 per cent, to cover children under 9 years of age, and thus make the statistics more nearly conform to those of other denominations. But in 1916 the entire baptized membership has been reported and in order to show the membership on the same basis for 1916 and 1906, it was necessary to restore the 15 per cent of membership deducted in 1906. In this connection it is to be said that 112 organizations made no report of membership and these included some of the larger churches in the cities. The number of church edifices as reported in 1916 was 15,120 as against 11,881 in 1906, a gain of 27.3 per cent, and the value of church property rose from \$292,638,787 to \$374,206,895, or 27.9 per cent. The debt on church property as reported by 6,024 organizations in 1916 was \$68,590,159, as against \$49,488,055 as reported by 4,104 organizations in 1906. The number of organizations reporting parsonages increased from 6,360 to 8,976, or 41.1 per cent, and the value of parsonages rose from \$36,302,064 to \$61,338,287, or 69 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased from 11,172 in 1906 to 12,800 in 1916, or 14.6 per cent, and the number of scholars from 1,481,535 to 1,860,836, or 25.6 per cent. There was no statement in the contributions for missions and benevolences in 1906; the figures given for 1916 were \$3,193,889, of which \$1,200,000 was for foreign work and the remainder for domestic work.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	17,487	12,482	5,005	40.1
Members.....	15,721,815	<sup>1</sup> 14,210,755	1,511,060	10.6
Church edifices.....	15,120	11,881	3,239	27.3
Value of church property.....	\$374,206,895	\$292,638,787	\$81,568,108	27.9
Debt on church property.....	\$68,590,159	\$49,488,055	\$19,102,104	38.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	8,976	6,360	2,616	41.1
Value.....	\$61,338,287	\$36,302,064	\$25,036,223	69.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	12,800	11,172	1,628	14.6
Officers and teachers.....	71,370	62,470	8,900	14.2
Scholars.....	1,860,836	1,481,535	379,301	25.6
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$3,193,889	( <sup>2</sup> )	.....	.....
Domestic.....	\$1,993,889	( <sup>2</sup> )	.....	.....
Foreign.....	\$1,200,000	( <sup>2</sup> )	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> Corrected figures; see text above.

<sup>2</sup> Not reported.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 14,469 organizations in 1916, was 3,219,732, constituting 25 per cent of the 12,898,788 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 2,823,027 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the

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total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 3,924,402.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 17,487 organizations, 11,411, with 8,044,644 members, reported church services conducted in English only; and 6,076, with 7,677,171 members, reported services in foreign languages alone or in connection with English, and of these 2,230 organizations, with 3,306,439 members, used foreign languages only. The number of foreign languages reported was 27. Of these, the principal were: German, reported alone or in connection with English by 1,890 organizations, with 1,672,690 members, of which 206, with 191,347 members, used German only; Spanish alone or with English by 841 organizations, with 552,244 members, of which 530, with 278,748 members, used Spanish only; Polish alone or with English by 735 organizations, with 1,425,193 members, of which 466, with 1,165,064 members, used Polish only; French alone or with English by 699 organizations, with 1,026,966 members, of which 200, with 478,255 members, used French only; and Italian alone or with English by 476 organizations, with 1,515,818 members, of which 149, with 420,511 members, used Italian only. The Bohemian language was reported alone or in connection with English by 178 organizations, with 133,911 members, of which 76, with 67,827 members, used Bohemian only; Slavic alone or in connection with English by 113 organizations, with 118,264 members, of which 98, with 106,927 members, used Slavic only; and Slovak alone or with English by 109 organizations, with 125,687 members, of which 69, with 78,447 members, used Slovak only. In addition to the number of organizations reporting the various languages named, alone or in connection with English, there were also, as may be seen from the table of languages in detail (Part I, p. 74), quite a large number of other organizations reporting these same languages in connection with other foreign languages as well as English. If these were to be added the total number of organizations reporting these several languages would be considerably greater. The same combination will be seen with respect to many other languages shown in the table. As compared with 1906, this shows an increase of 4 in the number of foreign languages reported, an increase of 54 organizations, with 242,003 members, using foreign languages only, and of 1,311 organizations, with 2,093,145 members, reporting foreign languages and English.

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the church was given as 20,287. Schedules were received from 13,435, distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	13,435	7,943	3,539	1,953	\$838
Alabama.....	76	36	7	33	583
Arizona.....	37	17	10	10	755
Arkansas.....	55	37	4	14	605
California.....	387	212	119	56	695
Colorado.....	133	76	35	22	616
Connecticut.....	259	142	89	28	1,028
Delaware.....	21	13	6	2	1,067
District of Columbia.....	144	22	49	73	916
Florida.....	43	22	8	13	341
Georgia.....	40	15	17	8	464
Idaho.....	31	21	4	6	574
Illinois.....	970	555	277	138	835
Indiana.....	360	206	65	89	830
Iowa.....	448	354	52	42	966
Kansas.....	301	213	28	60	846
Kentucky.....	204	127	62	15	703
Louisiana.....	214	120	45	49	1,049
Maine.....	72	48	20	4	747
Maryland.....	280	106	100	74	885
Massachusetts.....	893	430	387	76	702
Michigan.....	415	287	90	38	745
Minnesota.....	451	319	69	63	923
Mississippi.....	37	31	2	4	555
Missouri.....	533	293	111	129	770
Montana.....	81	49	18	14	476
Nebraska.....	225	181	19	25	665
Nevada.....	12	10	2	.....	1,471
New Hampshire.....	101	59	34	8	985
New Jersey.....	520	308	168	44	906
New Mexico.....	69	43	23	3	677
New York.....	1,886	945	733	208	899
North Carolina.....	28	17	2	9	558
North Dakota.....	112	98	6	8	785
Ohio.....	703	425	141	137	869
Oklahoma.....	68	49	4	15	799
Oregon.....	108	58	17	33	387
Pennsylvania.....	1,417	904	378	135	985
Rhode Island.....	166	70	89	7	825
South Carolina.....	16	10	5	1	578
South Dakota.....	119	98	11	10	879
Tennessee.....	13	8	4	1	733
Texas.....	265	177	41	47	645
Utah.....	13	8	.....	5	434
Vermont.....	73	56	7	10	793
Virginia.....	51	33	16	2	808
Washington.....	153	79	28	46	554
West Virginia.....	67	50	13	4	721
Wisconsin.....	746	493	121	132	834
Wyoming.....	19	13	3	3	688

Of the 13,435 ministers reporting, 11,482 were in pastoral work and 1,953 not in pastoral work. Of the pastors, 7,401 reported annual salaries averaging \$838. A number of assistants reported salaries averaging \$550, while a considerable number reported no salaries at all, many of these being rectors who were members of orders and as such received no stated salaries. There were 3,539 assistants reported; and of those not in pastoral work, 186 were on the retired list, while 1,346 were engaged in educational and editorial work, and 195 were in missionary and philanthropic work. The number reported as in denominational work was 226.











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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ARCHDIOCESES, DIOCESES, ETC.: 1916—Continued.

ARCHDIOCESE, DIOCESE, ETC.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Diocese—Continued.											
Concordia.....	105	16	\$42,510	61	\$223,900	98	\$269,960	68	74	125	3,897
Corpus Christi.....	113	7	23,050	22	34,035	73	71,321	70	77	184	6,499
Ovington.....	91	20	248,118	52	285,500	73	442,782	65	68	221	8,599
Crookston.....	84	29	74,084	29	132,825	43	126,398	37	37	91	2,189
Dallas.....	112	17	61,300	46	206,000	66	102,268	73	76	210	4,712
Davenport.....	124	46	242,459	84	383,435	107	390,167	95	105	347	9,027
Denver.....	230	52	378,639	73	320,440	161	383,590	160	167	515	13,095
Des Moines.....	92	28	134,378	56	238,100	77	286,180	63	63	216	5,726
Detroit.....	219	92	1,113,684	139	1,312,594	200	1,543,941	162	165	1,030	40,114
Duluth.....	115	45	212,068	39	218,143	91	318,143	86	89	303	8,946
El Paso.....	121	8	16,700	24	101,414	46	43,081	31	37	143	4,113
Erie.....	162	34	337,681	91	640,365	131	616,312	122	132	594	16,755
Fall River.....	97	57	936,615	59	561,000	79	783,951	78	84	1,096	23,239
Fargo.....	213	82	326,509	82	308,207	187	396,489	109	115	235	5,748
Fort Wayne.....	169	79	788,803	114	647,815	143	956,095	130	135	524	21,853
Galveston.....	117	30	200,417	57	226,450	105	213,139	78	82	335	7,411
Grand Rapids.....	220	20	87,150	104	572,450	200	575,559	171	172	556	19,268
Great Falls.....	183	40	75,970	23	99,800	111	199,085	120	125	435	5,229
Green Bay.....	228	100	430,637	151	732,645	221	807,254	175	188	527	21,810
Harrisburg.....	87	46	290,613	67	412,300	83	439,401	74	89	499	12,209
Hartford.....	257	140	2,114,900	177	1,935,711	229	2,303,243	221	250	2,691	59,409
Helena.....	215	34	85,605	31	189,989	138	287,375	80	81	217	5,159
Indianapolis.....	138	84	845,367	143	604,070	184	689,790	142	173	474	17,181
Kansas City.....	104	35	207,595	70	320,350	101	324,170	88	97	270	7,088
Kearney (Grand Island).....	102	21	70,008	40	130,100	84	123,921	86	88	149	3,348
La Crosse.....	231	76	222,227	142	596,850	211	564,871	147	150	412	13,275
Lead.....	168	25	29,456	33	67,050	139	131,895	77	79	139	1,972
Leavenworth.....	125	42	177,242	85	367,289	123	479,095	95	95	212	7,233
Lincoln.....	132	35	98,035	75	319,350	128	290,396	94	94	167	4,338
Little Rock.....	205	20	96,640	44	105,700	81	107,418	91	94	179	4,103
Louisville.....	164	38	255,277	84	312,361	122	300,306	112	120	460	15,421
Manchester.....	135	65	641,154	75	550,775	115	662,723	98	99	892	20,408
Marquette.....	141	41	167,695	79	313,675	116	314,563	95	103	329	13,563
Mobile.....	177	17	88,379	42	214,504	125	127,941	93	100	375	7,403
Monterey and Los Angeles.....	272	81	523,938	100	470,525	172	484,873	172	187	655	15,855
Nashville.....	143	13	58,666	28	201,100	76	138,753	44	45	159	3,837
Natchez.....	141	18	34,626	45	167,200	102	88,463	85	95	232	5,119
Newark.....	236	159	3,092,403	166	1,972,085	199	2,897,423	163	174	1,553	55,348
Ogdensburg.....	156	61	317,099	92	450,950	143	349,280	123	134	572	10,199
Oklahoma.....	280	38	111,204	65	186,473	157	241,241	137	144	284	6,040
Omaha.....	149	45	167,400	89	437,500	143	482,992	112	115	377	11,417
Peoria.....	233	73	335,825	151	937,975	209	899,936	177	197	515	14,264
Pittsburgh.....	321	222	2,507,821	256	2,153,986	350	3,172,763	308	384	2,181	74,883
Portland.....	155	63	497,723	84	466,700	136	604,160	113	130	1,683	20,097
Providence.....	106	65	1,015,068	76	909,240	93	969,851	99	111	2,225	38,556
Richmond.....	129	13	56,581	30	200,700	91	187,326	72	78	341	5,785
Rochester.....	154	79	932,746	98	674,075	147	1,111,450	120	124	633	20,960
Rockford.....	100	36	250,272	57	349,700	72	276,005	82	86	273	7,799
Sacramento.....	168	28	124,432	41	135,900	97	121,115	121	124	326	5,615
St. Augustine.....	150	19	163,906	24	84,350	63	107,302	59	62	203	2,862
St. Cloud.....	128	55	203,685	94	423,140	127	533,404	104	106	245	10,305
St. Joseph.....	100	24	115,125	46	190,000	95	221,001	67	68	146	3,809
Salt Lake.....	26	6	51,200	10	41,760	11	55,883	14	16	91	1,189
San Antonio.....	199	36	136,139	66	201,370	136	185,275	109	118	321	9,473
Savannah.....	97	11	66,700	31	138,200	43	95,695	43	46	320	3,964
Seranton.....	234	66	607,036	152	1,269,800	142	889,131	131	144	1,432	27,747
Seattle.....	224	64	662,810	59	263,525	146	372,887	146	148	403	9,974
Sioux City.....	139	46	348,924	101	607,975	135	564,155	112	116	363	9,740
Sioux Falls.....	171	54	198,059	95	405,900	165	434,234	135	137	322	7,911
Spokane.....	124	30	306,822	24	96,000	75	178,388	70	70	177	3,219
Springfield.....	210	96	1,297,310	160	1,332,090	151	1,249,401	179	206	2,812	49,465
Superior.....	157	64	269,108	58	180,965	125	235,250	111	117	232	7,729
Syracuse.....	133	50	813,928	83	703,075	127	1,014,090	113	120	836	20,944
Toledo.....	124	47	526,830	82	520,900	116	801,277	80	85	290	11,754
Trenton.....	269	89	765,209	116	938,550	249	1,160,686	172	192	1,142	27,238
Tucson.....	160	17	40,745	31	80,730	55	85,059	44	51	126	4,327
Wheeling.....	159	35	214,253	61	261,030	120	287,208	103	116	307	7,616
Wichita.....	148	39	108,633	76	268,950	129	376,581	103	104	175	4,731
Wilmington.....	89	9	57,394	27	162,200	41	115,605	40	41	217	5,426
Winona.....	119	32	219,815	60	315,875	107	370,046	97	98	319	7,897
Ruthenian Diocese of the United States.....	188	132	1,477,354	130	790,090	170	906,239	135	144	191	15,249
Vicariate-Apostolic: North Carolina and Belmont Abbey.....	88	1	29,500	15	54,400	50	41,313	40	42	96	1,283



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## HISTORY.

William Booth, a minister of the English body known as the "New Connexion Methodists," was from his earliest preaching, which began when he was 16 years of age, deeply impressed with the fact that an important percentage of the crowds which filled the towns and cities of England lay outside the influence of the Christian churches. In an effort to reach these people, he inaugurated a series of open-air meetings in London, holding the first on July 5, 1865. As the attendance increased, the meetings were held in a tent, and afterwards in a theater, and the movement became known as the East End Mission, and later as the Christian Mission. For 13 years little attention was drawn to it, but then a great revival took place among the workers and as a result the crowds increased, the interest extended, and evangelists were sent out in different directions. One of these evangelists, working in a seaport, was spoken of as "Captain," in order to attract the sailors who had come into port. On the coming of Mr. Booth, a visit was announced as from the "General," and the secretary in preparing the program wrote, "The Christian Mission is a Volunteer Army." Mr. Booth glanced over the secretary's shoulder, took up the pen, erased the word "volunteer" and wrote in "salvation." The title "Salvation Army" was at once accepted as the most appropriate that could be devised for the special work which they were undertaking, which, as they phrased it, was an effort "to destroy the fortresses of sin in the various communities." In the early years of the work General Booth, with whom his wife, Mrs. Catherine Booth, was always most intimately associated, looked upon the army as primarily supplementary to the churches, but as it enlarged it developed into a distinctive movement with a people of its own.

From the beginning, efforts were made to care for the physical needs of the destitute, soup kitchens being the first institutions established for relief. Experiments of various kinds were made, and out of these grew the scheme developed in "Darkest England and the Way Out," which outlined a plan of social redemption for what came to be known as the "submerged tenth," under three divisions: City colonies, land colonies, and over-sea colonies. In the carrying out of its schemes, however, the army has always been elastic, expansive, and progressive, adapting itself easily to new conditions, and entering new fields as need was manifest.

Although the movement was English in origin, it has extended rapidly into other countries, not so much through the plans of its founders as through circumstances. Converts from England, finding

homes in the United States, Canada, Australia, and other distant lands, have begun work according to the methods of the army and have followed their efforts by urging the General to send them trained leaders from the international headquarters in London. The first country thus entered was France, in 1880, followed by the United States, in 1881. Notwithstanding considerable opposition, the movement has spread rapidly all over the country, until it has become one of the most prominent forces in work of this character.

## DOCTRINE.

The Salvation Army has no formal creed, and gives little attention to the discussion of doctrinal differences, yet it is in general strongly Arminian rather than Calvinistic. The special features emphasized are a belief in the ruinous effects of sin, and the ample provision made for entire deliverance from its power by the salvation of God. In its attitude toward the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper it is neutral, acting in harmony with the followers of George Fox in regarding the sacraments that save as spiritual. Admission to its membership is not founded upon any acceptance of creed alone, but is based upon the most solemn pledges to Christian and humane conduct, including total abstinence from intoxicating liquors and all harmful drugs. These pledges are known as the "Articles of War," and must be signed by every soldier.

## POLITY.

The government of the Salvation Army is military in its character, but sufficiently democratic to include within its ranks persons of every social grade. Its lower officers may be promoted to high commands, and thus it is believed the usual dangers which threaten a hierarchy are avoided. The ideal of its founder was the parental and patriarchal model, namely, that the officer of higher rank should regard those beneath him as a father regards his children, and thus protect and guide their lives. While this spirit controls in general, the actual government of the army is practically autocratic, though the Commanding Officer is assisted in decisions by officers of every grade and rank. These officers are commissioned, after passing through training schools or giving other evidence of ability sufficient to qualify them for their work. Mental qualifications are not ignored, although an educational test is not emphasized, and the applicant is urged to improve himself mentally and socially as well as religiously. Soldiers are chiefly persons pursuing their usual avocations during the day and giving their services during the evening, and are seldom if ever paid. Officers receive their support, but no more, and each corps is expected to meet its own expenses.

The form of worship is elastic, and no prescribed regulation is given for the conduct of services. The desire is that, so far as possible, the services be spontaneous, and great liberty is encouraged, although extravagances are frowned upon, and if regarded as dangerous are suppressed. These services include open-air meetings, salvation meetings for the conversion of the impenitent, holiness meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life among the soldiers and adherents, junior meetings, and Sunday schools for the conversion and training of children.

The international headquarters of the army are in London, but each country has its own organization under the direction of a commander, who is assisted by responsible officers for provinces. These provinces are again divided into divisions, and so on until the local corps is reached, which is usually commanded by a captain and a lieutenant assisted by local officers, as a sergeant-major, treasurer, secretary, etc.

#### WORK.

During the years of the army's development, it has evolved two important branches of work known among Salvationists as the "Field" and the "Social" departments of the army. The "Field" work includes the societies or corps organizations for religious meetings, which aim at the conversion of the sections of a community not reached by the church, especially the vicious and criminal classes. The social department includes, in the United States, 25 rescue homes for straying women, 121 industrial homes for stranded and unemployed men, 86 night shelters and hotels for men and for women of the street, as well as general relief work by all the officers engaged in field work. These social institutions have nightly accommodations for 11,812 persons.

The income of the society is derived chiefly from contributions and from the sales of the "War Cry." The finances are controlled by financial and business boards, and the contributions of one country do not go to the support of the work of another, except that annual self-denial collections are taken for home and foreign missionary purposes. The property of the army is used for philanthropic purposes and for church services, and no distinction is made between church edifices and homes or other institutions. Accordingly, the total value of church property, as reported by the individual organizations and given in the general tables, may legitimately be considered to represent the value of property used for philanthropic work. This property in the United States, valued at \$7,013,255, is held in the name of the Salvation Army, incorporated under the laws of the state of New York.

In the strict sense, no foreign missionary work is conducted by the Salvation Army in the United States, although the corps in the United States encourages the work of the army in missionary countries by con-

tributing men and money annually. Under the general auspices of the international headquarters in London, work is carried on in 62 countries and colonies, under the direction of 23,688 commissioned officers and assistants, who receive the gratuitous help of 64,527 local officers and 29,023 bandmen, with the added services of soldiers and adherents. This work includes distinctly missionary efforts in South Africa, India, Japan, Korea, Java, China, etc.

The army conducts Sunday schools, and also has corps cadet brigades, formed for the benefit of young people who look forward to officership in the army. In 1916, in this country, the corps cadets training for future leadership numbered 1,883. A Young People's Legion has also been organized along the lines of the Christian Endeavor and other young people's societies.

In view of the character of the work of the army, although records of its operations are carefully kept, and yearly reports issued from international and national headquarters, no figures can indicate accurately either its extent or its direct influence.

The army has everywhere entered most heartily into the various phases of war work, sending its representatives to the army front, and providing such relief work at home as seemed most needed.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the Salvation Army for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 663 and 664, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	749	694	55	7.9
Members.....	35,954	22,908	13,046	56.9
Church edifices.....	167	159	8	5.0
Value of church property.....	\$2,230,158	\$3,175,154	-\$944,996	-29.8
Debt on church property.....	\$939,586	\$1,154,901	-\$215,315	-18.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	2	7	-5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$2,857	\$21,500	-\$18,643	-86.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	716	579	137	23.7
Officers and teachers.....	4,680	2,437	2,243	92.0
Scholars.....	41,295	17,346	23,949	138.1

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been an increase in the number of organizations and edifices, and also in the membership, but a decrease in the value of church property, in the debt on church property, in the organizations reporting parsonages, and in the value of the parsonages. Compared with 694 organizations in 1906, there were 749 reported in 1916, and the membership advanced from 22,908

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to 35,954, showing a gain of 56.9 per cent. There was a loss of \$944,996, or 29.8 per cent, in value of church property; and the debt on church property, as reported by 127 organizations, was \$939,586 as against \$1,154,901 in 1906. The highest per cent of increase was in Sunday school scholars, 138.1, and the next highest in Sunday school officers and teachers, 92. Contributions for general missions and benevolences were not reported, inasmuch as the entire work of the denomination is along these lines.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,722,120 were reported by 744 organizations. This amount covers the running expenses which would appear to be the entire cost of the conduct of the army.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916, was 5,914, constituting 16.4 per cent of the 35,954 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 749 organizations, 675, with 32,590 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 1 organization each used Chinese, German, and Spanish with English in church services; 1 organization used Italian only; and 70 organizations, with 3,235 members, reported services in Scandinavian languages, principally Swedish, which was used alone by 50 organizations, with 2,276 members. Swedish was the principal language reported in 1906.

The ministerial rolls of the Salvation Army include all commissioned officers, whatever may be the immediate duty to which they are assigned. The entire number reported was 2,848. From 1,500 of these schedules were received, distributed, by states, in the opposite table.

Under the head of "Pastors" are given the commanding officers, and these reported an average

annual salary of \$515. There were also 343 assistants, with salaries varying greatly, and 420 assistants without salaries.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,500	737	763	.....	\$515
Alabama.....	19	8	11	.....	458
Arizona.....	8	4	4	.....	692
Arkansas.....	9	3	6	.....	639
California.....	61	31	30	.....	429
Colorado.....	23	12	11	.....	367
Connecticut.....	41	20	21	.....	574
Delaware.....	2	1	1	.....	390
District of Columbia.....	3	2	1	.....	417
Florida.....	12	6	6	.....	733
Georgia.....	16	8	8	.....	684
Idaho.....	8	4	4	.....	355
Illinois.....	109	48	61	.....	421
Indiana.....	56	29	27	.....	482
Iowa.....	37	18	19	.....	478
Kansas.....	25	11	14	.....	466
Kentucky.....	12	4	8	.....	713
Louisiana.....	5	2	3	.....	849
Maine.....	18	10	8	.....	506
Maryland.....	14	6	8	.....	603
Massachusetts.....	99	54	45	.....	422
Michigan.....	64	33	31	.....	535
Minnesota.....	47	21	26	.....	429
Mississippi.....	11	6	5	.....	616
Missouri.....	26	14	12	.....	400
Montana.....	24	10	14	.....	621
Nebraska.....	8	5	3	.....	359
Nevada.....	3	1	2	.....	491
New Hampshire.....	24	12	12	.....	455
New Jersey.....	44	23	21	.....	496
New Mexico.....	4	2	2	.....	362
New York.....	154	74	80	.....	571
North Carolina.....	23	12	11	.....	646
North Dakota.....	21	9	12	.....	593
Ohio.....	80	41	39	.....	613
Oklahoma.....	14	7	7	.....	562
Oregon.....	14	8	6	.....	353
Pennsylvania.....	150	76	74	.....	534
Rhode Island.....	8	4	4	.....	637
South Carolina.....	13	7	6	.....	658
South Dakota.....	17	7	10	.....	501
Tennessee.....	12	6	6	.....	679
Texas.....	36	16	20	.....	501
Utah.....	4	2	2	.....	752
Vermont.....	9	5	4	.....	340
Virginia.....	24	10	14	.....	590
Washington.....	34	18	16	.....	394
West Virginia.....	21	10	11	.....	781
Wisconsin.....	28	14	14	.....	493
Wyoming.....	6	3	3	.....	525

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Salvation Army .....	749	742	35,954	742	17,003	18,951	167	298	167	164	\$2,230,158
<b>New England division:</b>											
Maine .....	10	10	550	10	272	278	1	9	1	1	43,648
New Hampshire .....	12	12	334	12	158	176	2	10	2	2	8,650
Vermont .....	6	6	120	6	60	60		6			
Massachusetts .....	45	45	3,002	45	1,378	1,624	15	30	15	15	221,407
Rhode Island .....	4	4	252	4	109	143	2	2	2	2	28,000
Connecticut .....	19	19	797	19	389	408	8	10	8	8	122,500
<b>Middle Atlantic division:</b>											
New York .....	75	74	4,361	74	1,975	2,386	41	34	41	40	730,516
New Jersey .....	23	23	915	23	395	520	13	10	13	13	132,123
Pennsylvania .....	73	73	3,457	73	1,597	1,860	25	48	25	23	399,338
<b>East North Central division:</b>											
Ohio .....	43	42	2,206	42	1,098	1,108	22	21	22	22	185,571
Indiana .....	28	28	963	28	409	554	7	21	7	7	83,399
Illinois .....	50	49	2,725	49	1,265	1,460					
Michigan .....	35	35	2,575	35	1,269	1,306	13	16	13	13	100,050
Wisconsin .....	13	13	552	13	259	293					
<b>West North Central division:</b>											
Minnesota .....	21	21	1,161	21	575	586					
Iowa .....	19	19	904	19	440	464					
Missouri .....	13	13	629	13	280	349					
North Dakota .....	9	8	454	8	186	268					
South Dakota .....	7	7	336	7	161	175					
Nebraska .....	5	5	136	5	64	72					
Kansas .....	15	15	597	15	262	335					
<b>South Atlantic division:</b>											
Maryland .....	8	8	274	8	132	142	1	7	1	1	6,421
District of Columbia .....	2	2	84	2	39	45		2			
Virginia .....	12	11	350	11	167	183		12			
West Virginia .....	11	11	287	11	117	170	2	9	2	2	33,400
North Carolina .....	13	13	530	13	273	257	1	12	1	1	4,100
South Carolina .....	6	6	193	6	93	100	1	5	1	1	8,200
Georgia .....	8	8	367	8	180	187	2	6	2	2	18,300
Florida .....	7	7	261	7	126	135	4	3	4	4	41,635
<b>East South Central division:</b>											
Kentucky .....	7	7	227	7	105	122	4	3	4	4	50,400
Tennessee .....	6	6	109	6	68	41	1	5	1	1	7,000
Alabama .....	10	8	370	8	200	170		10			
Mississippi .....	7	7	189	7	85	104	2	5	2	2	5,500
<b>West South Central division:</b>											
Arkansas .....	4	4	224	4	95	129					
Louisiana .....	3	3	62	3	34	28		1			
Oklahoma .....	6	6	196	6	82	114					
Texas .....	16	16	415	16	200	215					
<b>Mountain division:</b>											
Montana .....	11	11	645	11	331	314					
Idaho .....	4	4	180	4	87	93					
Wyoming .....	3	3	81	3	39	42					
Colorado .....	12	12	533	12	242	291					
New Mexico .....	2	2	63	2	26	37					
Arizona .....	3	3	144	3	79	65					
Utah .....	2	2	111	2	68	43					
<b>Pacific division:</b>											
Washington .....	19	19	1,000	19	511	489					
Oregon .....	8	8	480	8	225	255					
California .....	32	32	1,439	32	746	693					
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	114	2	52	62		1			

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware and Nevada.

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Salvation Army.....	749	127	\$939,586	2	\$2,857	744	\$1,722,120	705	716	4,680	41,295
New England division:											
Maine.....	10	1	18,000			10	22,450	9	9	38	303
New Hampshire.....	12	2	5,000			12	22,302	12	12	49	353
Vermont.....	6					6	7,764	5	5	11	130
Massachusetts.....	45	14	116,200			45	115,278	38	38	271	1,810
Rhode Island.....	4	2	18,500			4	13,972	3	3	13	174
Connecticut.....	19	7	40,500			19	47,430	15	15	86	652
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	75	33	339,977			75	228,267	70	70	531	4,274
New Jersey.....	23	10	56,174			23	54,534	22	23	132	1,167
Pennsylvania.....	73	23	179,648			72	165,632	68	69	520	4,926
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	43	12	55,917			43	115,609	43	43	336	2,948
Indiana.....	28	5	29,900			28	44,896	27	27	157	1,518
Illinois.....	50					49	95,940	47	47	311	2,652
Michigan.....	35	8	17,120	1	357	35	65,258	35	36	269	2,407
Wisconsin.....	13					12	27,653	13	13	100	727
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	21					21	46,006	20	20	127	878
Iowa.....	19					19	36,491	18	18	120	1,251
Missouri.....	13					13	19,846	12	12	67	670
North Dakota.....	9					9	25,778	9	9	85	869
South Dakota.....	7					7	18,349	7	7	46	614
Nebraska.....	5					5	7,247	4	4	18	81
Kansas.....	15					15	27,867	15	15	107	1,091
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	8	1	4,750			7	13,054	8	8	50	488
District of Columbia.....	2					2	6,866	2	2	14	115
Virginia.....	12					12	42,587	11	11	90	741
West Virginia.....	11	2	10,400			11	36,617	11	12	76	931
North Carolina.....	13					13	30,136	12	12	62	844
South Carolina.....	6					6	13,558	6	7	31	495
Georgia.....	8	2	10,500			8	24,386	8	10	41	533
Florida.....	7	2	6,500			7	22,558	7	8	38	339
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	7	3	30,500			7	17,893	6	7	31	256
Tennessee.....	6			1	2,500	6	13,784	6	7	22	211
Alabama.....	10					10	14,604	9	9	36	574
Mississippi.....	7					7	12,636	7	7	49	465
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	4					4	14,285	4	4	29	309
Louisiana.....	3					3	9,672	2	2	13	49
Oklahoma.....	6					6	10,049	5	5	34	436
Texas.....	16					15	44,264	16	16	124	755
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	11					11	28,927	11	11	72	623
Idaho.....	4					4	4,387	3	3	14	111
Wyoming.....	3					3	4,047	3	3	17	184
Colorado.....	12					12	23,329	11	11	66	624
New Mexico.....	2					2	3,165	2	2	12	98
Arizona.....	3					3	7,601	3	4	12	127
Utah.....	2					2	6,729	2	2	17	139
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	19					19	34,619	19	19	106	603
Oregon.....	8					8	13,042	8	8	57	450
California.....	32					32	53,496	29	29	147	1,178
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2					2	7,260	2	2	26	122

One organization each in Delaware and Nevada.

SCANDINAVIAN EVANGELICAL BODIES.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The movement away from the State Churches in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark has found expression in the United States in the formation of three bodies: The Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, the Swedish Evangelical Free Church (formerly the Free Mission), and the Norwegian-Danish Free Church.

The bodies included in this group in 1916 and 1906 are listed below with the principal statistics as reported for the two periods. The name given to the group has been changed from Swedish to Scandinavian, due to the inclusion in 1916 of the Norwegian-Danish Free Church, rendering the term "Swedish" inappropriate as descriptive of the group.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF SCANDINAVIAN EVANGELICAL BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
SCANDINAVIAN EVANGELICAL BODIES.										
1916.										
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	324	29,164	310	\$2,295,172	\$205,132	134	\$375,200	322	3,464	30,937
Swedish Evangelical Free Church.....	102	6,208	98	480,966	49,405	43	74,840	99	910	8,672
Norwegian-Danish Free Church.....	32	2,444	31	277,700	85,138	5	13,300	32	274	2,092
1906.										
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	281	20,760	268	1,225,220	121,694	91	184,500	291	2,862	24,888
Swedish Evangelical Free Mission.....	127	6,952	121	413,455	73,293	31	54,026	127	932	7,616

SWEDISH EVANGELICAL MISSION COVENANT OF AMERICA.

HISTORY.

The great body of the Swedish immigrants were in their own country connected with the State Church of Sweden, and on coming to this country identified themselves with the Swedish Augustana Synod in connection with the Lutheran General Council. There are, however, quite a number of churches which represent the results of the great spiritual awakening which visited Sweden in the middle of the nineteenth century, and which corresponded very closely to kindred awakenings in Norway, and to the Pietist movement in Germany. The ordained state clergy seemed to some unable to satisfy the deep spiritual needs of the communities, and services were conducted by uneducated laymen. This procedure was followed by persecution by the State Church, but without avail. Congregations were organized, edifices erected, and a strong spiritual life developed. These congregations were represented, to a considerable degree, in the Swedish immigration to this country and, as the necessity of organization became apparent, two synods were formed, the Ansgarii Synod and the Mission Synod. These were afterwards dissolved, and in their place the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America was formed in 1885.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

In doctrine the Covenant is strictly evangelical, accepting the Bible as the inspired Word of God unto men, the only infallible guide in matters of faith, doctrine, and practice, and His message regarding both this life and the life that is to come.

In government, the church is purely congregational. The local churches are associated in state conferences, and in an annual conference in which all matters of common interest are considered by the delegates assembled, and important business, such as making appropriations for missions and receiving sister churches into fellowship, is transacted. This conference has been incorporated in the state of Illinois.

WORK.

The special object and purpose of the Covenant is to organize and carry on missionary work in the United States and foreign countries; to build and support churches; to govern and support schools and seminaries of learning in the United States and foreign countries; to educate and ordain ministers of the gospel, and to license ministers and missionaries and assign them to duty; and to build and maintain hospitals and asylums for charitable and benevolent purposes.

Home missionary work is carried on by 15 state or district associations, working in harmony with the annual conference. Traveling evangelists and special representatives are maintained in connection with work of special interest to the churches, and particular attention is paid to caring for the Scandinavian immigrants as they land in New York. Three missions and an orphanage are also supported among the Eskimos and Indians in Alaska.

The foreign missionary work is carried on in central China, and the report for 1916 shows 5 stations and 40 outstations, occupied by 27 American missionaries and 81 native helpers; 39 churches, with

2,063 members; 10 schools, with 983 students; and 4 hospitals and dispensaries, where about 10,500 patients were treated.

The educational interests of the Covenant are represented by two schools, one, North Park College and Theological Seminary, in Chicago, and the other, Minnehaha Academy, located in Minneapolis, Minn. In Chicago, there is also a church hospital and home for the aged and infirm. A new hospital is under construction in the same city, the old one to become an addition to the old people's home.

In connection with the Covenant's headquarters in Chicago is a Book Concern, and in the same place the official organ of the denomination, a weekly paper called "The Covenant Weekly," is published.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 667 and 668, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	324	281	43	15.3
Members.....	29,164	20,760	8,404	40.5
Church edifices.....	310	268	42	15.7
Value of church property.....	\$2,295,172	\$1,225,220	\$1,069,952	87.3
Debt on church property.....	\$205,132	\$121,694	\$83,438	68.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	134	91	43	( <sup>1</sup> )
Value.....	\$375,200	\$184,500	\$190,700	103.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	322	291	31	10.7
Officers and teachers.....	3,464	2,862	602	21.0
Scholars.....	30,937	24,888	6,049	24.3

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the denomination has increased materially during the decade. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 324, as against 281 in 1906, a gain of 15.3 per cent; the number of church edifices rose proportionately from 268 to 310, and the membership rose from 20,760 to 29,164, showing a gain of 40.5 per cent. The value of church property increased heavily, as did also debt on church property, which increased from \$121,694, reported by 83 organizations in 1906, to \$205,132 reported by the same number of organizations in 1916. The number of churches reporting parsonages likewise increased considerably and the value of parsonages more than doubled. The Sunday schools reported a gain of 31, or 10.7 per cent, in number, and the number of scholars was 30,937 in 1916, as against 24,888 in 1906, a gain of 24.3 per cent. No report was made of contributions for missions or general purposes.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$522,352, reported by 311 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the local church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 228 organizations in 1916, was 749, constituting 3.4 per cent of the 22,169 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,995 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 985.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 324 organizations, 8, with 28 members, reported services conducted in English only; 71, with 9,929 members, reported services in Swedish and English; and 244 organizations, with 19,194 members, used Swedish only; 1 organization, with 13 members, used Norwegian and Swedish. Since 1906 there has been a considerable decrease in the number of organizations using foreign languages only, and an increase in the number of organizations using foreign languages in connection with English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 342, all of whom sent in schedules. These are distributed, by states, in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	342	263	33	46	\$884
Alabama.....	1	1			
California.....	24	13	5	6	1,109
Colorado.....	2	2			860
Connecticut.....	7	7			810
Idaho.....	2	2			720
Illinois.....	59	41	6	12	1,160
Indiana.....	3	1	1	1	480
Iowa.....	26	23	1	2	799
Kansas.....	19	16	2	1	643
Massachusetts.....	22	18	1	3	1,067
Michigan.....	21	19	1	1	750
Minnesota.....	64	47	8	9	749
Missouri.....	1	1			
Montana.....	6	5		1	593
Nebraska.....	22	20	2		860
New Hampshire.....	2	2			1,080
New Jersey.....	3	3			873
New Mexico.....	1			1	
New York.....	14	12	1	1	940
Oklahoma.....	1			1	
Oregon.....	4	3	1		960
Pennsylvania.....	8	7	1		715
Rhode Island.....	2	1		1	1,200
South Dakota.....	5	2	1	2	780
Texas.....	1			1	
Utah.....	1	1			
Washington.....	8	6		2	1,360
Wisconsin.....	12	9	2	1	677
Wyoming.....	1	1			

Of the 342 ministers who reported, 296 were in pastoral work and 46 not in pastoral work, 22 of the latter being on the retired list. Of the 263 pastors, 208 reported annual salaries averaging \$884.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	324	324	29,164	306	10,593	14,435	303	3	310	312	\$2,295,172
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	1,679	4	310	392	4		4	4	94,000
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	474	10	201	273	10		10	10	37,400
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	5	5	216	5	105	111	5		5	5	13,243
Illinois.....	43	43	7,798	39	2,642	4,411	42		42	42	583,043
Michigan.....	29	29	2,040	28	767	992	29		31	28	176,825
Wisconsin.....	16	16	689	14	255	279	14	2	14	16	49,329
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	102	102	6,506	100	2,427	3,024	88	1	89	95	458,646
Iowa.....	25	25	2,235	24	926	1,259	25		25	25	160,406
South Dakota.....	10	10	368	10	184	184	10		10	10	22,800
Nebraska.....	24	24	2,284	23	876	990	23		24	24	133,532
Kansas.....	18	18	1,323	17	540	660	18		20	18	82,925
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	5	193	5	77	116	5		5	5	24,500
Idaho.....	2	2	98	1	30	33	2		2	2	10,500
Colorado.....	2	2	172	1	15	15	2		2	2	14,700
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	6	6	774	6	322	452	6		6	6	179,000
Oregon.....	2	2	150				2		2	2	35,000
California.....	13	13	1,594	13	703	891	13		14	13	160,423
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	566	6	213	353	5		5	5	58,900

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Wyoming.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	324	83	\$205,132	134	\$375,200	311	\$522,352	305	322	3,464	30,937
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6					1	480	5	5	120	1,208
Pennsylvania.....	10	4	2,850	5	13,100	10	10,387	9	10	72	414
East North Central division:											
Indiana.....	5	1	350			5	3,839	5	5	38	219
Illinois.....	43	16	53,457	13	58,050	41	155,823	43	44	899	10,110
Michigan.....	29	10	21,100	14	26,400	29	35,611	26	30	295	2,416
Wisconsin.....	16	6	4,875	5	10,200	15	14,680	16	17	95	740
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	102	14	28,400	31	77,950	100	104,955	91	96	825	6,633
Iowa.....	25	8	19,100	18	65,800	25	42,572	25	26	269	2,414
South Dakota.....	10	1	300	2	4,300	10	6,433	9	9	50	321
Nebraska.....	24	2	2,250	19	56,800	24	48,301	22	22	228	1,915
Kansas.....	18	3	900	14	32,925	18	22,778	18	18	177	1,345
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	5	1	2,500	2	2,500	3	3,272	5	5	30	222
Idaho.....	2			1	2,500	2	2,705	2	2	14	98
Colorado.....	2	1	3,000	1	1,200	2	4,746	2	2	19	150
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	6	4	36,300			6	16,708	6	7	92	679
Oregon.....	2	2	6,000			2	3,457	2	3	15	150
California.....	13	8	12,700	6	18,875	13	33,825	13	14	153	1,389
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	2	11,050	3	4,600	5	11,780	6	7	73	514

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Alabama, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Wyoming.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	324	324	29,164	306	10,593	14,435	303	3	310	312	\$2,295,172
Alabama.....	1	1	22	1	10	12	1		1	1	1,500
California.....	13	13	1,594	13	703	891	13		14	13	160,423
Eastern.....	2	2	427	2	149	278	2		2	2	53,000
Illinois.....	48	48	8,014	44	2,747	4,522	47		47	47	596,286
Iowa.....	25	25	2,235	24	926	1,259	25		25	25	160,406
Kansas.....	19	19	1,378	18	563	687	19		21	19	83,825
Michigan.....	29	29	2,040	28	767	992	29		31	28	176,825
Minnesota.....	102	102	6,506	100	2,427	3,024	88	1	89	95	458,646
Montana and Idaho.....	7	7	291	6	107	149	7		7	7	35,000
Nebraska.....	27	27	2,491	25	907	1,024	26		27	27	151,732
New York.....	7	7	1,711	5	325	409	4		4	4	94,000
Northwest Coast.....	2	2	150				2		2	2	35,000
Pennsylvania.....	10	10	474	10	201	273	10		10	10	37,400
South Dakota.....	10	10	368	10	184	184	10		10	10	22,800
Washington.....	6	6	774	6	322	452	6		6	6	179,000
Wisconsin.....	16	16	689	14	255	279	14	2	14	16	49,329

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.....	324	83	\$205,132	134	\$375,200	311	\$522,352	305	322	3,464	30,937
Alabama.....	1					1	354	1	1	7	40
California.....	13	8	12,700	6	18,875	13	33,825	13	14	153	1,389
Eastern.....	2	2	11,950	1	2,000	2	10,377	2	3	44	350
Illinois.....	48	17	53,807	13	58,050	46	159,662	48	49	937	10,329
Iowa.....	25	8	19,100	18	65,800	25	42,572	25	26	269	2,414
Kansas.....	19	3	900	15	33,525	19	22,927	19	19	184	1,395
Michigan.....	29	10	21,100	14	26,400	29	35,611	26	30	295	2,416
Minnesota.....	102	14	28,400	31	77,950	100	104,955	91	96	825	6,633
Montana and Idaho.....	7	1	2,500	3	5,009	5	5,977	7	7	44	320
Nebraska.....	27	3	5,250	21	60,000	27	53,947	25	25	253	2,107
New York.....	7					1	480	6	6	129	1,240
Northwest Coast.....	2	2	6,000			2	3,457	2	3	15	150
Pennsylvania.....	10	4	2,850	5	13,100	10	10,387	9	10	72	414
South Dakota.....	10	1	300	2	4,300	10	6,433	9	9	50	321
Washington.....	6	4	36,300			6	16,708	6	7	92	679
Wisconsin.....	16	6	4,875	5	10,200	15	14,680	16	17	95	740

## SWEDISH EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

At the time of the union of the Swedish Ansgarii Synod and the Mission Synod in 1885, forming the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, a number of congregations did not share in the consolidation, but united in an organization known as the Swedish Evangelical Free Mission, more recently known as the Swedish Evangelical Free Church. The first general conference was held at Boone, Iowa, at which plans were made for work, particularly in Utah.

The Swedish Evangelical Free Church has no written confession of faith, but accepts the Bible as the Word of God and the only perfect rule of faith and practice. Regarding doctrinal questions, such as the atonement, baptism, and the holy communion, ministers are at liberty to believe according to their convictions. The qualifications for membership are conversion and a Christian life.

The local congregations are self-governing. An annual conference is held, to which the local congregations send delegates, and at which regulations are

made concerning charitable institutions, schools, etc.; but these regulations are advisory in character, and the congregations are privileged either to accept or to reject them. In addition to the conference there is a society of ministers and missionaries, organized in 1894, which has for its object the supervision of doctrine and conduct, the reception of worthy candidates, and the rejection of those who are unworthy.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Swedish Evangelical Free Church for 1916 are given, by states, on the next page, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	102	127	-25	-19.7
Members.....	6,208	6,952	-744	-10.7
Church edifices.....	98	121	-23	-19.0
Value of church property.....	\$480,966	\$413,455	\$67,511	16.3
Debt on church property.....	\$49,405	\$73,293	-\$23,888	-32.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	43	31	12	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$74,840	\$54,026	\$20,814	38.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	99	127	-28	-22.0
Officers and teachers.....	910	932	-22	-2.4
Scholars.....	8,672	7,616	1,056	13.9

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that there has been somewhat of a decrease in the strength of the denomination. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 102 as against 127 in 1906, a loss of 19.7 per cent, and the membership fell from 6,952 to 6,208, a loss of 10.7 per cent. So, also, there was a decrease of 23, or 19 per cent, in the number of church edifices. Church property, however, increased in value, and the debt on church property decreased from \$73,293, as reported by 42 organizations in 1906, to \$49,405 as reported by 35 organizations in 1916. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased, and the parsonages increased in value; while Sunday schools decreased in number and in the number of officers and teachers, but increased in number of scholars. Contributions for general purposes were not reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under

13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$144,303, reported by 98 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the local church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 81 organizations in 1916, was 71, constituting 1.3 per cent of the 5,425 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 81.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 102 organizations, 2, with 96 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 31, with 1,651 members, reported services conducted in the Scandinavian languages and English; and 69, with 4,461 members, used the Scandinavian languages alone. The principal of these was Swedish, but 3 organizations, with 59 members, reported the use of other Scandinavian languages. In 1906, 2 organizations reported the use of English in connection with the Scandinavian languages in church services.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 96. As shown by the following table, 95 sent in schedules, showing that 78 were in pastoral work, 67 of them being pastors and reporting annual salaries averaging \$752.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	95	67	11	17	\$752
California.....	6	5	1		924
Colorado.....	3	2		1	1,170
Connecticut.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	19	7	3		1,024
Iowa.....	9	7	1	1	766
Michigan.....	2	1		1	600
Minnesota.....	24	15	3	6	680
Missouri.....	1	1			
Nebraska.....	17	14		5	676
New York.....	1	1			
North Dakota.....	1	1			
Oregon.....	1	1			
Pennsylvania.....	2	1		1	1,320
South Dakota.....	7	6	1		678
Texas.....	3	2		1	483
Utah.....	1			1	
Washington.....	2	1	1		600
Wisconsin.....	2	1	1		420

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Swedish Evangelical Free Church.....	102	102	6,208	99	2,670	3,304	98	3	98	98	\$480,966
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	9	9	1,294	9	531	763	9		9	9	130,500
Michigan.....	2	2	154	2	69	85	2		2	2	5,200
Wisconsin.....	8	8	177	8	86	91	8		8	8	9,285
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	22	22	1,271	21	511	657	22		22	22	102,000
Iowa.....	10	10	530	10	248	282	9		9	9	48,550
South Dakota.....	10	10	381	10	172	209	9	1	9	9	26,250
Nebraska.....	17	17	1,003	15	424	448	16	1	16	16	54,060
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	4	4	158	4	73	85	4		4	4	3,300
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	7	7	419	7	182	237	7		7	7	33,821
Utah.....	2	2	71	2	31	40	2		2	2	4,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	123	2	48	75	2		2	2	11,000
California.....	5	5	378	5	182	196	4	1	4	4	25,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	249	4	113	136	4		4	4	28,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Missouri, North Dakota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Swedish Evangelical Free Church.....	102	35	\$49,405	43	\$74,840	98	\$144,303	95	99	910	8,672
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	9	6	25,000	1	1,050	8	25,366	8	8	152	2,294
Michigan.....	2			2	3,500	2	2,639	2	2	15	83
Wisconsin.....	8	3	410	1	1,200	8	2,683	7	8	33	267
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	22	8	9,210	6	13,100	22	32,719	22	23	201	1,813
Iowa.....	10			6	12,800	9	13,306	8	8	89	719
South Dakota.....	10	4	780	5	10,500	9	11,645	9	9	57	673
Nebraska.....	17	2	1,900	12	16,490	17	22,182	17	18	148	1,166
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	4	1	700	3	3,000	3	3,136	4	4	27	231
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	7	1	1,500	1	2,500	7	7,222	6	6	62	575
Utah.....	2	2	500	2	2,000	2	2,436	1	1	5	21
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	1	1,500			2	5,625	2	2	20	109
California.....	5	3	2,000	2	4,000	5	9,446	5	5	60	381
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	5,905	2	4,700	4	5,898	4	5	41	340

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Missouri, North Dakota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

## NORWEGIAN-DANISH FREE CHURCH.

## HISTORY.

The Norwegian and Danish Free Church movement traces its origin to the spiritual awakening that swept over Norway in the early part of the nineteenth century, and to the conditions which made it necessary for those who were brought under the influence of the movement later to separate from the State Church and organize what were called Free Churches.<sup>1</sup> Similar movements were spreading in other countries, with which the movement from Norway and Denmark has found bonds of fellowship, especially that earlier movement in England, which resulted in the founding of the Congregational denomination.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century there was a sufficient number of Norwegian and Danish Free churches in the United States to organize into two associations, one in the Eastern states and one in the Middle West. These associations, as well as each church, held bonds of fellowship with the Congregational denomination.

In the year 1910 representatives of the two associations met in Chicago and organized the Norwegian and Danish Evangelical Free Church Association of North America, still maintaining the Eastern and Western associations as district organizations to look after local work. In the national organization all the churches, represented by delegates, and with their pastors and teachers, meet annually for conference and business.

In doctrine, the association is strictly evangelical, believing the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and accepting without question its authority in all things. The local churches have the congregational form of government.

## WORK.

Home missionary work is now being carried on through four district associations, working in harmony with the national organization, and partly, also, through the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Foreign missionary work is carried on in South Africa, South America, India, and China, conducted through the Scandinavian Missionary Alliance.

Two orphanages are conducted, one in Jersey City and one in Chicago. A school is located in Minne-

apolis, Minn. In connection with a full theological course, this school also furnishes business and academic courses.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Norwegian-Danish Free Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the next table, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination, as reported for the first time in 1916, shows 32 organizations, with a membership of 2,444; 31 church edifices; church property valued at \$277,700; and a debt on church property of \$85,138, reported by 23 organizations. The number of churches reporting parsonages was 5, and the value of these parsonages, \$13,300. There were 32 Sunday schools, with 2,092 scholars and 274 officers and teachers. Church expenditures amounting to \$55,880, reported by 32 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the church treasury. No contributions were reported for missionary or general purposes.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 24 organizations in 1916, was 21, constituting 1.3 per cent of the 1,572 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 33.<sup>2</sup>

Of the 32 organizations, all reported services conducted in the Scandinavian languages, either alone or with English, 11, with 448 members, reporting the Scandinavian languages only. The leading language was Norwegian, reported in connection with English by 14 organizations, with 1,651 members, and used alone by 8 organizations, with 346 members.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 68. Of these, 39 reported, showing 30 in pastoral work and 9 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 26 were in full charge and 4 were supplies, etc. The average annual salary for those drawing full salaries was \$755. Of those not in pastoral work, 7 were in educational, evangelistic, and other work of the kind.

<sup>1</sup> See Scandinavian Evangelical bodies, p. 665.

<sup>2</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Norwegian-Danish Free Church.....	32	32	2,444	32	960	1,484	31	1	31	32	\$277,700
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	5	631	5	248	383	4	1	4	5	82,500
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	4	665	4	237	428	4		4	4	62,000
Wisconsin.....	7	7	264	7	104	160	7		7	7	30,900
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	2	70	2	26	44	2		2	2	9,300
Iowa.....	3	3	112	3	51	61	3		3	3	5,000
North Dakota.....	3	3	113	3	53	60	3		3	3	7,500
Nebraska.....	3	3	80	3	43	37	3		3	3	6,500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	509	5	198	311	5		5	5	74,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, and Oregon.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Norwegian-Danish Free Church.....	32	23	\$85,138	5	\$13,300	32	\$55,880	31	32	274	2,092
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	5	5	36,200			5	13,138	5	5	60	462
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	4	14,550	1	5,000	4	16,940	4	4	56	620
Wisconsin.....	7	6	9,488	3	5,800	7	5,815	7	7	36	184
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	2	1	800			2	1,580	2	2	12	67
Iowa.....	3					3	1,423	3	3	17	132
North Dakota.....	3	2	1,500			3	3,680	3	3	13	95
Nebraska.....	3					3	620	2	2	17	90
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	22,600	1	2,500	5	12,684	5	6	63	442

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, and Oregon.

## SCHWENKFELDERS.

## HISTORY.

Among the early enthusiastic advocates of the Reformation was Kaspar von Schwenkfeld, a councillor at the court of the Duke of Liegnitz in Silesia. At the time of Luther's manifesto he was a young man, 25 years of age, and threw himself into the new movement with energy. Although never ordained as a clergyman, he took a prominent part in religious work, and it was mainly through his efforts that the Reformation gained a stronghold in Silesia. He was, however, independent in his thinking, and developed certain lines of belief which were not acceptable to other reformers.

Strongly opposed to the formation of a church, he did no more than gather congregations, and was compelled to flee from one place to another to escape persecution, until he died in Ulm in 1561. After his death, under the conditions of the times, any ecclesiastical organization of his followers was impracticable, although meetings, and occasional conferences, were held in Silesia, Switzerland, and Italy.

Early in the eighteenth century the question arose of emigration to America, and in September, 1734, about 200 persons landed at Philadelphia. Allegiance to the civil authorities having been pledged on September 23, they devoted the next day to thanksgiving for their deliverance from oppression, and they have continued to celebrate it as a memorial day ever since. Unable to secure land as they desired for a distinct community, they obtained homes in Montgomery, Bucks, Berks, and Lehigh Counties, Pa., where the greater number of their descendants are now to be found. The character of their early life in this country is indicated by their literary and doctrinal activities, the adoption of a school system in 1764, and the establishment of a charity fund in 1774, through which they have since cared for the unfortunate members of the community.

Toward the close of the Revolutionary War it became evident that a closer church organization was necessary, and one was formed and a constitution adopted in 1782. In common with the Quakers, Mennonites, and other kindred bodies, they gave their testimony against war, secret societies, and the taking of oaths. More recently a responsiveness to modern influences has taken the place of their early clannish exclusiveness; all rules and regulations against secret societies have been dropped; the participation in war has been left to the individual conscience; and, in the war with Germany, not only was no exemption asked on the ground of religious belief, but a considerable number of the young men entered the national service.

The establishment of the Perkiomen School has had a marked effect in increasing the number of college graduates in the churches and the general interest in higher education. As a result, they have gained in strength and in numbers.

## DOCTRINE.

The church holds that theology should be constructed from the Bible alone, but affirms that the Scriptures are dead without the indwelling Word. Christ's divinity, it is held, was progressive, His human nature partaking more and more of the divine nature without losing its identity. They believe that an absolute change through faith and regeneration, and subsequent spiritual growth, are primary essentials to salvation, but that justification by faith should not obscure the positive righteousness imparted by Christ, imitation of whom is the fundamental feature of the Christian life. The Lord's Supper, symbolic of both His humanity and His divinity, is regarded as a means of spiritual nourishment without any change in the elements, such as is implied in consubstantiation or transubstantiation. They look upon infant baptism as not apostolic, and the mode of baptism as of no consequence.

The Christian Church is held to be a unity, whose discipline should be rigorous, and whose members should be those who give experimental evidence of regeneration, and who pass a satisfactory examination in the doctrines and customs of the church. The activity of the laity is considered to fulfill the doctrine of the Christian priesthood. The right of the state to force the conscience of the citizen is denied.

## POLITY.

The only officers are ministers, deacons, and trustees, who are elected and ordained by the local churches; the ministers for an unlimited period, the deacons for a term of three years, or until their successors are chosen, and the trustees annually. The public worship is simple and flexible as to time and manner.

Until the close of the nineteenth century, ministers served without compensation, but since then most of them have received financial support, and at present the younger clergy are all college-bred men, graduates of the best institutions in the country. There has been, also, a notable change in the type of church edifice, the plain, small buildings in use in earlier days having been replaced frequently by large and well-equipped churches, with Sunday school rooms, and rooms for social purposes.

The members of the local churches meet in a district conference at least once a year. The district conferences are members of the General Conference, in which all church members have equal rights and privileges without distinction of sex. The General Conference has original and appellate jurisdiction in all matters relating to the Schwenkfelder Church. It elects the members of the mission board, the trustees of Perkiomen School, and the members of the board of publication.

## WORK.

During the year 1916, about \$4,200 were contributed toward the support of the home mission work, and \$721 in aid of foreign mission work carried on by boards of other churches, in India, Africa, and Japan. Special emphasis is placed upon Sunday schools, which have been maintained since the migration in 1734; and upon catechetical instruction of the young in the doctrines of the church. It maintains a fund to help the poor and suffering, and has a board of publication and a board of missions. The Perkiomen School, for both sexes, at Pennsburg, Pa., has 261 students, property valued at \$70,000, and an endowment of \$10,000. The amount contributed toward the support of educational work in 1916 was \$450. There are 8 Christian Endeavor societies, with 410 members.

## STATISTICS.

All of the 6 organizations reported in 1916 by the Schwenkfelders were in the state of Pennsylvania. Of the 1,127 members, 484 were males and 643 females. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	6	8	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	1,127	725	402	55.4
Church edifices.....	6	8	-2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$76,000	\$38,700	\$37,300	96.4
Debt on church property.....		\$1,700	-\$1,700	
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	6	5	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	131	101	30	29.7
Scholars.....	1,511	991	520	52.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$5,371	\$4,000	\$1,371	34.3
Domestic.....	\$4,630	\$3,500	\$1,150	32.9
Foreign.....	\$721	\$500	\$221	44.2

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

This table shows a reduction in the number of organizations and church edifices, but an increase in membership, value of church property, Sunday schools, and general contributions. There were 1,127 members reported in 1916, as against 725 in 1906, showing a gain of 55.4 per cent. Against 8 organizations and 8 church edifices as reported in 1906, there were 6 of each in 1916, but the value of church property rose from \$38,700 to \$76,000, a gain of 96.4 per cent. A debt on church property of \$1,700 reported in 1906 had disappeared in 1916. Sunday schools increased from 5 to 6, and the number of scholars from 991 to 1,511, a gain of 52.5 per cent. Contributions for general purposes advanced from \$4,000 to \$5,371, or 34.3 per cent, the larger amount of increase being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$6,552, reported by 6 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 5 organizations in 1916, was 10, constituting 1.6 per cent of the 633 members reported by these organizations. Based upon the same proportion, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 18.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 6 organizations, 4, with 383 members, reported the use of English only in church services, and 2, with 744 members, reported services conducted in German and English. As compared with the report for 1906, this shows a decrease of 4 in the number of organizations reporting the use of a foreign language, and an increase of 2 in the number reporting English only.

The total number of ministers reported as connected with the body was 4, but no schedules were received and no salaries were reported.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## SOCIAL BRETHERN.

## HISTORY.

At the close of the Civil War a number of persons who had become dissatisfied with certain teachings and practices in the denominations to which they belonged, gathered some congregations in Illinois. For about 20 years they continued under a somewhat loose organization, but in 1887 adopted a discipline containing a statement of doctrine and rules for the government of the churches and for the ordination of ministers.

The Confession of Faith, consisting of 10 articles, pronounces against political preaching, declares the right of all lay members to free speech and free

suffrage, and recognizes 3 modes of baptism as the applicant may prefer. It rejects infant baptism, however, and accepts only believers as candidates for that rite.

Annual associations are held, composed of ministers and lay delegates, and a biennial general assembly, whose membership includes ordained ministers, licensed preachers and exhorters, the general superintendent of Sunday schools, and lay delegates from each association.

The churches conduct no special mission work, home or foreign, and have no denominational schools or philanthropic institutions.

STATISTICS.

All of the 19 organizations reported in 1916 by the Social Brethren were in the state of Illinois, and together formed the Union Association. Of the 950 members, 391 were males and 559 females. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	19	17	2	(?)
Members.....	950	1,262	-312	-24.7
Church edifices.....	18	15	3	(?)
Value of church property.....	\$15,000	\$13,800	\$1,200	8.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	8	6	2	(?)
Officers and teachers.....	57	23	34	(?)
Scholars.....	421	180	241	133.9

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The denomination has added 2 organizations, 3 church edifices, and 2 Sunday schools, between 1906 and 1916, but reports a decrease of 312, or 24.7 per cent, in membership. The value of church property increased from \$13,800 reported in 1906 to \$15,000 in 1916, a gain of 8.7 per cent. No debt on church property, no parsonages, and no contributions for general purposes were reported. The Sunday schools increased from 6 to 8, and the scholars increased from 180 to 421, or 133.9 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$817, reported by 10 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the local church treasury.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 10. Of these, 7 sent in schedules and 6 reported annual salaries averaging \$243.

SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE.

HISTORY.

The New York Society for Ethical Culture was founded by Prof. Felix Adler in 1876. Four similar societies—in Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Brooklyn—have since been formed; and in 1886 the American Ethical Union was organized, including the societies at that time in existence. The movement has since extended to England, Germany, and other countries, including Japan, and in 1896 the International Ethical Union was organized, with temporary headquarters in Berlin.

DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The Ethical societies have no formal expression of doctrine. Their purpose, as expressed in the Constitution of the International Union, is "to assert the supreme import of the ethical factor in all the relations of life—personal, social, national, and international—apart from all theological and metaphysical considerations." While they have no formal rites or ceremonies, the meetings are regarded by the majority of members as religious meetings. The interest aroused in human perfection, it is held, takes the place of formal creeds; and the very striving for the normal life becomes itself devotion. Meetings are held on Sunday, at which addresses on various aspects of the moral life are given by the leaders of the societies and others who are in sympathy with the work. The leaders, who take the place of ministers in other churches, are not regarded as clergymen, but only as teachers and directors of the work and policies of the societies. These leaders, however, officiate at funerals of members of the society; and by special act of the

legislature of New York state, they perform marriage ceremonies.

As the Ethical Union is only a federation for mutual helpfulness and general work, each society is autonomous in government.

WORK.

The activities of each society are carried on through a variety of organizations, each independent in its management, so far as the American Ethical Union is concerned, but represented vocationally at the annual conference of the union by delegates. Thus the interests of each society invited to elect representatives to such conferences are, the women's interests, teachers' interests (both day and Sunday schools), industrial interests, and the young men's and young women's organizations. As many as 40 different kinds of group activities carried on by members of the New York society, for instance, are classified under these 5 general divisions.

The group activities within the New York organization include a day school (The Ethical Culture School), with 84 teachers and officers and 659 pupils, of whom about 40 per cent are on a free scholarship basis, the scholarships being supported through contributions of members of the parent society, amounting in some years to \$40,000. The school plant and property represents an investment of \$700,000. The school ranks as one of the foremost experimental stations in educational matters, and is yearly visited by large numbers of educators from all parts of the world. Systematic ethical instruction is one of its special features.

There is a Sunday school for those children of members and others who do not attend the day school and



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a normal course for kindergarten teachers. In the field of general social work this society maintains two "settlement" centers, the Hudson Guild and the Madison House, in each of which special emphasis is laid on ethical training of young and old, though no attempt is permitted to proselytize for the Ethical movement. In the nature of work among adults, in the society itself, there are evening groups for advanced study in practical ethical problems for young men and young women, and, under the general charge of a women's conference, groups for study of civic problems, district nursing relief groups, a problem literature group, sewing groups that provide work for handicapped women, the products being sold to help support the relief work, etc. There is also a large number of "child nature" study groups, engaged in educating mothers to an intelligent understanding of the problems of child life, and a fresh-air fund managed by the younger men, which annually sends many hundred children from the tenements to a summer recreation center owned by the society in Orange County.

There are a number of public forums maintained by the New York society for the discussion of questions of the day, but the main center of the organization activities is in its Sunday platform. These meetings are now held Sunday morning and evening in the Meeting House, built in 1911 at a cost of approximately \$275,000, at Central Park West and Sixty-fourth Street. The leaders and associate leaders of the society discuss the problems of community life and of the personal life from the ethical point of view. The principles of ethics are not considered as fixed like a creed, but as bases of judgment which are alive, being constantly developed and enriched by the effort of those who conscientiously try to get in right relationship with their fellows. It is this process of getting into right relationship, living the better life, and making it possible for others to live the more worth-

while life that is the fundamental purpose of the Ethical movement.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Society for Ethical Culture for 1916 are given, by states, in the table below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	5	5		
Members.....	2,850	2,040	810	39.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	4	5	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	45	64	-19	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	436	466	-30	-6.4
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$40,000	\$70,454	-\$30,454	-43.2
Domestic.....	\$40,000	\$70,454	-\$30,454	-43.2
Foreign.....				

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The number of organizations in this society remained the same as in 1906—5—but the membership increased from 2,040 to 2,850, or 39.7 per cent. The number of Sunday schools decreased 1, and there was a decrease of 19 in officers and teachers and of 30 in scholars. There was also a considerable decrease, 43.2 per cent, in contributions for benevolent purposes.

Expenditures amounting to \$80,661, reported by the 5 organizations, cover running expenses, and other items passing through the treasury of the local society.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of services in this denomination.

In the strict sense, there are no ministers connected with this body. Five leaders are reported, four of whom reported annual salaries averaging \$2,538.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting.	Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
				Male.	Female.		Church edifices.	Halls, etc.							
Society for Ethical Culture.....	5	5	2,850	5	1,494	1,356	.....	5	.....	5	\$80,661	4	4	45	436
Middle Atlantic division: New York.....	2	2	1,450	2	867	583	.....	2	.....	2	52,615	2	2	18	180
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	1,400	3	627	773	.....	3	.....	3	28,046	2	2	27	256

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Illinois, Missouri, and Pennsylvania.

SPIRITUALISTS.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

In 1906 the only organized Spiritualist body was the National Spiritualists' Association. It was claimed by this association and by others that there were numbers of individuals, and even of small communities, that were not included in its enrollment, and more recently a new body has been formed under the name "Progressive Spiritual Church." This is so akin to the

older body that it has seemed appropriate to combine them under one general head. A general review of the history and doctrine of the Spiritualists as a religious body is given in connection with the older body.

The principal statistics as reported for 1916 and 1906 for the National Spiritualists' Association, and those for 1916 for the Progressive Spiritual Church are given below.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF SPIRITUALIST BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
SPIRITUALISTS.										
1916.										
Spiritualists (National Spiritualists' Association).....	346	23,197	75	\$440,955	\$79,469	3	\$10,000	81	450	3,180
Progressive Spiritual Church.....	11	5,831	3	51,500				1	14	50
1906.										
Spiritualists (National Spiritualists' Association).....	455	35,056	100	958,048	79,570	4	3,700	76	436	2,699

SPIRITUALISTS (NATIONAL SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION).

HISTORY.

Spiritualism is popularly supposed to date from 1848, and the 31st of March of that year is assumed to be the day on which it was first made known. The present organization, however, traces its origin to the writings of Andrew Jackson Davis, the "Poughkeepsie Seer," whose work, "The Principles of Nature; Her Divine Revelation; A Voice to Mankind," was published in 1845. Phenomena of an extraordinary character were observed all through the earlier years of the nineteenth century, but they did not hold the attention of the people. If there had been nothing more than the "Hydesville raps" or "Rochester knockings" upon which to rest, Spiritualism as now known, it is claimed, would scarcely have come into being.

The writings of Davis aroused the attention of thinking men in all countries. Scholarly men, prominent among whom were the Rev. S. B. Brittan, Hon. John W. Edmonds, Dr. George Dexter, Prof. James J. Mapes, and others in the United States, took them up, and, prompted by the phenomena that appeared in many places, began the propagandism of a cult which they named "Spiritualism," but which was held to be really little more than the presentation of old ideas in a new form.

In the first half of the nineteenth century almost no religious denomination taught or believed in the possibility of communion with those who had passed

to the spirit world. Very little emphasis was laid upon the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. Furthermore, the idea of progression after death was entertained by very few. In view of these and other facts, Mr. Davis and his followers, representing nearly every religious denomination, as well as the Materialists, felt that it was necessary to go outside of the accepted orders of thought and establish an entirely new movement.

From 1850 to 1872 public interest in Spiritualism was widespread, and thousands of people attended the meetings held in all of the large cities and towns throughout the country. Local organizations sprang up throughout the United States, but no attempt was made to organize a national association until 1863. This first organization was loosely constructed, and continued in existence for a period of only nine years. In 1893 the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of America was organized, and has since held yearly conventions.

As a class, Spiritualists are tolerant in their attitude toward other religious denominations. They fellowship with the ministers of all faiths, as well as those who have no faith, with the hope of presenting some thought that will benefit all alike. They maintain a free platform, and representatives of all denominations are welcome to express their convictions therefrom. They are in favor of every movement for the uplifting of humanity, and seek to establish peace and harmony among men.

## DOCTRINE.

With few exceptions, Spiritualists ignore doctrinal questions, such as are formulated in the creeds and confessions of the historic churches, and seldom consider ecclesiastical topics, holding that these issues belong to past ages, and that other topics are of greater moment at the present hour. They lay special emphasis on right living here upon earth, believing that their condition in the spirit life depends entirely upon what they do while in mortal form.

The Declaration of Principles contains the following:

We believe in Infinite Intelligence; and that the phenomena of Nature, physical and spiritual, are the expressions of Infinite Intelligence.

We affirm that a correct understanding of such expressions, and living in accordance with them, constitute the true religion; that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called "death;" and that communication with the so-called "dead" is a fact scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."

We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's psychic laws.

We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.

Spiritualists believe that the spirit world is a counterpart of the visible world, only more beautiful and perfect, and that those who enter it must be free from the impress of evil wrought while in the body. They are almost unanimous in their belief in progression after the death of the body, and in the final restoration of all souls to a state of happiness; and they hold that those who die in childhood grow to maturity in spirit life. They further believe that punishment for wrongdoing continues beyond the grave until every vestige of it has been cleared away through honest effort. They are opposed to war, to capital punishment, to restrictive medical laws, and to every form of tyranny, political or religious. They declare there is no forgiveness for sin and assert that every man must work out his own destiny. Their views with regard to God are widely divergent, but the great majority of them accept Theism, using the word in the broadest possible sense, as the foundation of their philosophy.

No religious test is required of anyone desiring to become a member of a Spiritualist church; but he must present evidence of good character and be well recommended by members of the organization. Some local societies have public services for acceptance of members, and require all candidates to give public assent to belief in Spiritualism and to the principles upon which it rests.

## POLITY.

The organization of the Spiritualists is congregational. Local societies are associated in state organizations, and these again in the national organization. It is true, however, that many Spiritualists decline to affiliate with any organized society, lest their freedom as individuals might be abridged thereby. Others live at remote points or in states which have neither local nor state organizations. It therefore follows that the state and local societies represent only a small percentage of the actual followers of this movement. On the other hand, it is not known what proportion of the people who attend independent meetings are believers in Spiritualism, the average attendance at every meeting of an active society being three times its membership.

The National Association is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and has headquarters in the city of Washington; all of the state associations and a large majority of the local societies are affiliated with it. A board of nine trustees, elected annually by delegates from the chartered auxiliaries assembled in convention, exercises general supervision over the entire movement in America.

The Spiritualists have their manual of services providing for the ordination of ministers, and a regular ritual for use at public meetings, marriages, baptisms, and funerals. The ministry includes three classes—ordained clergymen, who hold papers as such from some state association approved by the National Association; lay ministers or licentiates, who have been appointed leaders of local societies in the absence of regular speakers, and who in time may be advanced to full ordination; and associate ministers, who are generally known as "mediums." These associate ministers are not eligible to full ordination.

Candidates for ordination are recommended by the local societies over which they are to preside as pastors, but are ordained by a state Spiritualist association, or, where no state association exists, by an ordination commission of the National Spiritualists' Association, and receive certificates from the board of trustees of the National Association. Lay ministers, recommended by the local societies to which they belong, receive appointment from the state association or directly from the national body itself. All associate ministers must present evidence of membership in some local society for a period of two years before they are entitled to appointment. Special emphasis is laid upon the moral and educational qualifications of candidates for the ministry, and all possible care is exercised to prevent unworthy persons from being admitted into fellowship.

The local organizations have in great numbers adopted the name of "church," and incorporate as

such. They have erected edifices they call "temples," of which there are 100 or more in the United States. The system of itinerant speakers serving a month or two in a place is passing away, and local ministers or mediums serving permanently are taking their place. Many local churches have called regular pastors, on yearly contracts.

The conventions of the National Association are held annually, these conclaves being movable and composed of delegates from subsidiary organizations.

The unification of Spiritualists in the one national body is rapidly being consummated; and with this its mental, moral, and spiritual influence is strengthened.<sup>1</sup>

WORK.

The first Sunday school or "lyceum" was organized by Andrew Jackson Davis in 1863, and for a number of years it was a very popular feature, but of late interest in it has declined. The exercises were of a unique character, typifying some principle in everyday life, or some element in nature, and including calisthenic exercises and marching with music and flags. Bands of mercy in behalf of dumb animals, and sunflower clubs, clubs largely of a social character, are organizations designed for children of different ages.

Many local societies received substantial aid from what are known as "women's unions" and "ladies' aid societies." Home circles are held for the purpose of investigating the phenomena that may be developed at such gatherings, with the hope that some intelligent message may be received from the spirit world. A few scientific organizations have been formed, for a number of years, for the purpose of sifting all reported psychical manifestations with the hope of ultimately being able to separate the genuine from the spurious.

During the last few years the missionary work has been carried on through the agency of a small number of missionaries at large, who are authorized to organize societies, solicit funds, etc. These are mostly itinerant ministers who have charges of their own and spend only a part of their time in this work, and receive no compensation for it. A fund, now amounting to about \$11,000, is being developed for the purpose of carrying on general propaganda work.

The camp meetings, or summer assemblies, lasting from 10 days to 10 weeks, employ from 4 to 20 speakers each season; each being a separate organization on its own financial basis. The Association maintains

<sup>1</sup> It is to be noted that this statement relates simply to the National Spiritualists' Association as a religious body, and has no reference to the work of the Society for Psychical Research, that being a purely scientific body, though its members, as Prof. Hyslop, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Conan Doyle, and others, affirm very strongly its intimate relation to religious belief and life.

a relief fund for the benefit of aged and indigent ministers and mediums, amounting in 1916 to about \$8,000.

The National Association has 1 school, the Morris Pratt Institute, established in Wisconsin in 1902, which in 1916 reported 4 teachers, 23 students, property valued at \$25,000, and an endowment of \$70,000. It also has a large circulating library at its headquarters, and sends out thousands of tracts annually to all quarters of the globe. A few of the churches of the denomination conduct during a part of each year a term of scholastic work, mainly for the education of workers. The literature of spiritualism, aside from the works of Andrew Jackson Davis, has been developed since 1852, and it is estimated that not less than 2,000 volumes bearing upon this subject have been published in the last half century. Five weekly journals and 3 monthly magazines are published in its interest in the United States.

Many of the societies which formerly met in halls are now erecting church edifices; 100 or more already own their places of meeting. The National Association has property in Washington, D. C., valued at \$50,000, and it is proposed to erect there a National Temple.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the National Spiritualists' Association for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 680 and 681, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	346	455	-109	-24.0
Members.....	23,197	35,056	-11,859	-33.8
Church edifices.....	75	100	-25	-25.0
Value of church property.....	\$440,955	\$958,048	-\$517,093	-54.0
Debt on church property.....	\$79,469	\$79,570	-\$101	-0.1
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	3	4	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value.....	\$10,000	\$3,700	\$6,300	170.3
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	81	76	5	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	450	436	14	3.2
Scholars.....	3,180	2,699	481	17.8

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.  
<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that, except in Sunday schools and value of parsonages, there has been a considerable loss in the denomination during the decade. The number of organizations reported for 1916 was 346 as against 455 in 1906, showing a loss of 24 per cent. The membership fell from 35,056 to 23,197, or 33.8 per cent, church edifices from 100 to 75, and but 3 churches reported parsonages as against 4 in 1906. The value of the parsonages, however,

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increased from \$3,700 to \$10,000, a gain of 170.3 per cent. Sunday schools increased somewhat in number and in number of officers and teachers, and 17.8 per cent in number of scholars. No contributions for general purposes were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$173,048, reported by 278 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 244 organizations in 1916, was 628, constituting 3.8 per cent of the 16,744 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,453 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number

of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 870.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 346 organizations, 326, with 21,749 members, reported services conducted in English only; 1, with 157 members, reported the use of French and English; 15, with 1,153 members, the use of German and English; 1, with 22 members, used Magyar and English; and 3, with 116 members, reported Magyar alone. There is a slight decrease in the number of organizations reporting the use of foreign languages since 1906.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was about 500, though it is claimed that this does not represent the entire number of ordained persons; no schedules were received.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Spiritualists (National Spiritualists' Association) .....	346	343	23,197	328	8,249	12,365	73	201	75	116	\$440,955
New England division:											
Maine.....	13	13	1,084	11	357	587	2	10	3	4	6,535
New Hampshire.....	3	3	84	3	35	49		3			
Vermont.....	4	4	421	3	138	208	2	2	2	2	13,800
Massachusetts.....	24	23	1,510	23	542	968	5	16	5	14	44,361
Rhode Island.....	5	5	160	5	65	95		3		2	250
Connecticut.....	2	2	84	2	35	49	1	1	1	1	800
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	18	18	1,116	18	419	697	2	13	2	2	8,500
New Jersey.....	6	6	360	6	115	245	1	3	1	1	3,000
Pennsylvania.....	32	32	1,802	31	702	1,086	5	22	5	12	39,489
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	35	35	2,320	34	1,017	1,218	5	19	5	10	63,165
Indiana.....	21	21	1,161	19	496	627	7	10	7	12	24,095
Illinois.....	24	23	2,031	23	815	1,216	5	11	5	7	42,275
Michigan.....	16	16	1,450	16	607	843	3	10	3	8	11,250
Wisconsin.....	8	8	579	8	269	310	2	6	2	2	2,300
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	10	10	806	10	350	456	3	5	3	4	24,020
Iowa.....	8	8	467	8	176	291	3	5	4	2	35,000
Missouri.....	13	13	732	13	269	463	4	8	4	6	7,890
Kansas.....	3	3	232	3	94	138		2			
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	77	2	28	49	1	1	1	1	6,900
District of Columbia.....	2	2	254	2	96	158		2		1	50
West Virginia.....	4	4	261	4	97	164	1	3	1	1	20,000
Florida.....	3	3	139	3	70	69		2			
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	5	316	4	34	132	2	1	2	3	7,110
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	7	7	382	7	186	196	2	4	2	3	2,530
Texas.....	2	2	57	2	33	24	1		1	2	6,540
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3	3	82	3	43	39		1		1	100
Colorado.....	5	5	210	5	84	126		5			
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	11	11	1,180	10	410	670	3	4	3	3	16,200
Oregon.....	4	4	299	3	71	87	2	2	2	2	7,135
California.....	47	46	2,214	42	533	1,031	10	23	10	9	47,600
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6	6	1,337	5	63	74	1	4	1	1	60

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, and Tennessee.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Spiritualists (National Spiritualists' Association).....	346	34	\$79,469	3	\$10,000	278	\$173,048	75	81	450	3,180
New England division:											
Maine.....	13	1	1,000			9	3,812	2	2	4	50
New Hampshire.....	3					3	837				
Vermont.....	4	1	7,500			2	5,450				
Massachusetts.....	24	5	12,225			21	20,835	10	11	99	554
Rhode Island.....	5					5	2,875	1	1	6	35
Connecticut.....	2					1	1,117				
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	18	1	1,200			18	17,681	5	5	25	170
New Jersey.....	6	1	1,500	1	1,500	5	4,365	2	3	20	83
Pennsylvania.....	32	3	11,775			30	19,323	4	5	18	155
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	35	3	3,416			28	15,219	6	6	49	290
Indiana.....	21	2	4,900			17	10,575	1	1	8	60
Illinois.....	24	2	7,200			20	8,995	4	4	28	337
Michigan.....	16	1	300	1	1,500	14	6,993	7	7	41	275
Wisconsin.....	8					4	3,468	2	3	5	75
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	10	2	7,130			8	6,137	5	5	27	149
Iowa.....	8	1	1,500			7	4,225	1	1	1	20
Missouri.....	13	3	2,100	1	7,000	12	5,404	4	4	20	144
Kansas.....	3					2	436	1	1	6	50
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2					1	1,567				
District of Columbia.....	2					2	1,440	1	1	1	52
West Virginia.....	4	1	7,500			2	1,452	1	1	3	75
Florida.....	3					2	362				
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	5	1	500			5	560				
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	7	1	50			4	1,102	1	1	2	66
Texas.....	2					2	976	2	2	8	33
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	3					3	534				
Colorado.....	5					4	1,106	1	1	8	55
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	11	1	5,000			8	2,538	3	3	16	126
Oregon.....	4					3	2,688	1	1	5	35
California.....	47	4	4,673			32	20,420	8	10	44	257
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	6					4	558	2	2	6	34

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, and Tennessee.

PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUAL CHURCH.

HISTORY.

The Progressive Spiritual Church was established to embrace the rapidly increasing number of individuals who had come to regard spirit communication not only as a scientifically demonstrated fact, but as a revelation no less divine in its origin than those recorded in the Holy Scriptures; and who believed that God did not cease His revelations 2,000 years ago, but that the increased facility of spirit communication of the present day is but a logical development in the spiritual evolution of the human race.

It was founded by Rev. G. V. Cordingley, who was one of the organizers of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association. He withdrew from that association because of their insistence upon adopting a "Declaration of Principles," rather than a "Confession of Faith," based upon the authority of the Holy Bible. He thereupon organized the Progressive Spiritual Church, at Chicago, with 200 members, and was

granted a charter by the state of Illinois, March 5, 1907. This church now has 15 branches established in various parts of the United States, and in Shanghai, China. Missionary activity at present is not devoted to individuals, but rather to the absorption of independent bodies of Spiritualists already organized. This policy has enabled the church to extend its organization in spite of its very limited financial resources.

The church was founded primarily to lift spiritualism above mere psychic research, establish it upon a sound, religious basis, and secure its recognition among other Christian denominations. It is therefore especially interested in preserving the worship and guarding against any encroachment thereon by legislative enactment; but it is just as anxious to promote legislation for the purpose of suppressing fraud, deception, fortune telling, and other nefarious activities practiced under the guise of spiritualism. It aspires to the redemption of spiritualism from the

degradation of its false phases and is devoted to the organization of the multitudes who may find in these later revelations a broader creed than those of the older denominations.

#### DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

The doctrine of this church is, in general, that of conventional Christianity, modified by later divine revelations received in spirit communications. These revelations have confirmed many of the vital dogmas of the older creeds, such as immortality, the existence of superior beings or angels, and an ever-ascending hierarchy, in which the Christ spirit abides, culminating in that infinite exaltation with which is associated the idea of God. They have likewise illuminated many obscure and controversial matters of doctrine, more than any exegesis of speculative theologians has done, and have furnished a basis for the reconciliation of faith and reason. The product of these revelations has been incorporated in the "Confession of Faith."

The Progressive Spiritual Church believes: (1) In the communion of spirits, the resurrection of the soul but not the flesh, the constant voice and presence of God as Absolute Divine Spirit, and in angels as departed spirits who communicate with the living by means of mediums; (2) that Jesus Christ was a medium controlled by the Spirit of Elias, and the Spirit of Moses, and the Spirit of John the Baptist, who after his death and resurrection materialized before his disciples; (3) that Moses and the Nun of Kent received communications direct through God; (4) that all these spirits have desires and through the material body can commune together, imparting knowledge concerning human affairs; (5) that the fingers of the hands of a medium under control can write and deliver divine messages and visions, that the stars divine the pathway of life of every character, and that the rewards of divinations are in the hands of every character; (6) that divine metaphysics guide the mind of the medium from the visible to the invisible, and that it is only through this channel that the cause of disease can be detected and overpowered; (7) that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, a guide to spirit life and to all phases of spiritualism such as prophecies, spiritual palmistry, spiritual automatic writing, spiritual suggestions and radiations, spiritual materialization, spiritual trumpet speaking, spiritual healing by magnetized articles, spiritual levitation, and spiritual tests, and that when a person does not understand these things a reader or teacher may

be employed for compensation; (8) that heaven and hell are conditions, not locations; (9) that in order to be properly guided in our daily life by messages received from the spirit realm it is important to be in harmony with the spirits of the departed and their love and desires; (10) that the change called death should be met without fear; and (11) that our sins stay with us forever, provided we have not lived in obedience to the laws of spiritual harmony.

The sacraments of baptism, marriage, spiritual communion, and funeral are observed and extended to all who become members of the church by subscribing to the "Confession of Faith."

Candidates for ordination to the ministry of this church may be of either sex, but must be of good moral character, well qualified in some phase of mediumpship, and shall have successfully pursued a course of instruction in the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures in a seminary maintained by the church for that purpose.

The officers of this church consist of a supreme pastor, a board of trustees, a secretary, and a treasurer, elected by the congregation of the Mother Church. Branch churches elect their own officers, but are subject to the constitution and by-laws of the Mother Church.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Progressive Spiritual Church for 1916 are given, by states, in the table opposite, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

This denomination was reported for the first time in 1916. There were 11 organizations; a membership of 5,831—2,174 males and 3,657 females; 3 church edifices; church property valued at \$51,500; and 1 Sunday school, with 14 officers and teachers and 50 scholars. No debt on church property, no parsonages, and no contributions for missions or general purposes were reported.

Church expenditures amounting to \$22,634, reported by 11 organizations, cover running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 20. Of these, 12 reported as pastors and were in receipt of an average annual salary of \$975.



ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Progressive Spiritual Church .....	11	11	5,831	11	2,174	3,657	3	.....	3	3	\$51,500
East North Central division:											
Illinois.....	4	4	5,448	4	2,059	3,389	1	.....	1	1	50,000
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	2	2	89	2	45	44	1	.....	1	1	500
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	5	294	5	70	224	1	.....	1	1	1,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Progressive Spiritual Church.....	11	.....	.....	11	\$22,634	1	1	14	50
East North Central division:									
Illinois.....	4	.....	.....	4	18,154	1	1	14	50
West South Central division:									
Texas.....	2	.....	.....	2	870	.....	.....	.....	.....
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	5	.....	.....	5	3,610	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio.

TEMPLE SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES (FRIENDS OF THE TEMPLE).

HISTORY.

The Temple Society, also known as "Friends of the Temple," was founded in Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1853, by the Rev. Christopher Hoffmann. Adherents of the society emigrated to America a few years later, and within 10 years an organization was effected. At present there are 2 local congregations, while a number of sympathizers, mostly members of other churches, are scattered over the country.

The Temple Society has no ecclesiastical forms or doctrines which are binding upon its members. It holds that the sum and substance of the New Testament is the teaching of the Kingdom of God, the essence of which is contained in the words of Jesus, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, \* \* \* and thy neighbor as thyself," and emphasizes the spiritual development of the kingdom.

Accepting in full the prophecies of the Old Testament in regard to the future of the Holy Land, one great aim of the organization is the establishment of Christian colonies in the Holy Land, and the results of its efforts are manifest in six colonies in Palestine, which have achieved a measure of success.

The Society in Jerusalem is regarded as the chief

organization, and its president exercises general supervision over the branches in Germany and America. In the American branch, a general committee, with a presiding elder, keeps up the connection with Jerusalem. The individual churches have preachers and elders, and hold Sunday preaching services and Sunday schools.

As it is numerically a small society, it has no missions apart from the colonization work in Palestine and the establishment of schools in that country; and in regard to this work, there is practically no information since the outbreak of the war. In the United States it has no educational or charitable institutions.

STATISTICS.

In 1916 the Temple Society in the United States (Friends of the Temple) had but 2 organizations, 1 in New York and 1 in Kansas. Of the total membership of 260—108 males and 152 females—the larger proportion was in New York. The general statistics of the society are shown, with their relation to the statistics for other bodies, in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows.



ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	2	3	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	260	376	-116	-30.9
Church edifices.....	2	3	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$10,500	\$11,000	-\$500	-4.5
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1	1	-	
Value.....	\$300	\$1,000	-\$700	-70.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	2	3	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	18	21	-3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Scholars.....	140	168	-28	-16.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that in comparison with the figures reported for 1906, the society has decreased in every particular. There were 2 organizations reported in 1916 as against 3 in 1906, and the membership was 260 as against 376, showing a loss of 30.9 per cent. A single church reported a parsonage, but at a

decreased value. Sunday schools decreased 1 in number and 28, or 16.7 per cent, in number of scholars.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,610 reported by both organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported in 1916 was 37, constituting 14.2 per cent of the 260 members reported for the denomination as a whole.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 2 organizations, 1, with 162 members, reported services conducted in English only, and 1, with 98 members, reported the use of German and English. The report for 1906 shows no organization using English only in church services.

The 2 ministers connected with the body reported annual salaries averaging \$558.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

### THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

*History.*—The original Theosophical Society was founded in New York in 1875, under the name "Theosophical Society and Universal Brotherhood," with Col. Henry S. Olcott as its life president. Chief among its founders were Mme. Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Col. Henry S. Olcott, and William Q. Judge. For some years special attention was given to the education of the members in the Theosophical philosophy, and to the development of the organization both in America and in Europe. In 1879 Mme. Blavatsky and Col. Olcott went to India and established headquarters at Adyar, Madras, while Mr. Judge remained in charge in America. After the death of Mme. Blavatsky in 1891, Mr. Judge took entire charge in America, while Col. Olcott gave special attention to the work in India, and Mrs. Annie Besant became the most active worker in Europe.

In 1894 friction arose between Mrs. Besant and Mr. Judge, and two parties developed. Early in the next year a majority of the American Section voted to support Mr. Judge and to organize as a separate society known as the Theosophical Society in America. Soon afterwards similar action by minorities was taken in several European countries, and these organizations affiliated with the new Theosophical Society in America. The dissenting members retained the original name, the Theosophical Society, its three divisions being known as the American Section, European Section, and Indian Section, all continuing under the original presidency of Col. H. S. Olcott and thus maintaining unbroken the continuity of the original society.

On the death of Mr. Judge in 1896, Katherine Tingley became leader of the newly formed Theo-

sophical Society in America and of the related societies in Europe. Two years later she organized the Universal Brotherhood; and soon afterwards the Theosophical Society in America, in convention at Chicago, voted to merge itself in the new organization, which then took the name "Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society." Again, however, there were dissenting members who retained the old organization and name.

There were thus three societies in this country—the original Theosophical Society, American Section; the primary offshoot, the Theosophical Society in America; and the offshoot from that, the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society—all tracing their origin as organizations to the original Theosophical Society. About the same time there was formed in New York an independent organization called the Theosophical Society, New York.

These societies, while varying somewhat in particulars, unite in emphasizing as their principal object the universal brotherhood of humanity, and require sympathy with this object as a condition of admission to membership.

In order to secure a full comprehension of what is meant by the "brotherhood of humanity," it is deemed essential that there should be a study of the ancient and modern religions, philosophies, and sciences; also an investigation of unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man. Hence all these societies are more or less investigative in their character. The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society emphasizes the practical application of the results of this investigation to existent conditions; and the American Section seeks to infuse its principles into the practical affairs of life, especially through its Bureau for Social Reconstruction.

*Doctrine.*—The Theosophical philosophy is presented in the most concentrated form in the "Secret Doctrine," by Madame Blavatsky. The voluminous works by Mrs. Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, and others, while containing much original contribution to theosophical knowledge, are largely interpretive of this great work of Madame Blavatsky. The three fundamental propositions of this work are as follows:

(1) An omnipresent, eternal, boundless, and immutable principle, on which all speculation is impossible, since it transcends the power of human conception and can only be dwarfed by any human expression or similitude.

(2) The absolute universality of the law of periodicity, of flux and reflux, ebb and flow, which physical science has observed and recorded in all departments of nature.

(3) The fundamental identity of all souls with the Universal Oversoul, the latter being itself an aspect of the Unknown Root; and the obligatory pilgrimage for every soul—a spark of the former—through the Cycle of Incarnation or Necessity, in accordance with cyclic or Karmic law.

A brief summary of doctrine as accepted by most members of the Theosophical societies follows:

God is infinite and absolute, therefore not to be limited by thought, attribute, or description. Evolution is accepted, but it is only half a law—the other half being involution. Humanity is one great family; all souls are the same in essence, though they differ in degrees of development. Man is essentially a spiritual intelligence inhabiting a soul and a body. By purification and training of the body, the emotions, and the mind, the latent divine powers will develop and become active. Man is composed of seven principles, which are grouped as a lower or mortal nature—constituting his personality—and a higher or immortal nature. Death is the dissolution of the mortal principles and the absorption of their experiences by the higher or universal principles. Heaven is the state of bliss and rest attained by the threefold higher nature of spirit, intuition, and mind. Reincarnation is the return of the higher nature to physical life, after hav-

ing enjoyed its rest; it must not be confused with the ignorant and impossible idea of the transmigration of human souls into animal bodies. Karma is the action and interaction between desire and mind, the law of balance, of action and reaction, of effect inevitably connected with preceding cause; applied to man, it is a moral law of unerring justice, to which all other laws, physical or otherwise, are subservient. Karma is inseparable from reincarnation; Karma is the cause, reincarnation the mode, of accomplishing the effect.

*Polity.*—The Theosophical societies have no church edifices, services being held in halls and private houses.

There is, also, no regular ministry connected with any of them; but the Theosophical Society, American Section, maintains a corps of national and divisional lecturers, who travel throughout the United States and Canada, wherein the American Section has 187 local bodies known as lodges, containing over 7,000 active members, as of January 1, 1918, with some thousands of inactive members. In addition, a "liberty membership" has been established for soldiers and sailors during the period of the war.

*Statistics.*—The bodies grouped under the name Theosophical societies, in 1916 and in 1906, are listed in the table below, with the number of organizations and members as reported for the two periods. Certain changes in name will be noted, as referred to above; also the lack of any general statistics for the "Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society."

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES.		
1916.		
Theosophical Society.....	17	199
Theosophical Society, New York.....	1	72
Theosophical Society, American Section.....	157	5,097
Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society.....	1	.....
1906.		
Theosophical Society in America.....	14	166
Theosophical Society, New York.....	1	90
Theosophical Society, American Section.....	69	2,080
Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society.....	1	.....

### THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

(FORMERLY THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA).

#### HISTORY.

This society claims to be the original Theosophical Society, sections of which, under Mrs. Besant and Mrs. Tingley, left the parent body before and after Mr. Judge's death—the first because of differences on the question of brotherhood (which Mr. Judge defined as excluding attacks and charges) and the second because of differences on the question of organization, which Mrs. Tingley desired to change so as to create a

leader and official head. The headquarters of the society are in New York City.

In general accord with other Theosophical societies, it seeks to form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity and to make full investigation as to the different religions, sciences, laws of nature, psychical powers latent in man, etc. It emphasizes the right of every member to believe or disbelieve in any religious system or philosophy, without thereby affecting his standing in the society. In 1906 it reported: "It

works in close harmony with a number of autonomous national societies formed in 1895. A strong movement for union has arisen in these organizations, and the entire body now exists as an international body of students united in the search for truth in complete tolerance and spiritual liberty, believing that this method will in time break down all barriers of race and hostility between creeds and classes, and will unite mankind in a free spiritual brotherhood." The union of autonomous societies was realized in the next few years, with the title "The Theosophical Society."

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Theosophical Society for 1916 are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. As appears from the preceding general summary of the principal items of the inquiry in 1916 and 1906, only 2 items were reported—17 organizations in 1916, as against 14 in 1906; and a membership of 199, as against 166.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.				
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.
Theosophical Society.....	17	17	199	17	61	138
New England division:						
Rhode Island.....	2	2	23	2	4	19
Middle Atlantic division:						
New York.....	2	2	67	2	22	45
East North Central division:						
Ohio.....	3	3	34	3	12	22
Indiana.....	1	1	11	1	10	1
Michigan.....	1	1	6	1	1	5
West North Central division:						
Minnesota.....	1	1	5	1	.....	5
South Atlantic division:						
District of Columbia.....	1	1	9	1	2	7
North Carolina.....	1	1	4	1	2	2
Mountain division:						
Colorado.....	1	1	9	1	.....	9
Pacific division:						
Washington.....	1	1	11	1	2	9
California.....	3	3	20	3	6	14

## THEOSOPIICAL SOCIETY, NEW YORK.

## HISTORY.

After the separation of the Theosophical Society in America from the original Theosophical Society, a number of individuals in New York who "cared for neither organization or leaders, nor for factional dispute," formed, in 1899, an independent society. Its objects were stated as follows: "To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, caste, or sex; to study and make known the ancient religions, philosophy, and sciences; to investigate the laws of nature; and develop the divine powers latent in man."

Requiring the acceptance of no other authority or dogma than that of one's own judgment, the society expects that opinions will be the "result of investigation and not of blind credulity." It believes that purity of purpose is the way, and individual effort the means, by which one can attain wisdom. The universe is divided into nature and into mind. The duty of man, which means a mind, is to raise the parts of nature in his charge, so that they shall be conscious in ever higher degrees, until nature, matter, becomes self-conscious as mind. His duty to himself is to become conscious in ever higher degree until he is

consciously immortal and sees himself in others and others in himself. His duty is to have his own mind in alignment with the Supreme Intelligence of the universe. Accepting in general the doctrine of Theosophy, as already stated, the society adheres to its religious purpose and considers that the basis of the Theosophical system of ethics is the performance of the duty of the moment. It conducts free public lectures, holds classes, and seeks especially to promote the dissemination of Theosophical literature. It has no branches or foreign missions of any kind. It has nothing to do with politics, economic questions, religious rites, dogmas, or institutions.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Theosophical Society, New York, for 1916 show 1 organization, 72 members, 40 males and 32 females, a loss of 18 since 1906; and expenditures of various kinds amounting to \$1,176. English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination. The president of the society acts as leader and editor. A Sunday school, with 5 officers and teachers and 45 scholars, was reported in 1906, but none in 1916.

## THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, AMERICAN SECTION.

## HISTORY.

This society represents that portion of the original Theosophical Society which refused to unite in the Theosophical Society in America, and which continued the old organization with 3 sections—American, European, and Indian. Its international headquarters are at Adyar, a suburb of Madras, India. The latest report of the Theosophical Society showed a growth from these 3 original sections to 19 sections, existing in all parts of the world. Before the war there were 23 sections, but communications with the Central Empire sections have been interrupted for the time being.

While seeking to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, this society is primarily investigative in its character, and welcomes members of every religion or of none, expecting each to show the same toleration of other beliefs as he expects for his own. It promotes the dissemination of the fruits of study by the publication and distribution of literature; its propaganda is in no sense an effort to build up a religious or philosophical sect, but merely for the purpose of reaching and awakening minds and stimulating them to further inquiry.

On its purely intellectual side, this society aims at individual improvement through reading, study, and investigation; on its ethical side, it contemplates the expansion of benevolence, scientific philanthropy, the furtherance of all those activities which tend to human fraternity and right dealing, and the maintenance of social and international peace; and on its spiritual side, it contemplates the gradual dominance of the highest principle in man, the subordination of the flesh to the spirit, and the development of the loftiest virtues and the most religious sentiments. Beyond all these, there is that stage of evolution known as "Occultism"—the course by which individuals of high ideals and devout purpose are systematically trained along those lines which cul-

minate in the production of what are known as "masters."

At its international headquarters the society owns a beautiful estate of over 200 acres, whereon it has business offices, a publishing house, a printing plant, a bank, homes, an auditorium, an editorial office, and a separate building containing a large and valuable oriental library, partly in palm leaf manuscripts.

"Krotona," the national headquarters of the American Section, consists of an estate of 23 acres, beautifully located in the hills of Hollywood, Los Angeles, Calif., on which there are buildings used as offices, homes, auditoriums, a library, a cafeteria, and for religious services of several religions. The situation is at once secluded, yet in touch with the life of a great city's population.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Theosophical Society, American Section, are given, by states, in the table which follows, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. As appears from the preceding general summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906, the society reported a considerable increase in number of organizations, from 69 to 157, and in membership, from 2,080 to 5,097. The sex of members was not reported. Property valued at \$300 was reported by 1 organization in 1906, and there were 4 Sunday schools, with 5 officers and teachers and 33 scholars, but in 1916 there was no report of value of property or of Sunday schools.

Of the 157 organizations, 153, with 5,004 members reported the use of English only in church services; 2, with 42 members, reported services conducted in Finnish only; 1, with 40 members, in Scandinavian (not specified) only; and 1, with 11 members, in Spanish only. The 1906 report shows 1 organization, with 27 members, using Norwegian and English, but none using a foreign language exclusively.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	Total number of members reported.	STATE.	Total number of organizations.	Total number of members reported.
Theosophical Society, American Section.....	157	5,097	South Atlantic division—Continued.		
New England division:			District of Columbia.....	1	131
Maine.....	1	19	Virginia.....	1	16
Massachusetts.....	7	232	West Virginia.....	1	8
Connecticut.....	2	32	Georgia.....	1	45
Middle Atlantic division:			Florida.....	1	8
New York.....	16	525	East South Central division:		
New Jersey.....	5	85	Kentucky.....	1	45
Pennsylvania.....	5	209	Tennessee.....	2	59
East North Central division:			Alabama.....	2	63
Ohio.....	8	277	West South Central division:		
Indiana.....	2	32	Louisiana.....	3	85
Illinois.....	14	232	Oklahoma.....	2	65
Michigan.....	9	175	Texas.....	9	250
Wisconsin.....	4	87	Mountain division:		
West North Central division:			Montana.....	4	106
Minnesota.....	7	338	Idaho.....	1	16
Iowa.....	4	46	Wyoming.....	1	12
Missouri.....	2	211	Colorado.....	4	116
North Dakota.....	1	8	Utah.....	1	26
Nebraska.....	3	97	Nevada.....	1	11
Kansas.....	1	10	Pacific division:		
South Atlantic division:			Washington.....	5	328
Maryland.....	2	36	Oregon.....	1	79
			California.....	22	977

## UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD AND THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

## HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES.

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society is the continuation of the original Theosophical Society which was founded in New York in 1875 by a Russian lady, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. Mme. Blavatsky died in 1891 and was succeeded as Leader and Teacher in the Theosophical movement by her pupil and colleague, Wm. Quan Judge, who, on his death in 1896, left Mme. Katherine Tingley as his successor, "and present leader and teacher of the Theosophical movement throughout the world." The society was reorganized under Mme. Tingley in 1898, being merged into the Universal Brotherhood, founded by her in New York, January 13, 1898. The full title of the organization now is The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, and its international headquarters are at Point Loma, Calif. Its objects are as follows: "Ordained and established for the benefit of the people of the earth and all creatures: (1) This organization declares that Brotherhood is a fact in nature; (2) the principal purpose of this organization is to teach brotherhood, demonstrate that it is a fact in nature and make it a living power in the life of humanity; (3) the subsidiary purpose of this organization is to study ancient and modern religion, science, philosophy, and art, and to investigate the laws of nature and the divine powers in man. This brotherhood is a part of a great and universal movement which has been active in all ages."

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society is essentially a philanthropic organization and holds to the original purpose for which the society was founded, as stated in the following words: "The noblest title of the Theosophical Society is the Brotherhood of Man." "The true theosophist is the philan-

thropist." And as Mme. Blavatsky wrote in 1888: "The society was not founded as a nursery for forcing a supply of Occultists—as a factory for the manufacture of Adepts. It was intended to stem the current of materialism, and also that of spiritualistic phenomenalism, and the worship of the dead. It had to guide the spiritual awakening that has now begun, and not to pander to psychic cravings, which are but another form of materialism." Mme. Blavatsky further wrote, in one of her principal works for students, *The Key to Theosophy*, "Theosophist is who Theosophy does."

Among the most important departments and activities at the International Theosophical Headquarters are: The School of Antiquity (Inc.); the International Brotherhood League; Literary Department; Propaganda Department; Aryan Theosophical Press; and Theosophical Publishing Company.

The School of Antiquity was incorporated for the principal purpose of establishing colleges, academies, etc., for the study of Raja-Yoga—that is, an understanding of the laws of nature, and particularly those laws governing the individual being; and to promote the physical, mental, and moral education and spiritual welfare of people in all lands. In carrying out this purpose, the school has power to acquire property and conduct commercial enterprises. The Raja-Yoga College, Academy, and School, situated at Point Loma, is a department of the School of Antiquity. Founded by Mme. Tingley in 1900, and beginning with five pupils, it now has several hundred. The Raja-Yoga system of education includes in its curriculum the studies taught in primary and high schools, and in colleges and universities, placing special emphasis upon the building and development of character and self-reliance, as based upon the essential divinity of

man. There is also a department of divinity and ministry in the teachings of Theosophy, for those students who intend to take up this as their life work.

The Isis League of Music and Drama, in connection with the Raja-Yoga system of education, emphasizes the importance of these features as true educational factors, and as being most potent in the formation of character, in accordance with the true philosophy of life.

The International Brotherhood League carries on the humanitarian work of the organization along two lines—one of temporary application, the other of far-reaching and permanent results. The specific objects are: To help men and women to realize the nobility of their calling and their true position in life; to educate children of all nations on the broadest lines of universal brotherhood; to ameliorate the condition of unfortunate women and those who are, or have been, in prison; to abolish capital punishment; to bring about a better understanding between so-called savage and civilized races; to relieve human suffering resulting from flood, famine, war, and other calamities; and, generally, to extend aid, help, and comfort to suffering humanity throughout the world.

The Literary and Publishing Departments are, as their names signify, for the purpose of disseminating Theosophical teachings throughout the world. The Aryan Theosophical Press has a complete and modern equipment. It publishes all the standard Theosophical works in different languages, and three periodicals: The Theosophical Path (the official publication of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society), The Raja-Yoga Messenger (conducted by pupils of the Raja-Yoga College and Academy), and The New Way, originally established for free distribution among prisoners, several thousand copies being so distributed monthly, and a special edition being also printed (since April, 1917) for soldiers and sailors.

The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society is a world-wide organization with National Centers in many countries. The statistics of the membership are not published, but it is very large, reaching into many thousands. None of the officers of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, the School of Antiquity, Raja-Yoga College, nor of any of the departments of Theosophical work, receives any salary or financial recompense, but all are volunteer, unsalaried workers.

No statistics were reported.

#### UNITARIANS.

##### HISTORY.

Unitarianism may be defined in the most general terms as the religious doctrine of those holding belief in one God in one person (as distinguished from the Trinitarian belief in one God in three persons) and the related belief in the strict humanity of Jesus (as contrasted with the belief in His Deity). While Unitarians assert that these beliefs were held in the first Christian centuries, before ever the Trinitarian dogmas were developed, yet the Unitarianism of to-day originated historically in the first half century of the Protestant Reformation. In one form or another it was espoused in the sixteenth century by a number of Anabaptist leaders and by numerous independent thinkers in Italy or Switzerland. Its most influential leaders on the Continent, where it was variously known as Arianism, Socinianism, or Unitarianism, were Michael Servetus in Switzerland, Faustus Socinus in Poland, and Francis David in Transylvania.

In England Unitarianism gradually developed during the eighteenth century, largely under Socinian influences, and chiefly among the Presbyterian churches, though there were also important accessions from other religious bodies. While such men as Newton, Locke, Milton, and Penn in the seventeenth century are known to have held Unitarian views, no movement toward a distinct denomination began till late in the eighteenth century; and the most distinguished leaders of Unitarianism since its separate

organization have been Joseph Priestley, Theophilus Lindsey, and James Martineau.

In America Unitarianism developed out of New England Congregationalism, whose churches had as a rule unwittingly left the way open for doctrinal changes, by requiring members upon joining the church simply to join in a covenant, rather than to subscribe to a creed. Thus many of the Congregational churches of eastern Massachusetts, including most of the oldest and most important ones, gradually moved far toward Unitarian beliefs in the second half of the eighteenth century, though the first church distinctly to avow such beliefs was the Episcopal King's Chapel at Boston, in 1785. These churches preferred to call themselves simply Liberal Christians, and the name Unitarian was only slowly and reluctantly accepted. The formation of a new denomination out of the liberal wing of the Congregational Church was a gradual process, which went on in one congregation after another. The cleavage was hastened by the election of Henry Ware, a liberal, as Professor of Theology at Harvard University in 1805, in spite of orthodox protests, and by the fastening of the name Unitarian upon the liberals by the conservatives in 1815, after which the former were more and more refused religious fellowship by the latter, who desired thus to exclude them from the denomination. At length, in 1819, William Ellery Channing, of Boston, acknowledged leader of the liberals, preached at Baltimore an ordination sermon which defined and defended the

views held by Unitarians and was thenceforth accepted by them as their platform.

In 1825 the American Unitarian Association was formed to do aggressive missionary work and to promote the interests of the churches concerned, and thus the new denomination became organized separately. The Unitarians of this period were much averse to fostering sectarian spirit. They had been only loosely welded together, and their own fundamental principles were not clearly settled; so that for nearly 40 years the denomination was stagnant and was divided and weakened by internal controversy centering mainly about the question of miracles. But by the end of the Civil War this controversy had been largely outgrown; a national conference was organized in 1865, and a period of rapid extension and of aggressive denominational life ensued, which has continued down to the present time. For a generation past emphasis has been laid much less upon doctrinal points than upon personal religion, moral advancement, and civic and social reform.

#### DOCTRINE.

The Unitarians have never adopted a creed and do not require of members or ministers profession of a particular doctrine.

The constitution of the General Conference states simply that "These churches accept the religion of Jesus, holding in accordance with His teaching that practical religion is summed up in love to God and love to man." The declared object of the American Unitarian Association is "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." And the covenant most generally used in local churches reads: "In the love of truth, and in the spirit of Jesus, we unite for the worship of God and the service of man."

The most distinguishing marks of Unitarianism to-day are its insistence upon absolute freedom in belief, its reliance upon the supreme guidance of reason, its tolerance of difference in religious opinion, its devotion to education and philanthropy, and its emphasis upon character, as the principles of fundamental importance in religion. There is, however, a general consensus upon the unipersonality of God, the strict humanity of Jesus, the essential dignity and perfectibility of human nature, the natural character of the Bible, and the hope for the ultimate salvation of all souls, in distinction from the views traditionally taught on these points.

#### POLITY.

The Unitarians are congregational in polity, each congregation being entirely independent of all the others. But for purposes of fellowship, mutual counsel, and the promotion of common ends, they unite in local or state conferences, in a General Conference meeting biennially, and in an international

congress formed "to open communication with those in all lands who are striving to unite pure religion and perfect liberty, and to increase fellowship and cooperation among them." Besides the national missionary organization, the American Unitarian Association, with headquarters at Boston, and offices at New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, other national organizations include the Alliance of Unitarian Women, the Unitarian Sunday school Society, the Young People's Religious Union, the Laymen's League, the Unitarian Temperance Society, etc.

#### WORK.

The missionary work of the churches of the Unitarian fellowship is carried on chiefly by the American Unitarian Association. In 1916 this Association acknowledged receipts amounting to \$203,629, which amount was expended in the support of new churches; for circuit preachers; for books and tracts; for assistance to theological students; and for educational work in certain selected schools and communities, not necessarily under Unitarian control. The property (endowment) amounts to nearly \$2,900,000. In addition to the work done by the Association, home missionary work is carried on also by the Women's National Alliance, the Young People's Religious Union, and the district and state conferences.

The foreign work of the Unitarian churches is conducted chiefly through the International Council of Unitarian and Other Liberal Thinkers and Workers. The international council has correspondents in all countries, and through them and such organizations as the Japanese Unitarian Association, the Hungarian Consistory, the Brahma-Somaj of India, and the various liberal Christian bodies in Europe, it carries on active propaganda.

Unitarians are profound believers in education, but not in sectarian education. Many leading schools and universities are practically under Unitarian administration, but not one of them is sectarian in purpose or spirit. The Unitarian ministry is educated chiefly in 3 theological seminaries, the Harvard Divinity School founded in 1819, the Meadville Theological School established in Pennsylvania in 1844, and the Pacific School opened at Berkeley, Calif., in 1904; but in none of these are either teachers or students ever submitted to dogmatic tests. They have been described as "undenominational schools of rational theology." For general educational institutions large sums of money have been given by Unitarians, but no record is kept of such gifts. The same may be said in regard to philanthropic movements, as hospitals, asylums, and the like.

#### STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Unitarian churches for 1916 are given, by states, on pages 692 and 693, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is



shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	414	461	-47	-10.2
Members.....	82,515	70,542	11,973	17.0
Church edifices.....	399	463	-64	-13.8
Value of church property.....	\$15,247,349	\$14,263,277	\$984,072	6.9
Debt on church property.....	\$447,174	\$332,330	\$114,844	34.6
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	129	115	14	12.2
Value.....	\$819,912	\$584,750	\$235,162	40.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	334	364	-30	-8.2
Officers and teachers.....	3,064	3,592	-528	-14.7
Scholars.....	19,675	24,005	-4,330	-18.0
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$203,629	\$185,000	\$18,629	10.1
Domestic.....	\$203,629	\$185,000	\$18,629	10.1
Foreign.....				

† A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that, as in a number of bodies, there has been a decrease in the number of organizations and church edifices, but an increase in the membership. Thus, there were 414 organizations in 1916 as against 461 in 1906, a loss of 10.2 per cent, while the membership has advanced from 70,542 to 82,515, a gain of 17 per cent. The situation is essentially the same in regard to church edifices and value of church property, the number of church edifices showing a decrease of 13.8 per cent while their value increased \$984,072, or 6.9 per cent. The highest per cent of increase was in the value of parsonages, 40.2, and the next highest in debt on church property, 34.6. Sunday schools show a decrease in every particular, a loss of 30 schools, 528 officers and teachers, and 4,330 scholars. Contributions of \$203,629 for missions and benevolences, all of which were for home missions, were \$18,629, or 10.1 per cent, larger than in 1906.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,485,556, reported by 369 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the church treasury.

Of the 414 organizations, 408, with 81,975 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 2, with 115 members, reported services conducted in Finnish; 2, with 400 members, in Norwegian; and 2, with 25 members, in Swedish. There has been an increase of 2 in the number of organizations using foreign languages only since 1906.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 531. Schedules were received from 414 of these, distributed, by states, in the following table.

The entire number of ministers in pastoral work was 309, and 105 were not in pastoral work. Of the former, 286 reported annual salaries averaging \$2,080. Of those not in pastoral work, 72 were retired and 21 engaged in denominational, educational, or editorial work. Nine in pastoral work were also engaged in other occupations.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	414	287	22	105	\$2,080
Alabama.....	1	1			
Arizona.....	1			1	
California.....	22	13	1	8	2,404
Colorado.....	4	2		2	1,440
Connecticut.....	4	2	1	1	2,300
Delaware.....	1	1			
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	4	3		1	1,600
Georgia.....	1	1		1	
Idaho.....	1				
Illinois.....	15	9	1	5	2,167
Indiana.....	1	1			
Iowa.....	8	5	1	2	1,680
Kansas.....	1	1			
Louisiana.....	1	1			
Maine.....	15	14	1		1,549
Massachusetts.....	203	140	12	51	2,003
Michigan.....	6	4		2	2,675
Minnesota.....	6	6			2,167
Missouri.....	3	2		1	3,500
Montana.....	2	2			1,600
Nebraska.....	2	2			2,200
New Hampshire.....	13	11	1	1	1,600
New Jersey.....	9	8		1	1,959
New York.....	28	16	2	10	2,648
North Carolina.....	2	1		1	1,000
Ohio.....	11	7	1	3	3,286
Oklahoma.....	2	1		1	2,000
Oregon.....	5	2	1	2	2,100
Pennsylvania.....	15	7		8	2,318
Rhode Island.....	4	4			2,825
South Carolina.....	2	1		1	1,200
Tennessee.....	1	1			
Texas.....	3	3			2,100
Utah.....	1	1			
Vermont.....	4	4			1,575
Virginia.....	3	3			1,467
Washington.....	5	3		2	2,167
West Virginia.....	1	1			
Wisconsin.....	2	2			2,350



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Unitarians.....	411	411	82,515	352	22,503	33,360	394	12	399	393	\$15,247,349
New England division:											
Maine.....	19	18	2,488	17	834	1,254	17	1	17	17	349,500
New Hampshire.....	23	22	3,890	17	760	1,135	23		23	23	351,400
Vermont.....	6	6	1,833	3	112	171	6		6	6	133,000
Massachusetts.....	179	179	41,587	152	10,346	16,726	176	1	178	175	8,119,288
Rhode Island.....	3	3	1,412	3	589	823	3		3	3	257,500
Connecticut.....	4	4	316	4	180	186	3		3	3	125,000
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	26	26	6,288	20	1,369	2,167	24	2	27	24	1,966,217
New Jersey.....	12	12	1,291	12	527	764	11		11	11	162,764
Pennsylvania.....	9	9	1,828	7	664	684	9		9	9	358,700
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	1,700	6	705	995	6		6	6	387,000
Indiana.....	2	2	376	2	147	229	2		2	2	41,977
Illinois.....	17	17	1,593	15	623	855	17		17	17	390,000
Michigan.....	8	7	1,478	5	404	514	8		8	8	350,100
Wisconsin.....	4	4	508	3	164	244	4		4	4	61,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	10	10	1,898	10	952	946	9		9	9	250,034
Iowa.....	7	7	1,004	7	418	586	7		7	7	154,000
Missouri.....	3	3	911	3	367	544	3		3	3	117,700
Nebraska.....	2	2	549	2	256	293	1	1	1	1	25,000
Kansas.....	3	3	258	3	106	152	3		3	3	40,500
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia.....	5	5	235	5	130	105	3	2	3	3	34,000
West Virginia.....	2	2	265	1	92	23	1	1	1	1	25,000
North Carolina.....	5	5	994	3	145	149	5		5	5	6,500
Florida.....	6	6	184	6	100	84	4	2	4	4	40,300
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	2	2	124	2	62	62	2		2	2	28,000
West South Central division:											
Texas.....	3	3	414	2	53	61	1	1	1	1	60,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	4	4	375	3	85	140	4		4	4	45,700
Colorado.....	5	5	638	5	277	361	5		5	5	117,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	5	5	2,176	2	277	299	5		5	5	117,000
Oregon.....	4	4	532	4	214	318	4		4	4	108,500
California.....	21	21	3,343	19	806	1,272	19	1	19	19	568,669
States with one organization only: <sup>1</sup> .....	9	9	2,027	9	789	1,238	9		9	9	455,500

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Utah.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Unitarians .....	414	93	\$447,174	129	\$819,912	369	\$1,485,556	331	334	3,064	19,675
New England division:											
Maine .....	19	2	5,100	11	54,000	18	46,310	15	15	149	915
New Hampshire .....	23	3	3,300	11	39,300	20	42,695	17	17	136	755
Vermont .....	6	1	600	2	16,000	5	12,750	4	4	38	253
Massachusetts .....	179	37	190,130	68	456,312	163	737,959	155	157	1,594	10,146
Rhode Island .....	3	1	14,000	2	20,000	3	28,325	3	3	43	219
Connecticut .....	4	1	9,000			3	17,086	2	2	14	70
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	26	8	21,150	6	36,000	23	157,937	20	20	185	1,285
New Jersey .....	12	7	29,500	2	11,000	12	35,021	11	11	82	470
Pennsylvania .....	9	5	35,100	5	58,500	9	46,676	7	7	78	580
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	6	1	13,000	1	5,000	6	45,199	6	6	84	482
Indiana .....	2	2	8,224			2	11,656	2	2	18	141
Illinois .....	17	2	1,030	5	24,500	14	32,723	11	11	61	331
Michigan .....	8	2	10,300	1	8,000	5	17,685	3	3	26	238
Wisconsin .....	4	1	10,200	2	30,000	3	10,870	3	3	26	162
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	10	4	2,850	2	5,800	9	19,986	7	7	43	397
Iowa .....	7	3	4,100	3	14,000	7	19,949	7	7	63	442
Missouri .....	3	1	4,600			3	23,532	3	4	26	201
Nebraska .....	2					2	7,210	2	2	19	136
Kansas .....	3	2	390	1	5,000	3	5,768	2	2	15	92
South Atlantic division:											
Virginia .....	5			1	8,000	5	4,938	4	4	32	229
West Virginia .....	2										
North Carolina .....	5			1	1,500	2	910	2	2	11	89
Florida .....	6					3	3,372	2	2	8	38
East South Central division:											
Tennessee .....	2	1	6,500			2	3,963	1	1	4	27
West South Central division:											
Texas .....	3					3	9,400	2	2	11	60
Mountain division:											
Montana .....	4					3	7,320	3	3	8	59
Colorado .....	5	1	800	1	3,000	5	11,081	3	3	25	142
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	5	2	4,000	1	6,000	3	9,716	3	3	33	250
Oregon .....	4					4	10,536	4	4	40	163
California .....	21	4	32,500	1	5,000	20	61,802	18	18	107	794
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	9	2	40,800	2	13,000	9	43,181	9	9	85	509

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Utah.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

## UNITED BRETHREN BODIES.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

The denominations grouped under the name United Brethren in 1916 and in 1906 are listed in the table below with the principal statistics as reported for the

two periods. The general history for both of these bodies, as well as the general statement of doctrine and polity, are presented in the statement of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, which is the older body.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF UNITED BRETHREN BODIES: 1916 AND 1906.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR.	Total number of organizations.	Members.	Number of church edifices.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
				Value.	Debt.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value.	Number.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.
UNITED BRETHREN BODIES.										
1916.										
Church of the United Brethren in Christ.....	3,487	348,828	3,244	\$13,787,579	\$1,489,929	1,130	\$2,296,847	3,299	41,223	402,838
Church of the United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution).....	409	19,106	380	707,396	11,253	100	138,000	376	3,740	24,113
1906.										
Church of the United Brethren in Christ.....	3,732	274,649	3,410	8,401,539	489,035	1,004	1,423,282	3,409	37,993	278,764
Church of the United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution).....	572	21,401	490	672,252	9,924	102	84,650	461	4,176	22,556

## CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

## HISTORY.

Among the serious conditions facing the German Reformed churches in America in the early part of the eighteenth century were the lack of organization and especially the dearth of ministers. There were as yet no training schools in this country, and they were compelled to look to the Old World for their ministerial supplies. The result was that they were not always provided for, and it was difficult to secure ministers of the best type. The Methodist movement in England and the Pietist movement in Germany were becoming prominent, but had not extended to any great degree through the churches, and the tone of spiritual life was low.

There were indeed earnest workers, but the general condition was deplorable. Appeals were made to the churches of the Palatinate, but they recognized their inability to meet the need and applied to the Classis of Amsterdam, which had already given assistance to the Dutch Reformed churches in New York. In accordance with this appeal, in 1746, the Rev. Michael Schlatter, a Swiss by birth, was sent as a missionary to the German Reformed churches in Pennsylvania, although under the general direction of the Synod of Holland. In 1751 he returned to Europe to present an appeal for further aid and additional missionaries. Six young men responded to his presentation of the need in the new colonies. Among them was Philip William Otterbein, who was born in the duchy of Nassau, Germany, in 1726, and who had already had some experience in pastoral work. The company arrived in New York in July, 1752, and Otterbein soon found a field of labor with the congregation at

Lancaster, Pa., at that time the second in importance among the German Reformed churches of the colonies.

A peculiar personal experience, in which he found himself unable to respond to an earnest appeal from one seeking spiritual counsel, led him to a prolonged struggle for a fuller witness to the regenerating power of the gospel in his personal life. The result was a spiritual transformation, and an insistence upon the necessity of a deeper inward spirituality on the part of his people. This was not always acceptable at that period, barren as it was in spiritual life.

About the same time he came into personal relations with Martin Boehm, a member of the Mennonite community, who had passed through a similar religious experience, and together they conducted evangelistic work among the scattered settlers in Pennsylvania. This again was deemed irregular by Otterbein's fellow ministers, and offended the synod to such a degree and aroused such opposition to him that in 1774 he accepted a call to the Baltimore, Md., congregation on an independent basis. For the next fifteen years Otterbein continued his evangelistic labors among the German speaking communities, going into the surrounding country and holding two-day "great meetings," in which he became more closely associated with ministers of kindred spirit in other denominations. Under their preaching converts rapidly multiplied, but church organizations were not yet formed, many of the converts uniting with English speaking churches.

In 1789 a meeting of these revivalist preachers was held in Baltimore, and a confession of faith and rules of discipline were adopted, based upon the rules adopted four years before for the government of

Otterbein's independent church in Baltimore. During the next decade similar councils were called at irregular intervals, which culminated at a conference held in Frederick County, Md., in 1800, in the formation of a distinct ecclesiastical body under the name of "United Brethren in Christ." Thirteen preachers were in attendance, and Otterbein and Boehm were elected bishops, in which office they remained until the death of Boehm in 1812, and of Otterbein in 1813. This new organization was in no sense a schism from any other body, but a natural development on the part of the German-speaking congregations of that section which were desirous of a fuller evangelistic life.

Bishop Asbury, of the Methodist Church, and Bishop Otterbein, of the United Brethren, came into close relations and were warm friends, but as the Methodist Church was at that time unwilling to accede to the wishes of the German-speaking communities, and encourage German-speaking churches, the two bodies remained distinct, and no specific effort to unite the forces was ever made.

The fact that those who joined in the new organization represented different forms of church life necessitated mutual conference and some concessions. Of the 14 ministers at the conference of 1789, 9 were of German Reformed antecedents and 5 were Mennonites. The church members, however, were more widely distributed. The Reformed churches practiced infant baptism, but not foot-washing; the Mennonites practiced foot-washing and regarded believers' baptism by immersion as the only correct form. The result was that each generously conceded to the other freedom to follow personal convictions as to the form of baptism, the age of persons baptized, and the observance of foot-washing.

During the first years of the nineteenth century the movement continued to grow, and many preaching places were established in Ohio and Indiana, and some in Kentucky, but the center of greatest activity was the Miami Valley in Ohio.

The first General Conference was held in 1815, 4 conferences being represented by 14 delegates. This conference arranged and adopted a book of discipline, accepting in general the system agreed upon in the first conference of 1789. The same conference was also significant for its recognition of a change that had been gradually taking place in the use of the English language in the churches. Until this time, almost all the churches had used German in their services, but as they came into closer contact with other religious bodies, the use of English increased, and although many continued their German preaching, English-speaking churches became numerous. This change was further recognized by the conference held in 1817, which ordered the confession of faith and the book of discipline to be printed in both German and English.

The church has taken a radical attitude on questions of moral reform, and early placed in its book of discipline a decided declaration in condemnation of slavery, which was followed in 1821 by strong prohibitive legislation. In 1841 the distilling, vending, and use of ardent spirits as a beverage was forbidden, as also, the renting or leasing of property for the manufacture or sale of such drinks, the signing of petitions for granting license, or entering as bondsmen for persons engaged in the traffic. On the subject of secret societies, the church has held radical ground, which was expressed both in its constitution and in general legislation.

As the churches came into contact with other religious bodies and the English-speaking element increased, a desire developed for certain changes in the constitution. The General Conference of 1885 created a commission to revise the confession of faith and the constitution, expressing at the same time its opinion that two clauses in the existing constitution, one forbidding the changing or abrogation of the confession, and the other likewise forbidding any change in the constitution, except upon request of two-thirds of the whole society, were "extraordinary and impracticable as articles of constitutional law." The act creating this commission was regarded by certain members of the conference as unconstitutional and revolutionary, and they entered their formal protest against it. The commission, however, completed its work and submitted a revised confession and constitution. Among the changes were two of special importance, one admitting laymen to the General Conference, the other modifying the section in regard to secret societies. The old constitution said: "There shall be no connection with secret combinations." This was modified by providing that all secret combinations which infringe upon the rights of others and whose principles are injurious to the Christian character of their members are contrary to the Word of God, and Christians should have no connection with them. The General Conference was also empowered to enact rules of discipline concerning such combinations.

The report of the commission was made to the conference of 1889, and those who had previously protested against its appointment refused to vote on it, insisting that the matter was not legally before the church, and basing their opposition on a claim that it was contrary to the constitution as amended and adopted in 1841. On the other hand, the majority claimed that that constitution had never been submitted to the members of the conferences, but had been adopted only by the General Conference, and was therefore subject to action by the General Conference. The changes were adopted by a vote of 111 to 21, but Bishop Milton Wright and 11 delegates entered formal protest, and, with about 20,000 members, organized a separate conference which they insisted was the legal body known as the "United Brethren in Christ."

The result was considerable litigation in regard to property, and cases came up before the courts which, in 1899, were finally decided by the United States Court of Appeals.

The decade 1906-1916 has been characterized by the development of departments of church activity, as education, home and foreign missions, church erection, budget and finance; and by the adoption of a four-year program which involves the endowment of all the educational institutions of the church, together with commensurate achievements in evangelism and other lines of church life. The church is identified with all inter-church organizations in the United States and in the foreign mission fields; is a member of the Federal Council of Churches and the Committee on a World Conference on Faith and Order, etc. The church has participated in two efforts at merger with similar religious bodies. In the first effort the denominations involved were the Congregationalists, Methodist Protestants, and the United Brethren in Christ; in the second the effort was between the two last-named bodies. Neither effort was successful, though much favorable sentiment still exists and the efforts may be resumed later.

#### DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church is Arminian. Its confession of faith, consisting of thirteen brief articles, sets forth the generally accepted view of the Trinity, the authority of the Scriptures, justification and regeneration, the Christian Sabbath, and the future state. Concerning the sacraments, it holds that baptism and the Lord's Supper should be observed by all Christians, but the mode of baptism, the manner of celebrating the Lord's Supper, and the practice of foot-washing should be left to the judgment of each individual. The question of the baptism of children is left to the choice of parents. Emphasis is laid upon sanctification, which is described as "the work of God's grace through the Word and the Spirit, by which those who have been born again are separated in their acts, words, and thoughts, from sin, and are enabled to live unto God."

#### POLITY.

The polity of the United Brethren is similar to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although not historically a Methodist branch, they affiliate with Methodist churches, send delegates to the ecumenical Methodist conferences, and also fraternize with other denominations. They have classes and class leaders, stewards, exhorters, local and itinerant preachers, presiding elders, circuits, and quarterly conferences. The annual conferences are composed of the local and itinerant preachers and of lay delegates representing the churches. The General Conference is composed of ministerial and lay delegates elected by the churches in the respective conferences, and meets once in four

years. It has full authority, under certain constitutional restrictions, to legislate for the whole church and to hear and decide appeals. There is but one order among the ordained preachers, that of elder. Since 1899 it has been lawful to license and ordain women. Bishops are elected by the General Conference for a quadrennium, and are eligible to reelection. They preside over annual conferences and, in conjunction with a committee of presiding elders and preachers, fix the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year. Since 1893 the pastoral term is unlimited, so that a preacher may be reassigned annually to the same charge for any number of years.

#### WORK.

The home missionary work of the church is carried on through the Home Missionary Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the Church Erection Society, and the annual conferences, its special object being the establishment of United Brethren churches in districts which are not supplied. During the year 1916 there were 327 missionaries employed, and 352 churches aided; while the contributions were, for the Home Missionary Society, \$135,232, and for the Church Erection Society, \$37,223, making a total for home missions of \$172,455.

The foreign missionary work of the church is carried on through the Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Association. In 1916 there were reported 63 missionaries and 188 native helpers in Japan, West Africa, China, the Philippines, and Porto Rico, occupying in all 17 stations. In the foreign field there are 102 churches, with 7,515 communicants; 33 schools, with 2,022 scholars; 6 hospitals, treating 38,671 patients; and 1 home, with 30 inmates. The sum of \$126,388 was contributed for the work in these fields, which is a marked increase over the preceding years; the property is valued at \$302,909, and the endowment is \$58,654.

The educational institutions of the church in the United States include the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, at Dayton, Ohio; Otterbein College, Westville, Ohio; and 9 other colleges and academies. In 1916 they enrolled 2,759 students, and received contributions amounting to \$325,000. They own property to the value of \$1,214,492, and have an endowment of \$1,260,505.

The church has 3 homes, 1 located at Quincy, Pa., known as the Quincy Orphanage Home; 1 at Baker, Calif., known as the Baker Home; and a third at Lebanon, Ohio, known as the Otterbein Home. In these 3 homes are 263 inmates. The amount contributed for their support was \$95,000; the value of the property is estimated at \$542,000; and the endowment at \$400,000. Two of the homes are supported by rich farming lands.

There is a publishing plant, valued at more than \$1,650,000, located in Dayton, Ohio, where the church

has its national headquarters, and where 26 publications are issued and many books printed.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society reports 2,590 organizations, with a membership of 105,966. These societies contribute largely to the running expenses of the local churches, and make regular contributions to foreign and home missions.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the United Brethren in Christ for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 698 to 701, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry for 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	3,487	3,732	-245	-6.6
Members.....	348,828	274,649	74,179	27.0
Church edifices.....	3,244	3,410	-166	-4.9
Value of church property.....	\$13,787,579	\$8,401,539	\$5,386,040	64.1
Debt on church property.....	\$1,489,929	\$489,035	\$1,000,894	204.7
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	1,130	1,004	126	12.5
Value.....	\$2,296,847	\$1,423,282	\$873,565	61.4
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	3,299	3,409	-110	-3.2
Officers and teachers.....	41,223	37,993	3,230	8.5
Scholars.....	402,838	278,764	124,074	44.5
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$718,843	\$259,877	\$458,966	176.6
Domestic.....	\$592,455	\$177,671	\$414,784	233.5
Foreign.....	\$126,388	\$82,206	\$44,182	53.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has grown in membership from 274,649, as reported in 1906, to 348,828 in 1916, a gain of 27 per cent. The number of organizations and of church edifices fell, but the value of church property increased from \$8,401,539 to \$13,787,579, a gain of 64.1 per cent. The debt on church property as reported by 456 organizations in 1916 was \$1,489,929 as against \$489,035 reported in 1906 by 417 organizations. The number of churches reporting parsonages increased by 126 and the value of parsonages rose from \$1,423,282 to \$2,296,847, or 61.4 per cent. The number of Sunday schools decreased by 110, but the number of scholars advanced from 278,764 to 402,838, a gain of 44.5 per cent. The contributions for missions and benevolences increased from \$259,877 to \$718,843, the greater proportion being for domestic work.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures, reported by 3,373 organizations, amounted to \$3,315,238 and covered running expenses, including salaries of pastors, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and any

other items that passed through the treasury of the local church.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 2,375 organizations in 1916, was 27,277, constituting 10.3 per cent of the 263,831 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 84,997 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 36,065.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 3,487 organizations, 3,447, with 343,064 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 2, with 114 members, reported services conducted in Dutch and English; 1, with 37 members, French and English; and 28, with 4,691 members, German and English; while 9 organizations, with 922 members, used German alone. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 27 in the number of organizations reporting a foreign language.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 1,912. Schedules were received from 1,485, distributed, by states, as follows:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	1,485	1,055	200	230	\$912
California.....	28	16	1	11	1,000
Colorado.....	16	11	2	3	901
Connecticut.....	2	1	1		1,750
District of Columbia.....	1	1			
Florida.....	8	2	3	3	300
Idaho.....	1	1			
Illinois.....	92	82	8	2	884
Indiana.....	204	141	35	28	895
Iowa.....	61	48	11	2	969
Kansas.....	98	65	8	25	899
Kentucky.....	5	2	1	2	585
Louisiana.....	2	2			1,100
Maryland.....	25	19	4	2	1,023
Michigan.....	31	21	6	4	851
Minnesota.....	18	15	1	2	798
Missouri.....	20	10	6	4	650
Montana.....	6	6			884
Nebraska.....	66	42	8	16	912
New Jersey.....	1				
New Mexico.....	3	2	1		500
New York.....	30	20	8	2	730
Ohio.....	311	210	35	66	965
Oklahoma.....	26	17	2	7	696
Oregon.....	28	13	9	6	612
Pennsylvania.....	261	203	28	30	999
South Dakota.....	6	3	1	2	933
Tennessee.....	6	4	1	1	596
Virginia.....	19	15	2	2	730
Washington.....	13	8	3	2	885
West Virginia.....	79	62	9	8	757
Wisconsin.....	18	13	5		893

Of the 1,485 ministers reporting, 1,255 were in pastoral work and 230 not in pastoral work. The former included 1,055 pastors and of these 1,040 reported an average annual salary of \$912. Of those not in pastoral work, 129 were on the retired list, while 26, including denominational officials, were engaged in denominational work, 25 in educational and editorial work, and 30 in evangelistic work.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Brethren in Christ.....	3,487	3,481	348,828	2,903	123,090	179,466	3,233	119	3,244	3,220	\$13,787,579
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	42	42	2,684	37	994	1,585	37	3	37	36	135,525
Pennsylvania.....	560	560	73,989	475	25,818	38,097	531	13	531	531	3,775,993
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	635	632	75,852	550	27,718	40,997	622	4	623	621	3,308,431
Indiana.....	528	528	59,955	400	19,445	29,336	520	4	525	517	1,768,779
Illinois.....	237	237	23,003	211	8,909	12,434	232	2	232	231	802,000
Michigan.....	71	71	3,861	68	1,440	2,203	60	5	60	60	159,500
Wisconsin.....	46	46	2,997	46	1,139	1,858	40	2	40	39	90,350
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	23	1,530	23	605	925	20	3	22	20	68,200
Iowa.....	156	156	12,672	145	4,751	7,195	148	3	148	148	602,000
Missouri.....	60	60	4,286	55	1,724	2,220	53	3	55	53	120,200
North Dakota.....	4	4	101	4	47	54	2	1	2	2	5,000
South Dakota.....	7	7	184	7	66	118	6	.....	7	5	7,200
Nebraska.....	85	85	7,234	81	2,856	4,066	78	4	78	78	274,320
Kansas.....	253	253	19,924	201	6,880	9,672	217	19	217	216	732,904
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	59	59	8,237	44	2,919	4,054	55	2	55	55	349,925
Virginia.....	87	87	8,270	86	3,443	4,698	84	.....	84	84	193,871
West Virginia.....	363	362	29,426	273	9,472	12,815	339	13	339	339	696,781
Georgia.....	4	3	168	3	57	111	3	1	3	3	8,900
Florida.....	8	8	317	8	129	138	6	1	6	5	31,700
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	27	27	1,256	8	250	316	17	.....	17	17	23,500
Tennessee.....	29	29	916	15	192	254	16	1	16	14	13,500
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	4	4	329	4	132	197	4	.....	4	4	9,500
Oklahoma.....	76	76	3,978	58	1,311	1,935	49	16	49	49	95,600
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	9	9	246	8	85	108	6	3	6	5	12,900
Idaho.....	3	3	125	1	26	45	2	1	2	2	2,650
Colorado.....	17	17	1,240	16	482	701	14	3	14	14	68,950
New Mexico.....	12	11	255	2	41	48	4	1	4	4	9,300
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	23	23	1,059	17	303	517	22	.....	22	22	82,960
Oregon.....	33	33	1,945	32	767	1,108	23	8	23	23	63,160
California.....	24	24	2,349	23	874	1,386	22	2	22	22	198,980
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	440	2	215	225	1	1	1	1	75,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in the District of Columbia and Texas.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Brethren in Christ.....	3,487	456	\$1,489,929	1,130	\$2,296,347	3,373	\$3,315,238	3,251	3,299	41,223	402,838
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	42	8	27,350	15	20,400	42	36,374	40	42	473	3,579
Pennsylvania.....	560	108	532,457	215	590,310	536	875,662	512	528	8,243	96,816
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	635	92	390,269	193	461,995	626	709,857	603	606	8,768	87,887
Indiana.....	528	66	122,878	140	272,350	511	412,901	491	495	6,220	60,268
Illinois.....	237	28	75,048	86	145,858	232	221,081	231	233	2,895	25,645
Michigan.....	71	9	24,117	24	27,300	61	52,631	64	64	727	5,255
Wisconsin.....	46	3	8,600	16	28,800	45	29,407	42	42	371	2,904
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	23	3	8,710	12	16,300	21	18,638	22	22	224	1,802
Iowa.....	156	12	47,565	70	146,700	151	161,641	143	143	1,570	12,161
Missouri.....	60	7	6,828	16	20,250	57	31,039	58	59	561	4,266
North Dakota.....	4	2	950			4	4,746	4	5	48	179
South Dakota.....	7			2	2,400	7	3,965	6	6	62	342
Nebraska.....	85	7	8,900	44	70,872	83	95,232	84	84	978	8,525
Kansas.....	253	23	65,725	103	147,902	246	211,874	237	237	2,849	24,705
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	59	10	35,072	22	67,750	59	73,904	55	56	867	10,456
Virginia.....	87	9	8,923	19	38,750	86	46,263	75	75	732	7,893
West Virginia.....	363	30	56,165	61	106,025	354	144,318	345	353	3,243	30,847
Georgia.....	4	1	785	1	1,400	3	2,282	4	6	30	373
Florida.....	8	2	1,100	2	2,200	8	17,833	8	8	76	521
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	27			1	500	27	2,805	20	20	121	1,268
Tennessee.....	29	3	1,562	3	1,500	25	1,883	17	17	92	695
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	4			4	5,000	4	6,275	4	4	34	395
Oklahoma.....	76	6	3,100	21	19,750	68	34,783	70	72	645	5,534
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	9	3	2,685	3	3,600	9	10,840	9	9	87	534
Idaho.....	3					3	850	3	3	27	135
Colorado.....	17	3	2,125	8	13,050	16	18,990	17	18	227	1,663
New Mexico.....	12	2	1,090	1	1,500	12	2,724	12	15	90	464
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	23	4	15,120	9	9,500	20	17,231	20	20	220	1,411
Oregon.....	33	4	2,175	18	23,950	31	21,736	29	30	318	2,349
California.....	24	10	18,630	21	50,935	24	38,176	24	25	369	3,308
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	2	1	22,000			2	9,297	2	2	56	658

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in the District of Columbia and Texas.



## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Brethren in Christ.....	3,487	3,481	348,828	2,903	123,090	179,466	3,233	119	3,244	3,220	\$13,787,579
Allegheny.....	209	209	26,731	183	10,112	14,797	196	6	196	196	1,404,653
California.....	24	24	2,349	23	874	1,386	22	2	22	22	198,980
Colorado.....	15	15	1,214	14	473	684	13	2	13	13	68,150
Columbia River.....	22	22	961	14	223	430	18	3	18	18	48,510
East Ohio.....	103	103	12,871	96	5,026	7,220	103		103	103	570,180
East Pennsylvania.....	156	156	26,114	134	9,032	13,423	152	1	152	152	1,429,715
Erie.....	128	128	7,417	108	2,582	4,172	115	7	115	114	296,985
Georgia-Florida.....	12	11	485	11	186	299	9	2	9	8	40,600
Indiana.....	167	167	14,346	112	4,251	5,969	164	2	165	164	273,600
Iowa.....	156	156	12,672	145	4,751	7,195	148	3	148	148	602,000
Kansas.....	253	253	19,981	201	6,907	9,702	217	19	217	216	733,204
Kentucky.....	26	26	1,091	7	195	206	16		16	16	11,500
Louisiana.....	4	4	329	4	132	197	4		4	4	9,500
Lower Wabash.....	136	136	12,289	130	5,048	7,020	132	1	132	131	365,900
Miami.....	112	112	18,938	110	7,447	11,044	111	1	112	111	952,850
Michigan.....	70	70	3,836	67	1,433	2,185	59	5	59	59	158,300
Minnesota.....	23	23	1,530	23	605	925	20	3	22	20	68,200
Missouri.....	61	61	4,306	56	1,732	2,232	54	3	56	54	120,700
Montana.....	13	13	347	12	132	162	8	4	8	7	17,900
Nebraska.....	93	93	7,367	89	2,896	4,159	84	5	85	83	281,520
New Mexico.....	12	11	255	2	41	48	4	1	4	4	9,300
Northern Illinois.....	98	98	10,443	79	3,785	5,276	97	1	97	97	424,700
Ohio, German.....	21	21	2,033	17	722	1,153	21		21	21	129,000
Oklahoma.....	77	77	4,025	59	1,333	1,960	49	17	49	49	95,600
Oregon.....	37	37	2,168	36	858	1,240	29	6	29	29	100,260
Pennsylvania.....	155	155	23,889	118	7,706	10,884	150	2	150	150	1,169,715
St. Joseph.....	175	175	22,062	118	6,530	9,603	172		172	172	876,915
Sandusky.....	209	209	24,293	200	9,263	14,202	207	1	207	207	1,014,441
Southeast Ohio.....	199	196	18,627	135	5,583	7,908	189	2	189	188	685,660
Virginia.....	165	165	15,337	156	5,998	8,343	154	5	154	154	334,781
West Tennessee.....	29	29	916	15	192	254	16	1	16	14	13,500
West Virginia.....	298	297	23,349	216	7,353	9,724	279	10	279	279	579,246
White River.....	183	183	23,260	167	8,535	13,606	181	2	185	178	611,164
Wisconsin.....	46	46	2,997	46	1,139	1,858	40	2	40	39	90,350

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Brethren in Christ.....	3,487	456	\$1,489,929	1,130	\$2,296,847	3,373	\$3,315,238	3,251	3,299	41,223	402,838
Allerheny.....	209	42	213,560	76	225,470	199	339,721	192	197	2,719	31,637
California.....	24	10	18,630	21	59,635	24	38,176	24	25	369	3,308
Colorado.....	15	3	2,125	3	13,050	15	18,826	15	16	214	1,603
Columbia River.....	22	1	1,220	7	5,660	19	13,020	19	19	202	1,337
East Ohio.....	103	22	75,080	37	91,370	103	135,027	98	98	1,405	15,968
East Pennsylvania.....	156	38	205,622	61	277,750	152	318,210	148	150	2,998	36,854
Frie.....	128	19	48,645	54	55,800	128	83,480	120	126	1,251	9,155
Georgia-Florida.....	12	3	1,885	3	3,600	11	20,115	12	14	106	4,394
Indiana.....	167	13	14,340	25	31,150	170	61,299	146	150	1,446	11,779
Iowa.....	156	12	47,565	70	146,700	151	161,641	143	143	1,570	12,161
Kansas.....	253	23	65,725	103	147,902	246	211,970	237	237	2,856	24,755
Kentucky.....	26	4	2,000	1	500	26	1,435	19	19	95	1,018
Louisiana.....	4	1	5,000	4	6,275	4	6,275	4	4	34	395
Lower Wabash.....	136	12	29,673	40	54,108	134	95,391	133	135	1,450	12,658
Miami.....	112	27	142,048	44	116,240	110	181,277	109	111	2,113	21,219
Michigan.....	70	9	24,117	24	27,300	69	52,524	63	63	719	5,222
Minnesota.....	23	3	8,719	12	16,300	21	18,638	22	22	224	1,802
Missouri.....	61	7	6,828	16	29,250	58	31,124	59	60	564	4,291
Montana.....	13	5	3,625	3	3,600	13	15,586	13	14	135	713
Nebraska.....	93	7	8,960	46	73,272	90	99,180	91	91	1,043	8,852
New Mexico.....	12	2	1,090	1	1,500	12	2,724	12	15	90	464
Northern Illinois.....	98	15	44,475	43	81,950	95	122,011	95	95	1,371	12,688
Ohio, German.....	21	2	3,200	18	41,600	21	32,811	21	21	275	2,285
Oklahoma.....	77	6	3,100	21	19,750	77	34,983	71	73	654	5,597
Oregon.....	37	7	16,075	20	27,850	35	26,707	33	34	363	2,558
Pennsylvania.....	155	25	145,470	57	178,140	155	245,842	138	141	2,525	32,520
St. Joseph.....	175	21	45,721	73	106,375	173	106,310	167	169	2,608	24,496
Sandusky.....	209	25	76,291	64	140,125	209	211,426	202	203	3,143	30,268
Southeast Ohio.....	199	17	91,550	37	83,150	192	139,077	182	182	1,954	19,128
Virginia.....	165	19	19,133	36	73,275	160	80,535	148	154	1,431	14,627
West Tennessee.....	29	3	1,562	3	1,500	25	1,883	17	17	92	695
West Virginia.....	298	23	49,517	47	80,300	293	114,421	283	286	2,664	25,242
White River.....	183	32	62,817	41	73,625	175	153,020	173	173	2,129	23,745
Wisconsin.....	46	3	8,600	16	28,800	45	29,407	42	42	371	2,904

CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST (OLD CONSTITUTION).

HISTORY.

With the growth of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, as in other denominations, two parties developed—one which held closely to the original constitution, another which sought to change it to meet what they considered the necessity of changed conditions. At the General Conference of 1841, when final steps were taken toward adopting the full constitution, four points were emphasized, which later became objects of special discussion; the slavery question, secret societies, changes in the confession of faith, and changes in the constitution. The slavery question disappeared after the Civil War, but the others came to the front, and the last two became specially prominent. In 1885 the General Conference set aside the constitutional provisions for change by pronouncing them impracticable, and arranged for another constitution, under the name of amending the constitution. The minority recorded a protest, but the majority proceeded to appoint a commission, which drafted an amended constitution, and presented it for adoption by the society in such a manner as, in the opinion of the minority, insured indorsement by the indifferent and youthful members. Although less than one-half

of the whole society voted, the General Conference of 1889 accepted the results and pronounced the revised constitution in force. The minority chose to remain upon the unamended constitution, holding that the constitution of 1841 was still in force, and that they were the true United Brethren Church, and, as such, entitled to the church property. In some cases decisions were given by the courts, in others by vote of the congregations, while occasionally property awarded to one body was purchased by the other. Those days of legal contentions and occasional bitter personalities have passed, and a spirit of Christian courtesy now prevails.

DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the church holds to the Trinity, the Deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, and an atonement unlimited as to the possibility of its application. Upon repentance, faith appropriates the benefits of the atonement to the salvation of the soul, and in this salvation the soul is spiritually baptized into Christ, and becomes a new creature—i. e., is born again—the doctrine upon which the early life of the church was

based. A scripturally directed life is held to be a necessity to the maintenance of the regenerate state, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be observed by all of God's spiritual children, by each in the manner which he deems scripturally correct. On moral questions the church holds to the strict interpretation of the early laws on temperance, connection with secret combinations, and participation in aggressive warfare.

## POLITY.

In polity the church is Methodistic, having quarterly, annual, and general conferences on the same general basis as that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastorate is made up of one or more local societies, and the quarterly conference, its governing body, consists of the presiding elder, pastor, and local officials, and has only administrative powers. The membership of the annual conference includes the licensed and ordained preachers and the lay delegates elected by each pastorate. The General Conference, which is made up of ministerial delegates elected, pro rata, by the annual conferences, convenes every four years and is vested with legislative and judicial power, being restricted only by the constitution. As a judicial body, it is composed of the bishops of the past quadrennium and of the elders among its members who have stood in the ordained relation at least three years.

Candidates for the ministry, recommended by the local church, may be licensed annually by the quarterly conference, and after a year's trial may be received into the annual conference, where, upon completing a prescribed course of study, they become eligible to ordination as elders, the only ordination practiced by the church. No distinction is made as to sex. Official distinctions in the ministry are elective, and for a limited term only. Pastors are appointed by the annual conference for a term of one year, and are eligible for reappointment to the same station for five successive terms, and for additional successive terms only by consent of the annual conference. Presiding elders are elected by the annual conference for a term of one year, and are eligible to unlimited reelection. Bishops are elected by the General Conference for the term of four years, and are eligible to reelection.

## WORK.

The missionary work of the church is conducted by a general board named the "Domestic, Frontier, and Foreign Missionary Society," of which each annual conference is a branch, and by the Woman's Missionary Association, auxiliary to the society.

In the home mission department of the society's work 37 pastors were employed during 1916, and 40

churches were aided. The amount contributed for the work was \$10,489.

The principal foreign mission work of the society is in the Imperreh country in West Africa, where the report for 1916 showed 2 stations; 3 American missionaries, with 5 native helpers; 1 organized church; 2 schools, with about 75 pupils; 1 dispensary, treating about 600 patients; property valued at \$6,000; and a total income for the foreign work of \$5,803.

Owing to the slow transition from the use of the German to that of the English language, there was delay in founding an institution for advanced education until 1845, when the General Conference projected a plan for the establishment of a college. After the division of 1889, however, only 1 college remained to the Old Constitution body, but since then others have been built. The report for 1916 shows 2 colleges, 1 at Huntington, Ind., and 1 at Albion, Wash., and a Chinese school at Portland, Oreg. These 3 schools reported a total of 235 students and property valued at \$65,000, while the contributions for general educational purposes during the year amounted to \$26,342.

The number of young people's societies is 226, with a membership of 5,800. These societies support a medical missionary in Africa. The church owns a printing plant at Huntington, Ind., from which a denominational organ, a missionary monthly, and Sunday school periodicals are issued.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution) for 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 703 to 705, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	409	572	-163	-28.5
Members.....	19,106	21,401	-2,295	-10.7
Church edifices.....	380	490	-110	-22.4
Value of church property.....	\$707,396	\$672,252	\$35,144	5.2
Debt on church property.....	\$11,253	\$9,924	\$1,329	13.4
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	100	102	-2	-2.0
Value.....	\$138,000	\$84,650	\$53,350	63.0
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	376	461	-85	-18.4
Officers and teachers.....	3,740	4,176	-436	-10.4
Scholars.....	24,113	22,556	1,557	6.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$42,634	\$63,500	-\$20,866	-32.9
Domestic.....	\$36,831	\$61,000	-\$24,169	-39.6
Foreign.....	\$5,803	\$2,500	\$3,303	132.1

\* A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that the denomination has reported a considerable loss; the number of organizations has decreased from 572 in 1906 to 409 in 1916, a loss of 28.5 per cent, and the membership has fallen from 21,401 in 1906 to 19,106 in 1916, a decrease of 10.7 per cent. Church edifices have fallen off likewise in number, but there has been an increase in the value of church property. The number of churches reporting parsonages has dropped slightly, but there has been an increase of 63 per cent in the value of parsonages. The number of Sunday schools has decreased by 85, or 18.4 per cent, but the number of scholars has increased by 1,557, or 6.9 per cent. The contributions for general benevolent purposes have fallen from \$63,500 to \$42,634, or 32.9 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$185,865, reported by 402 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 291 organizations in 1916, was 678, constituting 5.3 per cent of the 12,752 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 6,354 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members

under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,016.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 409 organizations, 408, with 19,034 members, reported the use of English only in church services; and 1, with 72 members, reported services conducted in Chinese and English. In 1906, 6 organizations, with 205 members, reported services conducted in German and English.

The number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was given as 407. As shown by the following table, schedules were received from 153, of whom 145 were in pastoral work and 8 not in pastoral work, and 92 pastors reported annual salaries averaging \$469.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	153	93	52	8	\$469
California.....	4	2	1	1	400
Idaho.....	7	1	5	1	176
Illinois.....	9	7	2		497
Indiana.....	28	13	13	2	505
Iowa.....	4	1	3		100
Kansas.....	8	8			449
Maryland.....	2	2			213
Michigan.....	35	24	10	1	514
Nebraska.....	2				
Ohio.....	30	24	6		465
Oregon.....	7	4	2	1	383
Pennsylvania.....	12	6	6		487
South Dakota.....	2	1	1		450
Virginia.....	1			1	
Washington.....	2		1	1	

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution).....	409	408	19,106	400	7,468	11,055	376	19	380	378	\$707,396
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	29	29	2,225	28	732	1,193	26	1	26	26	48,600
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	106	106	4,863	105	1,959	2,886	106		106	106	194,225
Indiana.....	66	65	3,665	64	1,412	2,169	63	2	66	63	126,750
Illinois.....	19	19	941	19	362	579	18	1	18	19	34,875
Michigan.....	98	98	4,058	95	1,572	2,352	94	3	95	94	195,080
Wisconsin.....	3	3	94	3	29	65	3		3	3	1,700
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6	6	197	6	69	128	5	1	5	5	7,100
South Dakota.....	2	2	76	1	27	27	1	1	1	1	1,500
Nebraska.....	4	4	157	4	70	87	4		4	4	4,150
Kansas.....	18	18	689	18	270	419	14	2	14	14	36,000
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	3	3	191	3	65	126	3		3	3	6,600
Virginia.....	8	8	433	8	213	220	6	2	6	6	7,400
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	1	1	42	1	20	22	1		1	1	800
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	12	12	291	12	146	145	6	6	6	7	4,416
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	19	19	519	19	241	278	12		12	12	9,200
Oregon.....	11	11	419	11	196	223	10		10	10	20,000
California.....	4	4	246	3	91	136	4		4	4	9,000

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution) .....	409	36	\$11,253	100	\$138,000	402	\$185,865	367	376	3,740	24,113
Middle Atlantic division:											
Pennsylvania.....	29	3	300	8	17,550	29	16,908	23	23	322	3,110
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	106	9	3,815	14	18,650	104	37,354	96	98	997	5,894
Indiana.....	66	2	550	11	15,600	66	36,873	57	57	593	3,779
Illinois.....	19	1	400	8	11,600	19	11,192	17	17	165	1,173
Michigan.....	98	11	2,175	40	44,200	97	50,720	90	94	918	5,492
Wisconsin.....	3	3	300			3	520	2	2	15	42
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	6	1	178	1	800	6	2,570	6	6	44	243
South Dakota.....	2					2	1,081	2	2	20	133
Nebraska.....	4	1	100	1	700	4	1,710	4	4	31	255
Kansas.....	18	1	485	5	17,300	17	10,023	18	19	206	1,142
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	3			1	2,000	3	1,112	1	1	22	130
Virginia.....	8			2	1,800	7	868	7	8	54	495
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	1			1	300	1	270	1	1	10	30
Mountain division:											
Idaho.....	12	1	400	2	1,400	11	4,643	11	11	83	537
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	19					18	3,195	17	17	132	808
Oregon.....	11	2	2,150	4	4,500	11	5,885	11	11	88	569
California.....	4	1	400	2	1,600	4	1,350	4	5	40	281

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting--		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution) .....	409	408	19,106	400	7,428	11,055	376	10	380	378	\$707,396
Anglaize.....	42	42	2,256	42	911	1,345	42		43	42	92,959
California.....	4	4	246	3	91	136	4		4	4	9,000
East Illinois.....	9	9	372	9	146	226	8	1	8	9	13,675
Erie.....	4	4	53	4	23	30	4		4	4	2,400
Idaho.....	12	12	291	12	146	145	6	6	6	7	4,416
Iowa.....	9	9	291	9	98	193	8	1	8	8	8,800
Kansas.....	14	14	531	14	207	324	12	1	12	12	31,400
Michigan.....	36	36	1,568	36	622	946	36		37	36	69,300
Nebraska.....	2	2	102	2	40	62	2		2	2	2,150
North Michigan.....	31	31	1,164	28	398	632	28	2	28	28	53,980
North Ohio.....	78	77	3,487	77	1,390	2,097	76	2	76	76	170,125
Oklahoma.....	1	1	42	1	20	22	1		1	1	800
Oregon.....	11	11	429	11	197	232	10		10	10	20,100
Pennsylvania.....	28	28	2,363	27	774	1,289	25	1	25	25	52,800
Rock River.....	10	10	569	10	216	353	10		10	10	21,200
St. Joseph.....	9	9	345	8	88	178	8	1	8	8	10,200
Sandusky.....	24	24	654	23	225	411	24		24	24	28,100
Scioto.....	22	22	1,097	22	503	504	22		22	22	26,300
South Dakota.....	4	4	131	3	51	52	3	1	3	3	3,500
Virginia.....	8	8	433	8	213	220	6		6	6	7,400
Walla Walla.....	19	19	509	19	240	269	12		12	12	9,100
West Kansas.....	4	4	158	4	63	95	2	1	2	2	4,600
White River.....	28	28	2,015	28	806	1,209	27		29	27	67,100

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ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution).....	409	36	\$11,253	100	\$138,000	402	\$185,865	367	376	3,740	24,113
Auglaize.....	42	1	150	5	7,200	41	19,541	33	33	378	2,392
California.....	4	1	400	2	1,600	4	1,990	4	5	40	281
East Illinois.....	9	.....	.....	3	2,400	9	3,382	7	7	67	459
Erie.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	658	2	2	10	69
Idaho.....	12	1	400	2	1,400	11	4,643	11	11	83	537
Iowa.....	9	4	478	1	800	9	3,090	8	8	59	285
Kansas.....	14	1	485	5	17,300	14	6,069	14	14	146	824
Michigan.....	36	5	625	15	17,000	36	18,765	36	37	341	1,982
Nebraska.....	2	1	100	1	700	2	1,135	2	2	20	135
North Michigan.....	31	5	1,400	15	11,550	30	11,725	28	31	284	1,658
North Ohio.....	78	2	1,150	20	29,150	77	39,433	72	74	820	4,873
Oklahoma.....	1	.....	.....	1	300	1	270	1	1	10	30
Oregon.....	11	2	2,150	4	4,500	11	5,057	11	11	91	574
Pennsylvania.....	28	3	300	9	19,550	28	17,362	22	22	334	3,171
Rock River.....	10	1	400	5	9,200	10	7,810	10	10	98	714
St. Joseph.....	9	1	150	2	2,700	9	4,215	9	9	94	573
Sandusky.....	24	2	1,350	2	1,900	24	6,491	20	20	160	808
Scioto.....	22	5	1,315	2	2,850	22	4,478	20	20	160	938
South Dakota.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,656	4	4	31	253
Virginia.....	8	.....	.....	2	1,800	7	868	7	8	54	495
Walla Walla.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	3,024	17	17	129	803
West Kansas.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3,954	4	5	60	318
White River.....	28	1	400	4	6,100	28	20,249	25	25	271	1,941

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HISTORY.

The United Evangelical Church, as a separate ecclesiastical body, dates from the year 1894. Previous to that time its members constituted a part of the Evangelical Association,<sup>1</sup> organized under the evangelistic labors of Jacob Albright, in eastern Pennsylvania, in the year 1800. The division which resulted in the formation of the new church was due to differences of opinion as to what were considered fundamental principles of church polity, and official acts affecting the claims of a large minority of the ministers and members of the association. Seven annual conferences, with from 60,000 to 70,000 members, who were designated the "minority," entered a protest against what they regarded as "abuse of the powers conferred by the discipline, and usurpation of powers in violation of the discipline." This protest availed nothing, and in due time a separate organization was effected, with articles of faith and a discipline in strict accord with the doctrine, spirit, and purpose of the original church. On October 10, 1894, the former members of the East Pennsylvania Conference met in convention and organized as the "East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church," and called a general conference to meet in Naperville, Ill., November 29, 1894. Other confer-

ences joined in the call, and on the designated day the conference met, and on the following day declared itself to be the first General Conference of the United Evangelical Church.

The United Evangelical Church is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is identified with the various movements for church union and fellowship.

There has been a movement toward reunion with the Evangelical Association, and though definite steps have not been taken there is a general sentiment in both bodies for such action.

DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the United Evangelical Church may be characterized as Arminian. Its confession of faith, formulated in twenty-five articles, varies but little from the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The church emphasizes the principle of voluntary giving not only for the support of the ministry, but also for the maintenance of all the religious and benevolent enterprises of the church; "voluntary abstinence from all intoxicants, as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks, as the duty of civil government"; the exercise of strict discipline for the safety, purity, and power of the church; the integrity of the Bible, as given by inspiration of God; and the fellowship of all followers of Christ.

<sup>1</sup> See Evangelical Association, p. 265.

## POLITY.

In polity the church resembles the Methodist Episcopal Church. The local congregations are self-governing in their temporal affairs. There is equal clerical and lay representation in the annual conferences, as well as in the General Conference. The itinerant system of ministerial supply and service prevails, the appointments of ministers being made at each annual conference, by a committee consisting of a presiding bishop and presiding elders, for one year, with the privilege of reappointment to the limit of a five years' term.

## WORK.

The missionary interests of the church are committed especially to a Society of Home and Foreign Missions of the United Evangelical Church, which has a branch in each annual conference. Its affairs are managed by a general board, consisting of its officers, together with 1 delegate from each conference auxiliary, and 1 from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The latter is auxiliary to the general society. The annual conferences are empowered to establish missions within their own bounds, and supervise them, while beyond the limits of conference districts the board of missions can act. The number of such missions now in operation within and beyond the conference bounds is 307, cared for by the same number of missionaries; and for the prosecution of the work in 1916, the sum of \$115,708 was contributed.

The foreign work of the church, under the supervision of its board of missions, is confined to the Province of Hunan, in China, where 5 stations are occupied, and 28 missionaries, with 48 native helpers, are successfully laboring. There are 8 churches, with 465 members; 13 schools, with 336 pupils; 2 hospitals or dispensaries, which treated 7,131 persons during the year. The sum of \$43,025 was contributed for the various branches of the work during the year 1916. There were 162 additions to the membership, and encouraging progress was made in every department. The total value of property belonging to the denomination in foreign countries is estimated at \$84,425.

The higher educational work of the church at home is represented by 2 institutions, in which there were, in 1916, about 40 teachers and 360 students. The contributions for this department were \$40,000. The property is valued at \$200,000, and there is an endowment of \$400,000. There is a home for the aged, opened in 1916, which has property valued at \$40,000, and for which \$7,000 was contributed during the year.

The Keystone Leagues of Christian Endeavor number 511, with a membership of 19,121. In 1916 they contributed for missionary purposes nearly \$5,000, while the Sunday schools contributed for various purposes over \$149,180.

The publishing house of the church, located at Harrisburg, Pa., has property valued at about \$200,000, and publishes 20 church periodicals, with a combined circulation of 175,000 copies.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics for the United Evangelical Church in 1916 are given, by states and conferences, on pages 707 and 708, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	957	978	-21	-2.1
Members.....	89,774	69,882	19,892	28.5
Church edifices.....	905	920	-15	-1.6
Value of church property.....	\$4,657,893	\$3,180,359	\$1,477,534	46.5
Debt on church property.....	\$524,988	\$292,004	\$232,984	79.8
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	401	346	55	15.9
Value.....	\$962,490	\$610,251	\$352,239	57.7
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	944	918	26	2.8
Officers and teachers.....	13,908	12,136	1,772	14.6
Scholars.....	129,453	93,176	36,277	38.9
Contributions for missions and benevolences:				
Domestic.....	\$205,733	\$164,107	\$41,626	25.4
Foreign.....	\$162,708	\$138,457	\$24,251	17.5
Total.....	\$43,025	\$25,650	\$17,375	67.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

This table shows a slight decrease in number of organizations and in church edifices, but a notable increase in most other respects. The membership for 1916 is 89,774 as against 69,882 in 1906, a gain of 28.5 per cent. The value of church property rose from \$3,180,359 to \$4,657,893, or 46.5 per cent. The debt on church property, reported by 245 organizations in 1916, was \$524,988 as against \$292,004, reported by 208 organizations in 1906. There has been an increase of 15.9 per cent in the number of churches reporting parsonages and an increase of 57.7 per cent in the value of parsonages. The Sunday school statistics likewise show a good increase—2.8 per cent in the number of schools and 38.9 per cent in the number of scholars. Contributions for missions and benevolences increased by \$41,626, or 25.4 per cent, the larger amount of which—\$24,251—was for domestic work, chiefly educational, but the percentage of increase was larger for foreign work—67.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,111,264, reported by 927 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and such other items as passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 827 organizations in 1916, was 5,031, con-

stituting 6.5 per cent of the 77,771 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 12,003 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 5,807.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 957 organizations, 908, with 83,986 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 46, with 5,758 members, conducted services in German and English; and 3, with 30 members, in German alone. As compared with the report for 1906, there was a decrease of 109 in the number of organizations reporting a foreign language, with a membership of 6,690.

The total number of ministers on the rolls of the denomination was 610. Schedules were received from 451 of these, distributed, by states, in the table in the opposite column.

Of the 451 ministers reporting, 380 were in pastoral work and 71 not in pastoral work. The number reporting full salaries was 336, and the average annual salary reported, \$873. The number reporting other

occupations was small—16 of those in pastoral work and 5 not in pastoral work. The number in denominational, educational, and evangelistic work was 34, and 12 of these were in official denominational service.

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	451	340	40	71	\$873
California.....	1	1		1	
Connecticut.....	1	1		1	
Illinois.....	43	39	3	1	970
Indiana.....	1	1			
Iowa.....	38	32	3	3	767
Kansas.....	5	3	2		667
Maine.....	2	2			895
Maryland.....	11	10		1	832
Minnesota.....	9	5	2	2	645
Montana.....	3	2		1	895
Nebraska.....	32	22	3	7	811
New Jersey.....	1			1	
New York.....	2	2			733
North Dakota.....	4	3		1	583
Ohio.....	28	18	2	8	862
Oklahoma.....	8	5	2	1	699
Oregon.....	13	11		2	695
Pennsylvania.....	242	179	22	41	920
South Dakota.....	4	3	1		621
Washington.....	2	1		1	650
West Virginia.....	1	1			

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of churches reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Evangelical Church.....	957	957	89,774	934	35,139	52,876	897	33	905	896	\$4,657,893
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	6	249	6	94	155	4	2	4	4	11,800
Pennsylvania.....	576	576	62,792	567	24,754	37,157	559	6	563	559	3,201,879
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	42	42	4,729	40	1,793	2,811	40	1	40	40	284,300
Illinois.....	75	75	6,830	68	2,521	3,889	74		76	74	408,850
Wisconsin.....	3	3	199	3	88	111	3		3	3	3,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	18	18	648	18	296	352	13	5	13	13	38,865
Iowa.....	73	73	5,202	70	2,089	2,961	71	1	71	71	255,150
North Dakota.....	8	8	226	8	87	139	5	2	5	5	9,050
South Dakota.....	8	8	231	8	113	118	5		5	5	9,500
Nebraska.....	60	60	3,028	60	1,109	1,919	49	3	49	49	136,700
Kansas.....	11	11	615	11	322	293	10	1	10	10	22,350
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	19	19	2,155	18	787	1,281	18	1	18	17	133,750
West Virginia.....	4	4	262	4	120	142	4		4	4	3,449
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	13	13	576	13	247	329	6	7	6	6	23,000
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	2	2	50	2	23	27	1	1	1	1	3,000
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	36	36	1,695	36	631	1,064	32	3	33	32	90,550
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	287	2	65	128	3		4	3	22,200

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Indiana, and Washington.



RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Evangelical Church.....	957	245	\$524,988	401	\$962,490	927	\$1,111,264	905	944	13,908	129,453
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	6	1	717	2	3,200	6	2,470	4	4	47	304
Pennsylvania.....	576	164	356,653	202	573,365	561	727,098	549	563	9,027	91,941
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	42	15	67,917	19	48,500	42	63,017	41	42	689	6,138
Illinois.....	75	10	29,301	45	101,950	71	107,341	72	80	1,307	10,691
Wisconsin.....	3			2	1,400	3	1,583	3		39	218
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	18			7	14,300	16	7,680	16	19	153	901
Iowa.....	73	13	10,112	43	75,550	67	69,768	72	73	862	6,141
North Dakota.....	8	2	950	4	7,700	8	3,063	8	8	71	350
South Dakota.....	8			2	1,900	8	2,301	4	4	28	183
Nebraska.....	60	11	5,747	33	57,175	59	53,495	52	54	625	3,836
Kansas.....	11			6	9,700	11	6,988	11	11	124	709
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	19	9	20,225	10	23,100	19	29,765	19	19	337	2,992
West Virginia.....	4			1	2,200	4	1,891	4	4	38	423
West South Central division:											
Oklahoma.....	13	5	9,515	4	7,500	12	5,796	13	15	113	1,113
Mountain division:											
Montana.....	2	1	750	1	1,500	2	1,324	2	2	18	130
Pacific division:											
Oregon.....	36	13	21,901	17	29,650	35	22,785	32	39	381	2,848
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1	1,200	3	3,800	3	4,899	3	4	49	535

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in California, Indiana, and Washington.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
United Evangelical Church.....	957	957	89,774	934	35,139	52,876	897	33	905	896	\$4,657,893
Central Pennsylvania.....	295	295	26,025	286	10,115	14,986	283	8	285	282	1,155,328
Des Moines.....	53	53	4,170	51	1,654	2,416	52		52	52	206,150
East Pennsylvania.....	171	171	25,684	171	9,926	15,758	166		166	166	1,626,543
Illinois.....	79	79	7,167	72	2,663	4,084	78		80	78	421,350
Kansas.....	24	24	1,191	24	569	622	16	8	16	16	45,350
Northwestern.....	54	54	2,137	53	931	1,154	42	8	42	42	106,415
Ohio.....	42	42	4,729	40	1,793	2,811	40	1	40	40	284,300
Oregon.....	37	37	1,750	37	642	1,108	33	3	34	33	91,750
Pittsburgh.....	139	139	13,749	138	5,714	7,991	136	1	138	136	569,007
Platte River.....	62	62	3,078	62	1,132	1,946	50	4	50	50	139,700
San Francisco (Mission).....	1	1	94				1		2	1	12,000

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY CONFERENCES: 1916.

CONFERENCE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
United Evangelical Church.....	957	245	\$524,988	401	\$962,490	927	\$1,111,264	905	944	13,908	129,453
Central Pennsylvania.....	295	89	122,757	100	230,390	287	285,005	279	285	4,301	37,665
Des Moines.....	53	13	10,112	31	51,750	50	52,937	52	52	648	4,869
East Pennsylvania.....	171	56	148,533	73	264,500	170	348,485	166	167	3,415	39,490
Illinois.....	79	11	30,501	48	104,350	75	111,604	76	84	1,365	11,236
Kansas.....	24	5	9,515	10	17,200	23	12,784	24	26	237	1,822
Northwestern.....	54	2	950	25	47,700	49	29,875	48	52	466	2,706
Ohio.....	42	15	67,917	19	48,500	42	63,017	41	42	689	6,138
Oregon.....	37	13	21,901	18	30,450	36	23,696	33	40	397	2,973
Pittsburgh.....	139	29	106,305	42	106,975	133	127,734	131	138	1,733	18,565
Platte River.....	62	12	6,497	34	58,675	61	54,819	54	56	643	3,996
San Francisco (Mission).....	1			1	2,000	1	1,308	1	2	14	83

## UNIVERSALISTS.

## HISTORY.

A distinction should be made between Universalism and the Universalist denomination.

Universalism has been defined as the doctrine or belief that it is the purpose of God through the grace revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ to save every member of the human race from sin. In a more general way, it has been described as the belief that what ought to be will be; that in a sane and beneficent universe the primacy belongs to Truth, Right, Love—the supreme powers; that the logic of this conception of the natural and moral order imperiously compels the conclusion that although all things are not yet under the sway of the Prince of Peace, the definite plan set forth in Him is evident, and the consummation which He embodies and predicts can not be doubted.

Universalism, thus, it is claimed, is as old as Christianity; was taught in the schools of the second and third centuries at Alexandria, Nisibis, Edessa, and Antioch; and was accepted by many of the apostolic and church fathers, as Clement of Alexandria, Gregory of Nyssa, Origen, and probably Chrysostom and Jerome.

Those members of the Christian family in whom this thought has become predominant and who hold to the idea that there is a divine order and that it contemplates the final triumph of good over evil in human society, as a whole, and in the history of each individual, are considered Universalists.

The Universalist denomination, however, is of modern origin, is confined mostly to the American continent, and embraces but a portion of those who hold the Universalist belief. It dates from the arrival of the Rev. John Murray, of London, in Good Luck, N. J., in September, 1770, although there were some preachers of the doctrine in the country before that time. Mr. Murray preached at various places in New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, and societies sprang up in all these states as a result of his ministry. His first regular settlement was at Gloucester, Mass., where a church was built in 1780, but he afterwards removed to Boston.

The earliest movement for denominational organization was made at Oxford, Mass., in 1785, but accomplished little more than to emphasize the need and value of fellowship, although it approved of the name selected by the Universalists of Gloucester for their church, "The Independent Christian Society, commonly called 'Universalists,'" and approved also the Charter of Compact as the form of organization for all societies. The second convention, held at Philadelphia in 1790, drew up and published the first Universalist profession of faith, consisting of five articles, outlined a plan of church organization, and declared itself to be in favor of the congregational form of polity. Another convention, at Oxford, in 1793, sub-

sequently developed into the Convention of the New England states, then into the Convention of New England and New York, and finally into the present organization, the General Convention.

Among the younger men at the second Oxford convention was Hosea Ballou, who soon became the recognized leader of the movement, and for half a century was its most honored and influential exponent. During his ministry, extending from 1796 to 1852, the 20 or 30 churches increased to 500, distributed over New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, although the greater part were found in New England. It was, however, the era of the propagation of the doctrine, and of the controversies to which that gave rise, and little attention was paid to organization.

The same antagonistic tendencies are noticeable in the history of the Universalist churches that appear in others holding to the congregational principle; on the one hand, an impulse toward liberty, opposition to ecclesiastical tyranny, jealousy of freedom, and suspicion of authority; on the other hand, appreciation of the value of centralized authority as against a crude, chaotic condition, and the realization that in order to efficiently carry out important ends in the denomination there must be some definite church organization with powers that are restricted, indeed, but still real.

About 1860 agitation began for a more coherent organization and a polity better correlated than the spontaneous congregationalism which had developed during the earlier period, and the result was that at the centennial convention of 1870 a plan of organization and a manual of administration were adopted under which the denomination has since been conducted.

## DOCTRINE.

The historic doctrinal symbol of the Universalist denomination is the Winchester Profession, adopted at the annual meeting of the General Convention held in Winchester, N. H., in September, 1803, and is essentially the same as the first profession of faith in the five articles formulated and published by the Philadelphia Convention in 1790. The convention adopting it was simply a yearly gathering of Universalists without ecclesiastical authority, and the articles were merely set forth as expressing the general belief of the churches. They have ever since, however, been acknowledged by the denomination at large as expressing its faith. They are as follows:

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain a revelation of the character of God and of the duty, interest, and final destination of mankind.

We believe that there is one God, whose nature is Love, revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of Grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected, and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practice good works; for these things are good and profitable unto men.

At the session of the General Convention in Boston, October, 1899, a still briefer Statement of Essential Principles was adopted and made the condition of fellowship, in the following terms: "The Universal Fatherhood of God; the spiritual authority and leadership of His Son, Jesus Christ; the trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God; the certainty of just retribution for sin; the final harmony of all souls with God."

The theology of Universalism, while setting forth the predicates of its conclusion, that all souls are included in the gracious purpose of God to make at last a complete moral harmony, discriminates between belief in a result and faith in the forces by which the result is to be achieved. It points out and emphasizes the fact that effective faith in final universal salvation must rest on implicit belief in the value and potency of truth, righteousness, and love, witnessed by the free and steadfast use of these great and only means to the desired end. The teaching of Jesus, with which His life and works accord, is interpreted as a distinct revelation of these facts and principles, to wit, that God is the Father of all men; that all men are brethren; that life at the root is spiritual and therefore eternal; that the law of life is righteousness and its motive force is love; that human society, properly conceived, is a natural social and moral unity, or kingdom of heaven; that this life is "the suburb of the life elysian"; and that physical death is the necessary prelude to immortal life. Universalism avers that the sinner—"and no man liveth that sinneth not"—can not escape punishment; which is remedial and is meant both to vindicate the inflexible righteousness of God and to induce repentance and reformation in His wayward children.

The Universalist position as to the nature and place of the Christ has been stated as follows:

It is necessary to say, in view of opinions long and generally held among Christians, that Universalists are not Trinitarians. The position taken by the Unitarians of Channing's day, and held for a generation or more subsequently, would fairly represent the view that has been consistently set forth in Universalist literature and teaching. That view is that Jesus (the Christ) had the same essential spiritual and human nature as other men; but that he was chosen of God to sustain a certain unique relation, on the one hand toward God and on the other toward men, by virtue of which he was a revelation of the divine will and character and a sample of the perfected or "full-grown" man. There is, therefore, propriety and accuracy in describing this unique man as a God-man, a divine Son of God, the mediator, or way, between God and men.

Universalists, as a body, are now practically Unitarians, so far as the person, nature, and work of Christ are concerned.

As to the mode of baptism, both immersion and sprinkling are practiced, but usually in Universalist churches the candidate, whether adult or infant, is baptized by the minister placing his hand, which has

been previously dipped in the font, on the head of the candidate, and repeating the baptismal formula. In Universalist parishes where a church has been organized the Lord's Supper is regularly observed usually four times a year, and all members are expected to participate; but all others who would like thus to show their loyalty to their Master and cultivate Christian graces are cordially invited to join in the memorial.

#### POLITY.

The local parish or society is independent in the management of its own temporal affairs and worship, in the choice of officers or of ministers, and in the details of administration. The different parishes within a state are organized into a state convention, consisting of delegates elected by the parishes. Representatives, duly elected by the several state conventions, constitute the General Convention. The state conventions meet annually; the General Convention, biennially.

In order to remain in the fellowship of its own state convention and of the General Convention, the local church must be organized on the common profession of faith, employ a minister in the fellowship of the convention, and promise obedience to the laws of the convention. The state conventions have complete control of matters of common interest to the local societies in their territory, but they must administer these affairs according to the laws made by the General Convention, which is the supreme legislative body of the denomination.

In the interval between sessions of the General Convention a board of trustees, consisting of 11 members, and including the secretary of the convention, who is its chief administrative officer, administers the affairs of the denomination, except those which are reserved to the state conventions and the general membership.

In 1898 a system of supervision, including a general superintendent and local superintendents in most of the states, was adopted and met with general approval. Recently the Sunday school was put under the care of the General Convention, and a salaried superintendent was appointed. Arrangements were also made for placing the headquarters of the denomination in Boston.

State conventions have committees of fellowship, who grant letters of license; examine candidates for ordination; authorize their ordination or refuse it, as the case may be; give full fellowship; transfer fellowship from one state to another; receive clergymen who are transferred from another state; and under the laws of the General Convention have full supervision of questions of fellowship and of discipline of ministers within their territory. Only ordained ministers are permitted to baptize or administer the Lord's Supper in the churches, and there are laws and standards of conduct which ministers must observe in order

to maintain themselves in the fellowship of the state and General conventions.

Owing to the peculiar early organization of Universalists into societies, rather than churches, the term "communicant" or "church member" does not accurately apply in this body. In a considerable number of societies there are as yet no church organizations, and consequently no "communicants," and in any society or parish the number of registered church members falls far short of the whole number of Universalists. Where there is church membership, the method of admission is not the same in all churches. There is, however, a uniform custom of requiring subscription to the Winchester Profession or the later Statement of Essential Principles. Most churches have a form of covenant also, in which the members join, but a large freedom of personal preference as to form of profession and covenant is favored.

WORK.

The home missionary work of the denomination devolves, in the first instance, on the several state conventions, each of which has a board, local secretaries, and superintendents charged with this particular branch of work within its territory. The home missionary work in new fields, and where the local organization is weak, is in charge of the board of trustees of the General Convention, which employs a southern missionary and a general superintendent, and appoints and in part maintains superintendents and missionaries in the newer states and territories. The report for 1916 showed 29 agents employed, 79 churches aided, and \$26,000 expended. During the same year the aggregate expenses for home missions by the different state conventions and their auxiliary societies, so far as reported, was \$33,000. For practically the same objects the National Young People's Christian Union expended \$3,500, and the Women's National Missionary Association, \$3,200. Thus the total amount expended for home missions in 1916 was \$65,700.

The Universalist denomination has, for about 25 years, maintained a mission in Japan, with 8 stations, where 7 American and 5 native missionaries are regularly employed, with teachers and helpers of varying numbers. The report for 1916 showed 4 churches, including the parent church at Tokyo; 11 other preaching places; 503 church members; a girls' home in Tokyo; considerable teaching and training conducted under the auspices of the mission in general universities and schools; appropriations by the General Convention of \$14,000, aside from contributions by private persons; property valued at \$25,000; and an endowment of \$51,000.

The educational activities of the denomination in the United States include 4 colleges, among them

Tufts College in Massachusetts, 3 theological schools, and 3 academies, with a total of 2,884 students, and property valued at \$5,714,388. During the year 1916, \$3,500 were contributed toward the support of these schools. There are 4 homes in different cities, which had in 1916 a total of 113 inmates. The amount contributed toward the support of these homes was \$33,225, and the value of property used for this purpose was estimated at \$322,000. There is a publishing house in Boston, with a branch in Chicago. The National Young People's Christian Union reports 153 societies, with 1,800 members.

STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Universalist churches for the year 1916 are given, by states, on pages 712 and 713, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	650	846	-196	-23.2
Members.....	58,566	64,158	-5,592	-8.7
Church edifices.....	620	776	-156	-20.1
Value of church property.....	\$7,876,103	\$10,575,656	-\$2,699,553	-25.5
Debt on church property.....	\$408,766	\$464,755	-\$55,989	-12.0
Parsonages:				
Churches reporting.....	147	136	11	8.1
Value.....	\$591,925	\$491,100	\$100,825	20.5
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	467	600	-133	-22.2
Officers and teachers.....	5,170	6,585	-1,415	-21.5
Scholars.....	33,272	42,201	-8,929	-21.2
Contributions for missions and benevolences.....	\$116,425	\$73,821	\$42,604	57.7
Domestic.....	\$102,425	\$65,321	\$37,104	56.8
Foreign.....	\$14,000	\$8,500	\$5,500	64.7

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

From this table it appears that there has been a general decrease in the strength of the denomination. The number of organizations reported in 1916 was 650, as against 846 in 1906, a loss of 23.2 per cent, and the membership fell from 64,158 to 58,566, or 8.7 per cent. There were corresponding losses in church edifices, 20.1 per cent; in the value of church property, 25.5 per cent; debt on church property, 12 per cent; Sunday schools, 22.2 per cent. The number of churches reporting parsonages, however, rose from 136 to 147, a gain of 8.1 per cent, and there was a gain of \$100,825, or 20.5 per cent, in the value of parsonages. Contributions for general missions and benevolences advanced from \$73,821 to \$116,425, an increase of 57.7 per cent.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Church expenditures amounting to \$1,069,075, reported by 573 organizations, cover running expenses, outlay for repairs and improvements, benevolences, and other items that passed through the church treasury.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 474 organizations in 1916, was 1,002, constituting 2.2 per cent of the 46,166 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 12,400 members reported by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 1,271.<sup>1</sup>

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

The number of ministers reported as on the rolls of the denomination was 561. As shown by the opposite table, 409 sent in schedules, including 321 in pastoral work and 88 not in pastoral work. Of those in pastoral work, 283 reported annual salaries averaging \$1,641; of those not in pastoral work, 49 were retired and 18 were reported as in educational or editorial work.

<sup>1</sup>See Introduction, p. 10.

STATE.	Number from whom schedules were received.	MINISTERS: 1916.			Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	409	283	38	88	\$1,641
Alabama.....	6	3	1	2	1,133
Arkansas.....	2	1	1	1	1,925
California.....	10	4	1	5	1,850
Colorado.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	11	9	.....	2	1,850
Delaware.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
District of Columbia.....	6	1	1	4	2,150
Florida.....	3	1	1	1	800
Georgia.....	2	1	.....	1	1,600
Illinois.....	27	17	4	6	1,926
Indiana.....	5	5	.....	.....	1,260
Iowa.....	10	6	1	3	2,056
Kansas.....	3	1	.....	2	1,100
Kentucky.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	41	33	4	4	1,257
Massachusetts.....	106	73	9	24	2,122
Michigan.....	7	3	1	3	2,233
Minnesota.....	6	5	.....	1	2,424
Mississippi.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	2	.....	.....	.....	900
New Hampshire.....	18	15	1	2	1,140
New Jersey.....	3	3	.....	.....	1,867
New York.....	59	43	5	11	1,450
North Carolina.....	4	3	.....	.....	1,350
Ohio.....	17	11	3	3	1,285
Oklahoma.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	14	11	.....	3	1,615
Rhode Island.....	7	5	1	1	2,080
South Carolina.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	25	22	2	1	1,010
Virginia.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	5	5	.....	.....	1,540

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Universalists.....	650	643	58,566	609	19,520	36,011	613	18	620	609	\$7,876,103
New England division:											
Maine.....	72	70	5,034	64	1,513	3,456	70	1	71	69	641,100
New Hampshire.....	27	27	1,611	23	613	893	26	.....	27	25	254,782
Vermont.....	38	37	2,270	35	792	1,430	37	1	38	37	281,674
Massachusetts.....	99	99	13,203	97	3,879	8,636	99	.....	100	98	2,502,503
Rhode Island.....	8	8	1,519	7	524	983	7	.....	7	7	380,500
Connecticut.....	10	10	1,615	10	567	1,048	8	2	8	8	399,560
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	107	104	9,175	89	2,839	5,434	102	2	102	102	230,550
New Jersey.....	3	3	566	3	222	344	3	.....	5	3	121,000
Pennsylvania.....	25	25	2,053	25	821	1,232	25	.....	25	25	484,834
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	55	55	4,190	53	1,385	2,505	55	.....	55	55	407,400
Indiana.....	24	24	1,656	24	587	1,069	24	.....	24	24	115,800
Illinois.....	39	39	5,244	38	1,830	3,014	36	1	36	36	744,200
Michigan.....	12	12	1,003	12	392	611	12	.....	13	12	244,800
Wisconsin.....	9	9	843	9	295	548	9	.....	9	9	105,500
West North Central division:											
Minnesota.....	7	7	1,609	7	587	1,022	6	.....	6	6	341,000
Iowa.....	9	8	1,040	7	181	344	9	.....	9	9	103,800
Missouri.....	9	9	371	9	163	208	7	.....	7	7	16,900
Kansas.....	4	4	322	4	96	226	4	.....	4	4	33,500
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia.....	2	2	94	2	28	66	2	.....	2	2	3,750
North Carolina.....	16	16	601	16	262	339	14	.....	14	14	28,300
South Carolina.....	4	4	146	4	63	83	4	.....	4	4	4,700
Georgia.....	12	12	591	12	275	316	12	.....	12	12	36,000
Florida.....	5	5	152	5	62	90	4	1	4	4	16,000
East South Central division:											
Kentucky.....	7	7	392	7	167	225	6	.....	6	6	7,650
Tennessee.....	2	2	182	2	99	83	2	.....	2	2	40,000
Alabama.....	9	9	609	9	281	328	7	1	7	7	28,650
Mississippi.....	4	4	254	4	114	140	3	.....	3	3	2,400
West South Central division:											
Arkansas.....	4	4	164	4	85	79	4	.....	4	4	9,250
Texas.....	15	15	492	15	245	247	5	8	5	4	2,500
Mountain division:											
Colorado.....	2	2	126	2	40	86	1	1	1	1	25,000
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	2	2	259	2	80	179	2	.....	2	2	26,500
California.....	5	5	686	5	240	446	4	.....	4	4	129,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	4	494	4	193	301	4	.....	4	4	107,000

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Maryland, Oregon, and Virginia.

## ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, PARSONAGES, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		PARSONAGES.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value of parsonages reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Universalists .....	650	110	\$408,766	147	\$591,925	573	\$1,069,075	467	467	5,170	33,272
New England division:											
Maine .....	72	11	28,679	10	22,200	67	80,318	52	52	568	3,878
New Hampshire .....	27	2	3,000	7	21,500	23	26,652	19	19	171	1,155
Vermont .....	38	4	8,403	11	34,325	38	43,017	31	31	269	1,369
Massachusetts .....	99	29	139,013	22	112,100	98	316,176	89	89	1,407	9,230
Rhode Island .....	8	1	9,000	3	18,000	7	31,119	7	7	143	967
Connecticut .....	10	1	5,200	4	30,000	8	40,670	9	9	122	850
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York .....	107	14	68,584	36	139,950	89	194,704	70	70	710	4,216
New Jersey .....	3		26,000	3	26,000	3	14,292	3	3	28	295
Pennsylvania .....	25	4	9,000	7	23,200	22	34,838	16	16	136	696
East North Central division:											
Ohio .....	55	7	20,930	7	15,000	47	38,975	40	40	393	2,348
Indiana .....	24	3	8,900	3	16,500	19	19,686	15	15	136	912
Illinois .....	39	10	43,729	12	54,550	36	86,332	32	32	401	2,837
Michigan .....	12	4	9,500	1	2,000	11	15,935	6	6	50	309
Wisconsin .....	9	2	3,100	4	17,000	9	18,744	8	8	77	482
West North Central division:											
Minnesota .....	7	3	13,050	1	7,000	6	35,723	5	5	66	482
Iowa .....	9	3	9,800	4	19,000	8	15,385	7	7	86	478
Missouri .....	9					2	995	6	6	30	143
Kansas .....	4			2	4,000	4	6,192	2	2	16	115
South Atlantic division:											
West Virginia .....	2					1	485	1	1	9	40
North Carolina .....	16	4	2,950	1	2,000	16	5,440	10	10	61	466
South Carolina .....	4			1	2,500	4	780	3	3	20	99
Georgia .....	12			1	1,300	12	3,326	4	4	25	175
Florida .....	5	1	28	1	300	4	2,986	2	2	8	44
East South Central division:											
Kentucky .....	7			1	1,000	7	1,375	3	3	16	102
Tennessee .....	2					2	2,620	1	1	11	75
Alabama .....	9			2	8,500	8	3,040	7	7	51	366
Mississippi .....	4					2	450	3	3	14	92
West South Central division:											
Arkansas .....	4	2	400			3	500	3	3	18	63
Texas .....	15					5	156				
Mountain division:											
Colorado .....	2	1	2,000			1	200	2	2	15	73
Pacific division:											
Washington .....	2	2	8,500	1	5,000	2	3,943	2	2	17	121
California .....	5	1	10,000	2	9,000	5	14,490	5	5	58	365
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	4	1	5,000			4	9,528	4	4	38	429

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in District of Columbia, Maryland, Oregon, and Virginia.

## VEDANTA SOCIETY.

## HISTORY.

The Vedanta Society, as a religious or philosophical factor in American life, dates from the Parliament of Religions at the World's Fair in 1893. At that time the various Hindus who were present attracted much attention, and one of them, Swami Vivekananda, who came as a delegate, gave a series of lectures on Vedanta philosophy in New York in 1894. He made no attempt at an organization, but three years later Swami Abhedananda arrived in that city to carry on the work started by Swami Vivekananda, and organized the Vedanta Society, which was incorporated in October, 1898. Slowly but steadily the work grew, and finally the society became strong enough to have a permanent center in New York City, with other centers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Boston. Some of these centers have country places where schools are held in the summer.

The term "Vedanta" is the name of an ancient philosophy of India, and as interpreted by the society it means literally "end of all wisdom." The Vedanta

philosophy explains what the end of wisdom is and how it is attained, and claims to harmonize with the ultimate conclusions of modern science, and to give to religion a scientific and philosophic basis. The society has, however, no purpose of forming a new sect or creed, but by explaining through logic and reason the spiritual laws that govern life, it seeks to harmonize all systems.

The society has six trustees who, with three other officials, form the executive board. Members residing elsewhere than in New York City are given lessons and instruction by correspondence. The society has published a large number of works on its religious philosophy, most of which were written by Swami Vivekananda, and his successors and followers. Following the custom of the Hindu priesthood, the Swamis do not accept a salary or any remuneration for their services, but freely devote their time and energy to the spiritual growth and unfoldment of all men and women without regarding their caste, creed, or nationality.

## STATISTICS.

Only 3 organizations were reported by the Vedanta Society in 1916—1 each in California, Massachusetts, and New York. Of the 190 members, 60 were males, 90 were females, and the sex of 40 was not reported. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 is given below, and the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I.

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	3	4	-1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	190	340	-150	-44.1
Church edifices.....	2	2		
Value of church property.....	\$37,500	\$52,000	-\$14,500	-27.9
Debt on church property.....	\$20,000		\$20,000	

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The society lost one organization, and its membership fell from 340 in 1906 to 190 in 1916, showing a loss in membership of 44.1 per cent. The number of edifices for worship remained the same, but the value of church property decreased and a debt on church property of \$20,000 was reported. No parsonages, Sunday schools, or general contributions were reported.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$3,000, reported by 1 organization, cover running expenses, and such other items that passed through the church treasury.

English was the only language reported in the conduct of church services in this denomination.

There were three leaders or ministers, but no schedules were received, and no salaries reported.

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## HISTORY.

In response to the call of a number of persons deeply interested, many of them actively engaged, in evangelistic and philanthropic work, Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth, already well known as evangelists, were induced, in the spring of 1896, to form an organization for the uplift of the unchurched and the needy. The first public meetings were held in March of that year, and almost immediately the society, under the name of Volunteers of America, became active in many parts of the country. In the following summer the Volunteer Prison League Branch was organized by Mrs. Booth, with signal success, and in November, 1896, the organization was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York.

From the beginning the organization has been declared to be an auxiliary of the church, and converts have been advised to unite with churches of their preference, so that a large growth in membership has neither been expected nor realized. It has also endeavored continually to work along lines that do not conflict with any other religious military society.

## DOCTRINE.

In doctrine the Volunteers are in harmony with the evangelical churches on all essential points. Their principles are stated in a Book of Rules, issued by order of the Grand Field Council, and those who make application to join as officers subscribe to these doctrines, outlined in brief on an application form. They include belief in one Supreme Triune God; in the Bible as given by inspiration of God, and the divine rule of all

true godly faith and Christian practice; in Jesus Christ as truly man and yet as truly God; in the temptation and fall of our first parents, whereby all men have become sinful by propensity. They believe that Jesus Christ, by sacrifice of His life, made atonement for all men; that in order to obtain salvation it is necessary to repent toward God, believe in Jesus Christ, and become regenerated through the Holy Spirit; that the Holy Ghost gives to each person inward witness of acceptance; that it is possible for those who have been accepted by God to fall from grace, and, except as restored, to be eternally lost; that it is possible for Christians to be so cleansed in heart as to serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness throughout life; that the soul is immortal; and that the punishment of the wicked and the reward of the righteous are eternal.

The Volunteers believe in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and give opportunity for the observance of these rites at the various stations. They also ordain their officers to the gospel ministry after due preparation and a satisfactory examination upon the prescribed course of study.

## POLITY.

The government of the Volunteers of America is democratic. The term "military," appearing in the Manual, is applied only in the bestowing of titles, the wearing of uniforms, and the movements of officers. As a corporate society the government is vested in the Grand Field Council, which is composed of the officers of, or above, the rank of major. This council elects the directors, 11 in number, who are the responsible



financial officers, and who act as trustees and custodians of the property.

The commander in chief, or general, is elected for a term of five years. The officials forming his cabinet or staff are the vice president, with title of major general; the secretary, with title of colonel; the treasurer, with title of colonel; and the regimental officers. The departments or territories are usually under the command of an officer of the rank of brigadier general. They comprise two or more regiments, each under the command of a colonel, who may have 20 or more stations under his control.

A post consists of an officer in charge, assistants, secretary, treasurer, trustees, sergeants, corporals, and soldiers. There is no limit to the membership of the post in point of numbers. The commissions are issued by the commander in chief and countersigned by the head of the division or department.

#### WORK.

The different departments of work carried on by the Volunteers are rescue and prison work; industrial, girls', and children's homes; and hospital and dispensary work. They seek to bring within their sphere of influence those, whether men or women, whose misfortunes or misdeeds have placed them beyond the pale of good society, and to this end homes officered by commissioned representatives of the association are established and maintained for such persons, and every effort is made to bring them back to a life of virtue and sobriety.

The prison work has been under the direct supervision of Mrs. Booth from the very beginning, and has been confined thus far to city and Federal prisons. Meetings are held in the prison chapel, always in cooperation with the chaplain, and prisoners, upon signing certain declarations (one of which is to be faithful in the observance of prison rules and discipline) may be enrolled in what is called the "Volunteer Prisoners' League." Upon being discharged from prison, the chaplain provides the ex-prisoner with a letter of introduction to the Volunteer headquarters in New York or elsewhere. This letter serves as a pass to a Home for Discharged Prisoners, generally known as "Hope Hall." These homes are maintained for ex-prisoners only, and the inmates are under the supervision and influence of the superintendent, who is usually styled "the captain." When these men prove their worthiness and physical fitness, positions are obtained for them by the Volunteers, who generally keep in touch with them for many months and years thereafter. As an indication of the value of the work, a

considerable portion of the income for its maintenance comes from those who have been its beneficiaries.

The object of industrial homes is to enable men to help themselves by tiding them over until they can secure paying positions. Many of them are convalescents who have been discharged from hospitals, and while they are physically unable to do hard work, find here an opportunity for temporary shelter and light employment. Others are unfortunates out of employment but able to do almost any kind of work carried on at the home. No one is bound by promise to remain for any stated length of time, the purpose being to assist in securing permanent location.

The Volunteers have 19 established homes for children and girls, with 6,277 inmates, though they do not require that the children shall be bound over or committed by the courts. The homes, which are the property of the society, are superintended by Volunteer officers, usually a man and his wife, who live on the premises, and are supported by voluntary contributions; although when relatives or parents are able to pay a nominal fee, \$1 or more weekly, it is accepted. In the summer a fresh-air camp is generally carried on in connection with these homes, where hundreds of children from the city slums are taken for 10 days or 2 weeks.

The hospital and dispensary work, in which a total of 35,083 patients were treated during 1916, does not differ materially from that of other similar institutions. The superintendent, who is usually an officer of the Volunteers, has full charge and reports to the board of directors. There is a medical board composed of a competent corps of physicians, and an advisory board of well-known business and professional men, in addition to the board of directors, a majority of whom are Volunteer officers. The hospital has also a well-directed social service department.

In connection with some of the posts, sewing schools for girls are maintained, also physical culture classes for both boys and girls. The garments prepared by these sewing classes are distributed among the poor of the city slums.

The Volunteers also keep homes for working girls, not as rescue work, but to provide places where respectable girls who have no homes in the city can, for a nominal sum, obtain good board and lodging, with all the liberty and comfort of home, and under matrons who will give motherly counsel and help.

The report for 1916 shows a total of \$201,526 expended for the various departments, including \$77,672 for the prison work and industrial homes and \$77,780 for the hospital and dispensary work; also property



valued at \$475,100, including the hospital and dispensary in New York City, valued at \$173,627.

## STATISTICS.

The general statistics of the Volunteers of America for 1916 are given, by states and departments, on pages 717 and 718; the relation of these statistics to those of other bodies is shown in the general tables in Part I. A comparative summary of the principal items of inquiry in 1916 and 1906 follows:

ITEM.	1916	1906	INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1906 TO 1916.	
			Number or amount.	Per cent.
Organizations.....	97	71	26	( <sup>2</sup> )
Members.....	10,204	2,194	8,010	365.1
Church edifices.....	16	10	6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Value of church property.....	\$226,950	\$83,521	\$143,429	171.7
Debt on church property.....	\$93,516	\$40,621	\$52,895	130.2
Sunday schools:				
Number.....	26	36	-10	( <sup>2</sup> )
Officers and teachers.....	128	223	-95	-42.6
Scholars.....	1,483	1,736	-253	-14.6

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

From this table it appears that the body has increased in every particular except in Sunday schools. The number of organizations reported in 1906 was 71 as against 97 in 1916, and the membership had advanced from 2,194 to 10,204. There were 16 edifices used for services in 1916 as against 10 in 1906, and the value of church property had risen from \$83,521 to \$226,950, or 171.7 per cent. There was also a large increase in the debt on church property. The number of Sunday schools, however, declined from 36 to 26, and the number of scholars from 1,736 to 1,483, a loss of 14.6 per cent. No parsonages and no contributions for general benevolences were reported. Funds handled by the organization are contributed to it by the general public.

Certain items not included in the above summary are church expenditures and number of members under 13 years of age, reported for the first time in 1916, and the languages used in church services.

Church expenditures amounting to \$232,010, reported by 67 organizations, represent expenditures for the general work of the society.

The number of members under 13 years of age, as reported by 61 organizations in 1916, was 127, constituting 1.4 per cent of the 9,374 members reported by these organizations. Assuming that the same proportion would apply to the 830 members reported

by the organizations from which no answer to this inquiry was received, the total number of members under 13 years of age for the entire denomination would be 138.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 97 organizations, 93, with 9,089 members, reported the use of English only in church services; 1, with 45 members, reported services conducted in German and English; 1, with 520 members, in Hebrew, Italian, and English; 1, with 500 members, in Indian and English; and 1, with 50 members, in Scandinavian and English. In 1906 all organizations were reported as using English only in the conduct of church services.

The total number of ministers reported was 307, including officers. Of these, 306 made reports and were distributed, by states, as in the following table:

STATE.	MINISTERS: 1916.				
	Number from whom schedules were received.	In pastoral work.		Not in pastoral work.	Average salary for pastors reporting full salary.
		Pastors.	Supplies, assistants, etc.		
United States.....	306	113	187	6	\$526
Alabama.....	5	2	3		198
Arizona.....	2		2		
Arkansas.....	4	2	2		49
California.....	25	5	20		672
Colorado.....	5	3	2		655
Delaware.....	2	1	1		387
District of Columbia.....	2	1	1		236
Georgia.....	3	1	2		331
Illinois.....	38	10	25	3	510
Indiana.....	10	2	8		288
Iowa.....	4	1	3		932
Kentucky.....	2	1	1		467
Louisiana.....	10	3	7		1,437
Maryland.....	2	1	1		900
Massachusetts.....	9	4	5		309
Michigan.....	8	3	5		423
Minnesota.....	16	3	13		341
Mississippi.....	2	1	1		58
Missouri.....	4	2	2		415
Montana.....	2	1	1		600
Nebraska.....	5	1	4		400
New Jersey.....	16	8	7	1	677
New York.....	44	17	27		651
North Carolina.....	4	1	3		390
Ohio.....	13	5	7	1	543
Oklahoma.....	3	1	1	1	20
Oregon.....	3	1	2		125
Pennsylvania.....	37	17	20		458
Rhode Island.....	2	1	1		236
South Carolina.....	2	1	1		480
Tennessee.....	4	3	1		219
Texas.....	1	1			
Utah.....	2	1	1		500
Washington.....	11	5	6		606
Wisconsin.....	4	3	1		666

Three hundred ministers were in active service and 6 were on the retired list. Commanding officers were 113 in number, and an average annual salary of \$526 was paid them. In addition to the commanding officers, 187 other officers were reported, with an average annual salary of \$412.

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 10.

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ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Volunteers of America.....	97	97	10,204	97	9,194	1,010	15	46	16	13	\$226,950
New England division:											
Massachusetts.....	3	3	154	3	127	27		2			
Middle Atlantic division:											
New York.....	11	11	1,153	11	1,023	130	2	4	3	2	18,500
New Jersey.....	6	6	373	6	273	100		5			
Pennsylvania.....	8	8	506	8	379	127	1	6	1	1	6,000
East North Central division:											
Ohio.....	6	6	650	6	549	101	1	4	1	1	2,000
Indiana.....	3	3	134	3	51	83	1	2	1	1	3,500
Illinois.....	5	5	1,112	5	1,026	86	2		2	2	93,500
Wisconsin.....	2	2	47	2	15	32	1	1	1	1	5,500
West North Central division:											
Iowa.....	3	3	388	3	358	30	1		1		
Missouri.....	2	2	64	2	23	41		2			
Nebraska.....	2	2	227	2	207	20		1			
Kansas.....	2	2	710	2	710						
South Atlantic division:											
Maryland.....	2	2	179	2	178	1	1		1	1	1,000
Virginia.....	2	2	435	2	435						
East South Central division:											
Tennessee.....	3	3	530	3	519	11		2			
Alabama.....	3	3	156	3	154	2		1			
Mississippi.....	2	2	567	2	566			1			
West South Central division:											
Louisiana.....	2	2	659	2	620	39	1		1	1	5,700
Pacific division:											
Washington.....	6	6	461	6	434	27	2	4	2	1	25,250
Oregon.....	2	2	264	2	260	4	1		1	1	30,000
California.....	5	5	594	5	541	53	1	2	1	1	36,000
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	17	17	841	17	746	95		9			

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES: 1916.

STATE.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Volunteers of America.....	97	9	\$93,516	67	\$232,010	26	26	128	1,483
New England division:									
Massachusetts.....	3			2	4,875				
Middle Atlantic division:									
New York.....	11	1	6,000	7	18,144	2	2	7	97
New Jersey.....	6			5	5,829	2	2	12	89
Pennsylvania.....	8	1	2,997	7	20,306	3	3	10	175
East North Central division:									
Ohio.....	6	1	350	5	23,857	1	1	4	220
Indiana.....	3	1	1,500	3	10,073	2	2	14	75
Illinois.....	5	2	60,000	3	11,282	2	2	16	175
Wisconsin.....	2	1	2,500	2	17,191	1	1	6	120
West North Central division:									
Iowa.....	3			1	4,761	1	1	6	50
Missouri.....	2			2	3,528	2	2	10	89
Nebraska.....	2			1	9,860				
Kansas.....	2								
South Atlantic division:									
Maryland.....	2			1	4,500				
Virginia.....	2								
East South Central division:									
Tennessee.....	3			2	5,235	2	2	11	70
Alabama.....	3			2	3,294				
Mississippi.....	2			1	196				
West South Central division:									
Louisiana.....	2			1	7,642				
Pacific division:									
Washington.....	6	1	6,000	5	23,634	3	3	11	118
Oregon.....	2			1	7,520				
California.....	5	1	14,169	3	22,717	1	1	3	18
States with one organization only <sup>1</sup> .....	17			13	27,566	4	4	18	187

<sup>1</sup> One organization each in Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

## RELIGIOUS BODIES.

ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, BY DEPARTMENTS: 1916.

DEPARTMENT.	Total number of organizations.	MEMBERS.					PLACES OF WORSHIP.			VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
		Number of organizations reporting.	Total number reported.	Sex.		Number of organizations reporting—		Number of church edifices reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Value reported.	
				Number of organizations reporting.	Male.	Female.	Church edifices.				Halls, etc.
Volunteers of America.....	97	97	10,204	97	9,194	1,010	15	46	16	13	\$226,950
Central.....	23	23	770	23	389	381	5	17	6	5	27,500
Eastern.....	4	4	46	4	23	23	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
New England.....	3	3	80	3	48	32	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Northwestern.....	18	18	649	18	284	365	5	11	5	4	102,500
Pacific.....	11	11	258	11	173	85	3	7	3	3	91,250
Southern.....	8	8	76	8	44	32	1	4	1	1	5,700
Volunteer Prison League.....	30	30	8,325	30	8,233	92	1	.....	1	.....	.....

ORGANIZATIONS, DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DEPARTMENTS: 1916.

DEPARTMENT.	Total number of organizations.	DEBT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.		EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.			
		Number of organizations reporting.	Amount of debt reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Amount reported.	Number of organizations reporting.	Number of Sunday schools reported.	Number of officers and teachers.	Number of scholars.
Volunteers of America.....	97	9	\$93,516	67	\$232,010	26	26	128	1,483
Central.....	23	3	9,347	23	68,681	9	9	37	636
Eastern.....	4	.....	.....	4	7,185	1	1	3	45
New England.....	3	.....	.....	3	7,249	1	1	6	62
Northwestern.....	18	4	64,000	18	77,092	9	9	57	534
Pacific.....	11	2	20,169	10	54,420	4	4	14	136
Southern.....	8	.....	.....	8	17,370	.....	.....	.....	.....
Volunteer Prison League.....	30	.....	.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....	.....

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