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**CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN U. S.**

Washington, May 4.—During the ten-year period ended December 31, 1916, the total church membership in the United States increased from 35,068,058 to 42,044,374, or by 19.9 per cent; the number of churches, from 212,250 to 228,007, or by 7.4 per cent; the number of ministers, from 164,830 to 191,722, or by 16.3 per cent; the number of Sunday school scholars from 15,337,811 to 20,569,831, or by 34.1 per cent; the number of Sunday schools from 192,722 to 207,789, or by 7.8 per cent; and the number of Sunday school officers and teachers, from 1,746,074 to 2,049,293, or by 17.4 per cent. These data, which constitute a few of the significant facts developed by the census bureau's recent inquiry relating to religious bodies, are contained in a statement issued by Director Sam L. Rogers and compiled under the supervision of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population. The statistics presented are preliminary and subject to later revision, but are substantially correct.

The total number of denominations covered by the statistics was 201, an increase of 13 over the number reported for 1906. This increase is the net result of the consolidation or dropping out of 16 small denominations and the addition of 29 small denominations, the latter comprising some which were actually in existence in 1906 but not then brought to light and others resulting from consolidation of formerly independent churches, reorganization within existing denominations, etc.

**Church Membership**

Of the 42,044,374 church members reported, 15,742,262, or 37.4 per cent were Roman Catholics; 250,340, or six-tenths of 1 per cent, were adherents of the Eastern Orthodox churches (mainly Greek church and Russian church); 359,998, or nine-tenths of 1 per cent, were members of Jewish congregations; and the remainder, 25,691,774, or 61.1 per cent, comprised the membership of the various Protestant churches, together with that of a few bodies, such as the Latter Day Saints, the Spiritualists and others, not usually considered as belonging to any of the groups named.

In comparing the figures just given, it should be borne in mind that the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches include in their membership all infants and the children who have been baptized, whereas the Protestant churches do not, as a rule, receive young children as members; and that in the case of some of the more Orthodox Jewish organizations only the male incorporators of the institutions or those who have bought shares or memberships in them are treated as members. The foregoing percentages, therefore, overstate the relative strength of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches and understate that of the Jews.

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**Baptist Church**  
 At the 11 o'clock service today the pastor's subject will be, "The Friendship of Christ." Following the sermon the right hand of fellowship will be extended to the seventeen new members who have been received during the past month, and the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be celebrated.

In the evening at 8 p. m. the pastor will preach from the text, "The Two Calls of God." Sunday school at 10 a. m. for all who desire to come to study God's word; and B. Y. P. U. service at 7 o'clock, which is attractive and beneficial both for the saved and the unsaved. You will find a hearty welcome at any of our services, and a blessing in attending them all. Trustees' meeting on Monday evening at 8 o'clock and prayer meeting on Thursday evening at the same hour. B. A. Finch, pastor.

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**Church of Christ**  
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