

ALL CHURCHES SHOW GAIN

Membership for Last Year Three-Quarters of a Million More Than Year Before.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 40,000,000

The religious bodies of the United States have no cause to be discouraged over the results of the year 1914. The new communicants, or members, added made good all the losses by death, expulsion or withdrawal, and left a surplus of nearly 700,000. That is, the total membership is 703,073 greater than it was in 1913. This is an average increase of 3 per cent. for all bodies great and small, Christian and non-Christian.

The grand total of members is now 23,708,140. All the larger denominations share in the increase. Baptists gained 232,125; Eastern Orthodox, 95,509; Roman Catholic, 188,999; Lutheran, 56,245; German Evangelical synod, representing the state church of Prussia, 52,825; Methodist, 21,407; Presbyterians, 14,012; Protestant Episcopal, 23,941.

The Protestant Episcopal church has crossed the 1,000,000 line, having gained 25,487 since 1910, and over 200,000 since 1900. The Roman Catholic church has gained nearly 1,300,000 since 1910, and more than 5,000,000 since 1900.

The Methodist Episcopal church, the second largest denomination, gained 27,497 in 1914, and nearly 200,000 since 1900. The thirty churches, constituting the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, report, as will be seen, nearly 17,500,000 members, somewhat less than half of the aggregate for all denominations, with 105,000 ministers and nearly 120,000 churches. These bodies have a net increase of over 500,000 members, or more than two-thirds of the entire increase of all bodies.

There are nine denominations which have a million and upward, the Roman Catholic, 13,794,637; the Methodist Episcopal, 2,025,361; the Southern Baptist, 2,023,317; the National Baptist (colored), 2,019,886; the Methodist Episcopal, South, 2,008,707; the Presbyterian, Northern, 1,462,676; the Disciples of Christ, 1,263,103; the Northern Baptist Convention, 1,238,263; and the Protestant Episcopal, 1,011,223. These seven denominations aggregate over 20,000,000 members, or more than three-fourths of the entire aggregate of the 79 religious bodies.

The effects on church membership of the European war in narrowing the stream of immigration were probably quite small, as only the last five months of the year were involved. The emigration of men to take part in the great conflict would not be a very large factor for the same reason. The German bodies—Lutheran, Baptist and the representative of the Prussian State church, all show unusual gains for 1914. On the other hand Roman Catholic gains are quite small.

The summary shows that the total increase of ministers was 1,213, which is unusually large, while the total increase of churches was 1,441, which is unusually small.

War Time Offers Roads to Wealth To Alert Traders

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 25.—Men of business with a ready eye to changing conditions have found that war-time offers many new roads to wealth. If the opportunity is seized quickly. Almost every day since the war began some alert British manufacturer or trader has found openings in some new field.

A prominent hardware manufacturer in Birmingham put his factory into the hands of a manager at the beginning of the war and himself hurried to a nearby town and erected a plant for the manufacture of ambulances and buttons. He has been making these novelties in war-time designs by the million at a handsome profit.

A lithographer found a similar gold mine by turning his entire plant over to the printing of military postcards, while a struggling novelty dealer has put his business on his feet by the sale of 100,000 or more sewing kits for soldiers.

Lesser successes have been achieved by the men who have marketed such minor articles for soldiers' use as a boot-lace, a pipe lighter and a patriotic brooch. An American traveler at the beginning of the war chanced to learn that the supply of cheap buttons in England was practically nil, most of the English supply having been imported from Austria. He took immense orders in behalf of an American firm at prices presumably well above the ordinary.

The war has brought a moderate degree of prosperity to makers and dealers in foods, clothing, medical supplies, war necessities, and an immense number of small articles needed by land or sea forces. Ship builders and ship owners have scored heavily, and the British farmer is getting unprecedented prices for his products. Even the dentists have had their share of war business, for it is necessary that the man who is going to the front to serve the king in water-filled trenches should have his teeth in sound shape if he is to enjoy the excursion.

Two Forts Taken By British Without Loss of Single Man

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 25.—"We are being very busy," writes a home correspondent from the British forces fighting the Turks in the country back of the Federal Gulf. "It is very hot, and the country is no longer a white man. We live on bread, tea and dates. The greatest hardship is the scarcity of water. I have not had a shave in a week for several days. We captured two forts and a telegraph office yesterday without the loss of a man. The Turks left forty. Some of the methods of the Turks in action are curious. A favorite trick of theirs is to dig down in the action to a dead, and then after the use of British gas poison

them, they get up again and fire at them from behind.

"While retreating, the Turks frequently discard numerous articles of clothing, but they should impede their flight. Before their retreat has lasted long, they have nothing on but their shirts and ammunition belts. No matter how hot the

fighting is, one cannot refrain from laughing at the spectacle of several hundred men running at top speed with their long shirts flapping around their bare legs."

Read The Bee's "Business Chances" and get into your own business.

THREE NEW YORK GUNMEN TAKEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Charles, alias "Scotch" Thomas; Henry Hall, alias "Butter"; and Charles Williams, said by the police to be notorious New

York gangsters, were arrested here last night after two months of trailing. Thomas, who is said to be wanted in New York for the murder of a policeman, recently arrived here from Honolulu.

Investigators with money road the Real Estate ads in The Bee. Advertise your property for a quick sale.

RUSSIA HAS BUILT SEVERAL NEW AEROPLANE FACTORIES

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—Russia has recently completed several new aeroplane factories, which are each to supply twenty or thirty aeroplanes weekly for

army use. Under service conditions, the life of an aeroplane is comparatively short, and a considerable part of the output of these factories will be needed to replace wastage at the front.

Secretary Signs Contract. Skeeter Panning signed a contract to pitch for the San Francisco club.

Automobile Show Guests Are cordially urged to make free use of these stores' many utilities—Rest Rooms, Parcel Checking Booth, Telephone, and then other conveniences.

Brandeis Stores

Special in Calling Cards CALLING CARDS, ANY TYPE, MONDAY ONLY 29c Entrance—Pompeian Room.

Great Mountains of Merchandise to Be Moved Quickly; Powerful Prices Are Doing Their Utmost to Move Them

Coatings & Suitings Worth to \$2.50 yd. 69c

Monday we offer at this little price the entire surplus stocks of coatings and suitings that our buyer in New York just purchased of one of the best-known importers. Included are 54-inch and 56-inch Matlesse, handsome silk and wool sponge, sturdy tweed mixtures and elegant brocades—the materials most in favor now.

Mme. Coates' School of Dress Making Will Begin on Monday

Secure your ticket Monday forenoon if you wish to learn to be your own dressmaker. Tickets for the Entire Course of Fifteen Lessons Are Only 50 Cents. As the number of attendants must be limited, it is advisable to register as early as possible. Tickets may be secured at the Superintendent's Office, Main Floor. Procure yours early. First lesson Monday.

Spring Wash Goods, Superior Quality; Low in Their Prices

Hand-Embroidered Organzae—Beautiful collection in dainty colored designs on white background—some of the most favored sheer fabrics for this coming season. 45 inches wide. Specially priced, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.98. English Voile—Black and white hairline stripes; also shepherd checks, 40-in. wide. Specially priced, now, 75c a yard. Imported Voiles—40 inches wide, in white and plain shades. Specially priced, 89c a yard. Cotton Georgette Crepes, For blouses and dresses, in plain shades, also white; 40 inches wide, Specially priced, a yard, 75c. Tissue Fillet—A dainty new printed fabric for women's and children's wear. Floral and scroll designs. 35 inches wide. Specially priced, a yard, 35c.

Beautiful, Rich New Silks for Spring at Magnetic Prices

24-inch chiffon taffeta (black only), a soft finish, quality that will wear splendidly. 36-inch chiffon taffeta, a beautiful weave. 36-inch messaline, of good weight and soft. 27-inch, extra heavy tub silk, striped. 27-inch printed all-silk shantung. 24-inch printed poplin, in beautiful designs. 40-inch moire; 40-inch all-silk cashmere. Crystal Back Faile—The much admired suit and dress fabric for spring, 1915; has just been received. This exquisite silk is 42 inches wide, well worth \$3.50, but is priced specially, \$2.50 at a yard. Modish Stripes—Much in vogue this spring are the handsome striped patterns and we show many in crepes, taffetas, radiums, satins and poplins; the widths 36 and 40 inches. Specially priced, 98c to \$2.50 a yard. Failles—Materials that still hold sway in fashion's realm, in a special offering Monday. Suiting faille, 42 inches wide, in all of the newest colorings and worth to \$1.75 a yard; Monday, at yard, \$1.29. Cashmere Charmeuse—All silk, in a good weight; just the material for the three-piece spring suits; in new grays, Bulgarian blues, brown, navy, etc. Splendid \$2.00 value. Monday, \$1.49 per yard.

40-inch all silk crepe de chine, in splendid weights, in flesh, pink, sky, maize, lavender, Nile, sand, putty, and all shades. 48-inch silk and wool faille, in all colors. 36-inch chiffon taffeta, correct spring weight, soft finish, good color range. 46-inch silk and wool novelty faille, in the newest colorings most favored for spring.

Dress Goods Such As These Rarely Sell For So Little

32-inch Imported French Serges—Good weight, soft chiffon finish. All the new wanted shades. Very special, Monday, \$1.19 per yard. 40 and 36-inch All-Wool Serges, Crepes, Whipcords, Granites, Novelty Worsteds, Black and White Checks, Etc., Etc.—On sale in Basement Department, at yard: 39c and 49c. 54-inch All-Wool Epingle—Dress and suiting cloth. In a beautiful range of new spring colorings. Specially priced for Monday, per yard, \$1.39. Here's Extreme Value Giving Extraordinary sale of new All-Wool Dress and Suiting Materials Monday—All the newest colorings—worth to \$1.75 a yard. 54-inch Pre-shrunk Serges. 50-inch French Serges. 53-inch Fancy Suiting. 44-inch All-Wool Poplins. 52-inch All-Wool Melrose. 44-inch All-Wool Diagonals. 42-inch All-Wool Taffetas. 42-inch All-Wool Crepes. 50 and 54-inch All-Wool Black and Suitings. 79c and 89c a Yard.

Bargains in Quality Linens

Conditions in Europe mean that linen prices surely will be higher later on. There is the certainty of a great linen scarcity, making it highly advisable to supply all linen needs just as soon as possible. Double Satin Damask—Durable Scotch and Irish linen. All new patterns. Worth \$1.25, Special, Monday, a yard, 98c. Odd Half-Dozen Lots of All-India Napkins—An accumulation from our recent linen sale. Values in this lot up to \$1.39. Special, Monday, six for \$7.50. Cotton Duck Towels—Plain and Sprayed—Scalloped and cut for monograms. Some with embroidered initials. Values \$1.25. Special, Monday, six for \$7.50. 1,000 Scarfs, Cankers and Squares—A large assortment of fancy pieces. Values up to \$1.50. Special, Monday, each, 98c. 2,000 Bleached Towels—Extra heavy double twisted yarn. Size 24x45. Regular \$2.00 value; each, 25c.

Embroideries—A Very Special Lot

18, 22 and 40-inch Embroideries, including Embroidered Crepes, Values and Marquisettes—in dainty white and spring shades. Worth up to \$1.99. Monday, a yard, 29c.

Domestic Specials

(On Sale in the Basement.) Silk Embroidered Tissues and Fancy Corded Crepes—A large assortment. Regular 15c quality. Special, Monday, yard, 9c. Dainty Rosebud Batistes—Pretty new patterns. Regular 10c price 15c. Special, yard, 10c. Standard Apron Check Ginghams—All the wanted checks, in blue and brown. Special, Monday, 4 1/2c. New Spring Prints—Grays, blues, and white and black figured—all the new spring patterns. Special, Monday, yard, 4 1/2c. Unbleached Muslin—36 inches wide, good quality, a yard, 5c. Pretty Printed Dimities, Lace Striped Voiles and Silk Striped Tissue Remnants—in lengths up to 6 yards. Worth 15c. Special, Monday, yard, 7 1/2c. 36-inch Coniferer Satens—Pretty floral designs. 15c quality. Special, Monday, day, a yard, 10c. 22x30-inch Hemstitched, Seamless Sheets—3-inch hems. Regular 10c quality, Monday, each, 55c. 78x36-inch Seamless Sheets—Regular 30c quality. Special, Monday, each, 25c. 44x36-inch Seamless Sheets—Regular 30c quality. Special, Monday, each, 12c. Your choice Monday, each, 12c. 44x36-inch Seamless Sheets—10c quality. Special, Monday, each, 7c.



Women Who Look Upon These New Spring Suits Immediately Wish to Own One Every line of them accents originality; every feature introduced by the newer models is theirs; every style is wholly individual and many of the models are found here exclusively. Are suits offering a most versatile range for selection, featuring the models with pronounced military effect, in the materials that will be most in favor for spring wear. Predominating are smart covert suits, suits of gabardine, of poplin, of serges and like materials. The style variety is sufficient to insure every woman a model adapted to her taste.

Tailored Frocks in Styles of the New Season Sample Frocks from this group selecting one that pleases the most fastidious taste and gives that air of exclusiveness so much desired. Is a simple matter. Tailored frocks in the advanced season's motifs displaying rare charm and emphasizing fashion ideas not apparent in ordinary frocks add to the interest of this display. The prices—\$15, \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35. Clever Styles in Spring Skirts In variety unequalled are separate skirts embodying down to the minutest detail style points that belong only to this new spring. Full flared models, featuring pockets, belts and buttons—altogether new. Unusual Values at \$5 and \$6.98.

Draperies at a Special Monday Price

Portieres—1-pair, and 2-pair lots, worth to \$12.50 a pair. Special, \$1.39. Scotch Madras—Regularly sold for 40c and 45c. Monday, yard, 29c. Lace and Blouse Curtains—All 1- and 2-pair lots, worth \$3 and \$4 a pair, each, 69c. Curtains—With plain and colored borders. Regular 30c. Monday, yard, 15c, 19c.

Good Rugs at Prices Unprecedented

Large room-size rugs of varied kinds, but every one a superior value. Smaller rugs at prices which emphasize bargain are included in this great offering. 9x12 French Wilton Rugs—Regular \$62.50 values. Very specially priced for Monday, at your choice, \$45. 8-3x10-6 Royal Wilton Rugs—A large assortment in Oriental and Conventional designs. Regular \$40 and \$42.50 values. Special for, \$30. 9x12 Royal Wilton Rugs—Oriental and Conventional patterns. Regular \$45.00 values. Special, \$35. Hartford Saxony Rugs—A few discontinued patterns. Sizes 8-3x10-6 and 9x12. Regular \$45.00 and \$50.00 values. Special, choice, \$29.75 for. 24x36 Axminster Rugs—Regular \$12.50 values, for, \$1.65. 24x36 Axminster Rugs—Regular \$14.00 values, for, \$2.65.

A Closing Out of Certain Lots of Wash Goods in the Basement

Broken lots of wash fabrics in remnants and full bolts; extra special values at notable reductions for a rousing sale on Monday. Silk and Cotton Crepes—27 and 36 inches wide. Worth from 18c to 60c. Silk and Cotton Jacquards—36 inches wide. Woven Black and White Striped Crepe—27-in wide. White Seed Marquisette—37 inches wide. White Mercerized Poplin—27 inches wide. White Silk Stripe Voile—27 inches wide. Soisette—33 inches wide. Kimono Plisse—30 inches wide. 12 1/2c a Yard.

Special Demonstration Monday of Famed "Free" Sewing Machines

Opportunity to buy a sewing machine recognized as one of the best machines manufactured today, at prices that are most attractive.

THE FREE runs lighter than all others. THE FREE sews faster than all others. THE FREE makes a more beautiful stitch than all others. THE FREE is easier to operate than all others. THE FREE attachments work smoother than all others. THE FREE is guaranteed longer than all others.

The Free is a thoroughly insured machine, needle, belts, shuttle—everything covered by insurance. The machine itself will be replaced without cost should same be burned or broken in any way by moving, etc.

The Brandeis plan of buying makes it possible for you to save at least 20% on sewing machines.

\$2.00 Camera, Monday, \$1.39

SCOUT CAMERA—Takes pictures 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 inches. A simple camera to operate. Regular \$2.00 value. Special, each, \$1.39. Special Sale of Films Size 2 1/4 x 3 1/4—No. 2, special for, 18c. Size 2 1/4 x 4 1/4—No. 2A, special for, 23c. Size 3 1/4 x 4 1/4—No. 3, special for, 32c.