

## 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 . . . . .               | <u>2,467,982</u> | <u>7,403,946</u> |          |

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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. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>AUSTRALIA—</i>             |                   |                    |
| 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          |
| <i>NEW ZEALAND—</i>           |                   |                    |
| Anglican . . . . .            | 153,674           | 461,022            |
| Presbyterian . . . . .        | 87,015            | 261,045            |
| Methodist . . . . .           | 35,428            | 106,284            |
|                               | 122,443           | 667,329            |
| Non-Episcopal Total . . . . . | 122,443           | 667,329            |

## 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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