

**CHURCHES SHOW  
573,723 GAIN IN  
RANKS FOR 1927**

Age of Mergers Results in  
1,470 Fewer Pastors;  
Catholics Lead.

*By Times Special*  
NEW YORK, April 12.—With the churches of the United States showing a net gain of 573,723 members in 1927, their situation is decidedly more encouraging than at the close of the preceding year, when their net increase fell a little short of the 490,000 mark. The Christian Herald announced today in issuing its annual census of religious groups in the United States.

The larger denominations particularly have accelerated their rate of gain. The Roman Catholic group shows the largest single gain for the year—183,889—but the Methodist group is not far behind with a total gain of 150,910 for its sixteen bodies.

The twenty organizations which make up the Lutheran group rank next with a gain of 67,879, while the fourteen Baptist bodies show an aggregate gain of 41,712.

Churches which are given to evangelism have encouraging net increases in membership. Small denominations which make evangelism their chief work are growing rapidly.

Assemblies of God, with a membership of 72,143, in 1927, added 10,101 members. The Church of the Nazarene seems to be concentrating upon evangelism. It has 68,612 members and its additions last year were 4,789.

The Church of God, Reformation Movement, which had its start in 1880 and has gathered since nearly 35,000 members has gains the last year of 4,659.

The returns for ministers and churches both show noteworthy decreases. There is a net loss of 1,387 in the number of ministers, which now stands at 217,204, while the number of churches has decreased to 235,991—or 1,470 fewer than last year.

This would indicate that the process of consolidation is assuming larger proportions.

Figures as given in the census follow:

Groups	Communicants	Gains
Catholics, Roman, Polish, Old	16,854,691	183,889
Catholics, 16 groups	2,119,978	150,910
Baptists, 14 groups	2,656,158	67,879
Methodists, 16 groups	2,597,156	41,712
United Brethren in Christ, 20 groups	1,799,318	44,801
Calvinistic, Oriental	762,428	8,245
Methodists, 3 groups	645,153	8,769
Reformed, 3 groups	553,841	6,617
United Brethren in Christ, 20 groups	413,818	3,127
Baptists, 4 groups	152,034	5,268
Adventists, 5 groups	151,862	971
Friends, 4 groups	113,605	1,847
Mormons, 12 groups	97,544	7,234

There are no other groups having as many as 50,000 members. Second, here are the individual

*Broke—Rich*



Donald Walker Herlihy, Tufts College graduate, spent the winter "broke" in Seattle. He had a job painting wagons for a laid-up circus when he was notified that he had been bequeathed a \$200,000 fortune left by Mrs. Abigail Higgins, who died at Bar Harbor, Maine, at the age of 109.

churches from sixteen and three-quarter million members down to 200,000:

Demonstrations	Communicants	Gains
Roman Catholic	15,735,891	46,138
Methodist Episcopal	4,392,004	46,138
National Baptist (Col.)	3,253,539	57,478
Methodist Episcopal	2,567,962	29,651
Presbyterian U. S. A.	2,865,727	17,672
Disciples of Christ	1,481,376	44,801
Protestant Episcopal	1,190,538	17,259
Congregationalists	914,696	—
African Methodist Episcopal	880,871	36,038
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	781,692	60,658
Lutheran, S. N. S.	645,345	7,230
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	567,319	8,856
Protestant Episcopal (Southern)	500,000	10,000
United Brethren in Christ	439,621	22,556
Jewish Congregations	326,946	3,213
Reformed in U. S. A.	357,135	—
Methodist Synod of N. A.	326,118	3,451
Central Methodist Episcopal	333,002	1,981
Churches of Christ	317,637	—
Christian Scientist	294,227	4,995
Greek (Hellenic) Orthodox	285,000	15,000
Latvian in America	224,529	4,237
Evangelical Church	217,828	—
Russian Orthodox	200,000	—

New Earhart Building Named

*By Times Special*  
RICHMOND, Ind., April 12.—Carpenter Hall is the name given the new administration building of Earlham College here honoring Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Carpenter, who served the college as superintendent and matron from 1858 to 1863 and from 1868 to 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were the parents of Mrs. D. W. Marmon, Indianapolis.

Utilities Sold for \$97,500

*By United Press*

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 12.—The properties of the Clevenger Electric Company and allied concerns have been taken over by the Interstate Public Service Company, at a cost of \$97,500, according to an announcement by Earl Murley, manager of the Columbus office of the department of the Interstate company.

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A group of good looking spring hats has been reduced for one day only. There are hats of felt, belting and combinations of silk and straw. Fine for sports, motor and street wear. All colors and styles.

**"Peter Pan" Prints**

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Pretty straightline frocks well made of good, serviceable crepe de chine; sleeveless models with round neckline; trimmed with tiny ruffles of lace or ribbon; pastel tints. Sizes 2 to 6. Very specially priced.

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Women's bloomers of superior quality; soft rayon, made by "Real Silk." With yoke front and elastic at back; well reinforced gusset. Sizes 34 to 42. Peach, flesh and orchid.

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**Men's Lisle Socks**

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