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## STATISTICAL POSITION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

### IN THE SELF-GOVERNING PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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STATISTICS are proverbially misleading. They may be accurately compiled, but the inferences drawn from them may be hopelessly wrong. In the nature of the case, Religious Statistics are compiled differently from those collected by State expert enumerators. Denominational figures depend on the accuracy of men of varied temperaments, on the careful and regular revision of rolls and the method of enumeration. In Great Britain we have no religious census—in Ireland we have. The Church of England tabulates its Easter Communicants—non-Episcopal Churches their members. The Church of Ireland supplies us with no such figures. It is, therefore, difficult in the case of these two sister Churches to arrive at a common basis for determining how far the Communicants bear a relation to definite adherents of the Churches. How much more difficult is it to reach a definite comparative conclusion when Church membership is attested by different methods in the various non-Episcopal Churches? Experience in many countries has led to reckoning two adherents for every member or communicant. We follow that rule in the figures set forth. The authorities on which the Tables are based are *Hazell's Annual*; *Church of England Year Book*; *Year Book of the Churches, U.S.A.* (1916 and 1919); *Irish Census*; *Whitaker's Almanack*; and various denominational statistics. The figures as a whole may be taken, within one per cent. of error, as true to the facts revealed for 1918 in the best sources of information.

#### GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

	Communicants.	Population.	
Church of England . . . . .	2,220,194	6,660,582	Estimate
Episcopal Church of Scotland . . . . .	55,788	167,364	,,
Church of Ireland . . . . .	192,000	576,000	Census.
Anglican Total . . . . .	2,467,982	7,403,946	

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	Members.	Population.	
<i>Non-Episcopalians—</i>			
Presbyterian—Great Britain . . . . .	1,548,526	4,645,573	Estimate
Ireland . . . . .	104,033	439,876	Census
	1,652,559	5,085,449	
Methodist—Great Britain . . . . .	845,242	2,535,726	Estimate
Ireland . . . . .	20,602	61,806	Census.
	865,844	2,597,532	
Congregationalist . . . . .	489,616	1,468,848	Estimate
Baptists . . . . .	408,209	1,224,627	"
Minor Denominations . . . . .	30,000	90,000	"
	3,446,228	10,466,456	
Non-Episcopal Total . . . . .	3,446,228	10,466,456	

## CANADA.

	Members Estimate.	Population Census.	
Anglican . . . . .	347,672	1,043,017	
Presbyterian . . . . .	371,774	1,115,324	
Methodist . . . . .	359,964	1,079,892	
Baptist . . . . .	127,555	382,666	
Others . . . . .	112,843	338,531	
	972,136	2,916,413	
Non-Episcopal Total . . . . .	972,136	2,916,413	

## AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

	Members Estimate.	Population Census.	
<b>AUSTRALIA—</b>			
Anglican . . . . .	570,144	1,710,433	
Presbyterian . . . . .	186,112	558,336	
Methodist . . . . .	182,602	547,806	
Baptist . . . . .	32,358	97,074	
Congregationalist . . . . .	24,682	74,046	
Others . . . . .	21,804	65,413	
	447,558	1,342,675	
Non-Episcopal Total . . . . .	447,558	1,342,675	
<b>NEW ZEALAND—</b>			
Anglican . . . . .	153,674	461,022	
Presbyterian . . . . .	87,015	261,045	
Methodist . . . . .	35,428	106,284	
	122,443	667,351	
Non-Episcopal Total . . . . .	122,443	667,351	

## SOUTH AFRICA.

	Members Estimate.	Population Census.
Anglican . . . . .	155,393	466,180
Dutch Church . . . . .	294,428	883,280
Methodist . . . . .	83,477	250,431
Presbyterian . . . . .	63,112	189,336
Congregationalist . . . . .	97,883	293,651
Others . . . . .	66,551	199,655
Non-Episcopal Total. . . . .	<u>605,451</u>	<u>1,816,353</u>

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

	Members.	Population Estimated.
Anglican . . . . .	1,092,821	3,278,463
Methodist . . . . .	7,166,451	21,499,353
Baptist . . . . .	7,153,313	21,459,939
Presbyterian . . . . .	2,255,626	6,766,878
Disciples of Christ . . . . .	1,266,028	3,798,084
Congregationalists . . . . .	791,274	2,378,822
Lutheran . . . . .	2,467,516	7,402,548
Other Reformed Churches . . . . .	1,630,271	4,890,189
Non-Episcopal Total. . . . .	<u>22,730,271</u>	<u>68,190,813</u>

## SUMMARY.

*Anglican.*

	Members.	Population.
United Kingdom . . . . .	2,467,982	7,403,946
Canada . . . . .	347,672	1,043,017
Australia and New Zealand . . . . .	723,818	2,171,455
S. Africa . . . . .	155,360	466,180
United States . . . . .	1,092,821	3,278,463
Total Anglican . . . . .	<u>4,787,686</u>	<u>14,363,061</u>

*Non-Episcopal Churches.*

	Members.	Population.
United Kingdom . . . . .	3,446,228	10,466,456
Canada . . . . .	972,136	2,916,413
Australia and New Zealand . . . . .	570,001	1,710,004
S. Africa . . . . .	605,451	1,816,353
United States . . . . .	22,730,271	68,290,813
Total Non-Episcopal . . . . .	<u>28,324,087</u>	<u>85,200,039</u>

MISSION WORLD.

Canon C. H. Robinson in *The Missionary Prospect*, p. 186 (1915), gives the following table:—

1914.	Ordained Missionaries.	Laymen.	Single Women Missionaries.	Total Foreign Missionaries including Wives.	Local Clergy (1912).	Other Local Helpers.	Communicants or baptized.	Other Adherents (1912).
Anglican .	1,184	271	1,465	3,990	858	15,809	722,167	438,508
Protestant	6,190	3,533	4,455	20,352	5,083	97,240	3,196,819	1,367,294

According to Canon Robinson, the Church of Rome has in the Mission Field 6,131 European Priests; 2,792 Local Priests; 2,446 Lay Brothers, and 8,512 Sisters. Ten to fifteen per cent. of these are, however, engaged in ministering to Europeans.

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.

Authorities differ greatly as to the number of the members of the various Churches, and the following figures as far as Roman Catholics are concerned embrace all living in Roman Catholic countries and baptized in that Church. These statistics must be considered as only approximately true. No attempt is made to distinguish between nominal and real members of the different churches.

Roman Catholic . . . . .	272,860,000
Eastern Orthodox . . . . .	120,300,000
Protestants including Anglicans . . . . .	180,000,000
	<u>572,860,000</u>

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