

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 and American, Old	16,854,691	183,889
Methodists, 16 groups	2,119,955	150,910
Baptists, 14 groups	2,719,997	41,712
Lutherans, 20 groups	2,886,158	67,879
Presbyterians, 9 groups	2,567,136	35,840
Disciples of Christ, 2 groups	1,739,313	44,801
Catholics, "Oriental," 10 groups	762,425	8,245
Latter-Day Saints, 2 groups	645,158	8,769
Reformed, 8 groups	585,641	6,617
United Brethren in Christ, 2 groups	415,818	3,167
Brethren (Dunkards), 4 groups	162,014	5,268
Adventists, 5 groups	151,862	971
Friends, 4 groups	112,605	1,847
Methodists, 12 groups	97,564	2,334

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.

Denominations	Communicants	Gains
Roman Catholic	16,854,691	183,889
Methodist Episcopal	4,592,861	44,132
Southern Baptist	3,765,001	57,438
National Baptist (Col.)	3,253,359	57,800
Methodist Episcopal (South)	2,567,136	35,840
Presbyterian U. S. A.	1,863,727	17,672
Disciples of Christ	1,481,376	44,801
Northern Baptist	1,312,829	18,132
Protestant Episcopal	1,190,938	17,250
Congregationalists	914,696	10,925
United Lutheran	880,671	30,638
African Methodist Episcopal	781,662	60,658
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	645,345	7,230
Latter-Day Saints	645,158	8,769
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	500,000	10,000
Presbyterian in U. S. (Southern)	439,621	22,556
United Brethren in Christ	396,046	3,213
Jewish Congregations	357,135	2,215
Reformed in U. S.	357,135	2,215
Evangelical Synod of N. A.	336,118	3,451
Colored Methodist Episcopal	333,065	1,981
Churches of Christ	294,227	4,965
Norwegian Lutheran	285,000	15,000
Greek (Orthodox) Or. Synod	224,529	4,257
Evangelical Church	200,000	9,764
Russian Orthodox	200,000	9,764

New Earlam Building Named

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., April 12.—Carpenter Hall is the name given the new administration building of Earlam 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 Times Special
SEYMOUR, Ind., April 12.—The properties of the Cleveland 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 utility department of the Interstate company.

13 Lucky Bargains for 13th Lucky Friday the 13th

Spring Hats Reduced

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-ing and street wear. All colors and styles.

79c

"Peter Pan" Prints At 3 Yards for

Beautiful new prints offered at this low price because they were purchased in lengths up to 15 yards at a great saving. Remarkable value; every yard guaranteed fast color.

\$1

Child's Silk Frocks

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.

\$1.75

Girls' Wash Frocks

These are well known "Janalene" frocks, specially purchased and offered at a real saving; made of pretty ginghams and prints—in long waist styles, and a charming two-piece sailor model. Pretty colorings. Sizes 7 to 10.

\$1

Rayon Bloomers

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.

\$1.19

Women's Spring Dresses

A "Lucky Value" indeed, is this special offering of spring frocks! Charming new dresses and higher priced models much reduced for one day only. Business women are particularly directed to this offering. Very desirable for office, general and street wear. Sizes for women and misses.

—GEORGETTES—FLAT CREPES—PRINTS IN LOVELY SPRING COLORS

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Better Dresses Reduced

Here's another wonderful value that makes it easy to be "Lucky" on Friday the 13th. Every woman will appreciate the substantial saving effected in this group of splendid dresses—much reduced for one day. Styles include pleated skirts, straightlines and dressy types. All are beautifully trimmed and carefully tailored. In sizes 14 to 48.

\$13

MATERIALS
—Flat Crepe —Georgette
—Printed Crepe

COLORS
—Goya Red —Blue —Tan
—Black —Navy Blue
—Downstairs at Ayres.

Substandards of **REAL SILK**

Service Hosiery

A fine serviceable stocking of pure silk, with 11-16 hemmed top, seamed back, fully reinforced foot. In good range of desirable colors. A discontinued number from "Real Silk." Sizes 8½ to 10.

39c

Silk Chemise

Bodice top chemise of crepe de chine; plain tailored with hemstitching; other styles are trimmed with lace, pleats or net. In pastel tints. Regular sizes.

\$1.95

100 Wash Frocks

A splendid group of women's wash dresses at a greatly reduced price! They are made of broadcloths, voiles and cotton serge. A good assortment of styles. Mostly small sizes.

89c

Men's Fine White Broadcloth Shirts

Perfectly tailored shirts of fine quality white English broadcloth. Made to fit—full and comfortable. Collar attached styles with pocket and barrel cuffs. Sizes 14 to 17.

95c

9x12 Fringed Rugs

Nationally known "Argonne" rugs of fine quality, offered at a very low price for Lucky Friday. Choice of seven beautiful designs and colorings, for any room in the home. Only—

\$29.75

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Spring Coats at

\$13.00

Many charming new spring coats are offered at this lucky saving for Friday the 13th. There are dress models, sports coats, and styles for general wear—plain and fur-trimmed—mannish and dressy styles. Most of them are lined with broadcloth rayon, satin de chine or silk crepe. Materials are tweeds, Poirtsheen, silks, kashmir and wools. Sizes 16 to 46.

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Many Other Wanted, Seasonable Values for Friday, 13th

Special Purchase and Sale of

1,000 New Spring Hats

\$1.95

A series of very extraordinary special purchases is responsible for this splendid offering of new spring millinery—every one is a marvelous value, made to sell for much more. There are models for dress, for afternoon, street, sports and general wear. Choice of the most popular materials, shapes and trims. All head sizes.

—Downstairs at Ayres.



Women's Silk Frocks

Just 100 of these silk dresses at this low price; in attractive styles, but size and color \$2.95. Remarkable values.

Panel Curtains of Scotch Madras, Ea.

Beautiful panels in ecru color, or with colored figures in blue, rose or gold. Hemmed bottoms.

\$1

Fine Dress Fabrics

Very attractive silk and cotton, and rayon and cotton mixtures—mostly in printed patterns, some with woven check and stripe patterns. All fast colors.

50c

Rayon Slip Satin

39-inch rayon slip satin in a choice of about the desired shades. Pretty, high lustre. Very special for Friday only.

50c

Cotton Shantung

A good grade of cotton shantung to use for casement curtains or side drapes. In a pretty tan color only.

25c

Rayon Marquisette

Beautiful lustrous rayon marquisette in ecru color with a blue woven stripe. Will make lovely curtains for summertime use. 24 inches wide.

10c

Curtain Samples

Samples of shadow lace and flit net. Suitable for short curtains—for window or door. About 1½ yards long.

25c and 35c Ea.

81x90 Wearwell

Sheets, \$1 Ea.

Every woman should buy at least a dozen of these fine sheets at this bargain price. Every one is perfect quality. Following brands are also included:

Wigwam Lockwood
81x90 63x99

Boys' Wash Suits

One-piece wash suits of chambray, prints and pretty combinations, light and dark colors. Trimmed with collar, pocket and belt; sizes 3 to 8 yrs.

79c

Girl's Rayon Bloomers

Strongly made bloomers of good quality, lustrous rayon; double crotch; elastic at waist and knee; in pink, white or peach; sizes 6 to 14 years.

50c

Girls' Silk Frocks

There are just 15 of these pretty silk dresses; all are wonderful values at this low price. Size and color ranges are broken.

\$2.95

Felt Base Rugs

9x12 \$6.50 9x10.5 \$5.75

7x9 \$4.50 6x9 \$3.30

There are 400 fine felt-base rugs to choose from at these low prices—special for one day only. In beautiful linoleum patterns and good colors. Has hard enamel surface which is easy to keep clean.

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Women's Combination Suits of Rayon

Carefully tailored one-piece garments of fine, lustrous rayon; bodice top style with pique shoulder straps; band finish at knee; sizes 34 to 42; each.

\$1.49

Children's Knit Vests

Elastic cotton knit vests with built-up shoulders; neatly tailored at neck and armholes; drawstring at neck. Sizes 4 to 16 years.

17c

Women's Union Suits

Well made cotton knit union suits with a rayon stripe; built-up shoulders; nicely tailored at neck and armholes; tight or loose knee; sizes 36 to 44.

50c

Children's Lisle Half Socks

These are dainty little half-socks of lisle in plain colors with tops trimmed in contrasting color. First quality; assorted colors; sizes 5 to 8½; pair.

15c

Children's ¾ Socks

An attractive assortment of ¾ socks in fancy patterns with close-fitting jacquard tops; in assorted color combinations; sizes 6 to 9½; substandards.

25c

Full-Fashioned Chiffon Hose

With Black Heels

First quality stocking of pure silk from top to toe, reinforced with lisle at points of greatest wear. They're full fashioned and have lovely black heels. Sizes 8½ to 10. A remarkable value.

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Boys' School Knickers

211 Pairs of serviceable knickers for school wear; mostly of corduroy. Sizes 6 to 9 and 13 to 17. Fine value.

50c

87 Men's Pajamas

Very serviceable pajamas; well made and full cut for comfort; in plain colors; some fancy patterns. Soiled from display. Sizes A to D.

79c

Men's Work Socks

Just 224 pairs of serviceable work socks at this price; in plain colors.

\$1

126 Boys' Blouses

Well made, full cut blouses that have been soiled from display. Remarkable values at this low price.

39c

1,000 Dainty Wash Frocks

\$1 Ea.

Plenty of basque and becoming straightline styles are available in this large group of new wash dresses. All are well made of prints and dimities—daintily trimmed with organdie, binding, shirring, shawl collars or inserts. In popular colors. Sizes 16 up to 52.

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Men's Dress Shirts

Only 169 of these shirts are available at this price. Collar attached and neckband styles, soiled from display, broken sizes. Limit 2 to customer.

50c

Men's Lisle Socks

Fine mercerized lisle socks from the Real Silk Mill. In a good choice of plain colors. Well reinforced. Sizes 9½ to 12. Substandards.

17c

Also seconds of plain and fancy silk hose at 25¢ pair.

Athletic Union Suits

High-grade union suits for men; cut for comfort and well made throughout. Two for \$1.00 if you wish. Sizes 36 to 46.

55c

Men's Spring Ties

A good assortment of bright spring neckties in pretty patterns and colorings. (Two for \$1.)

55c

Rayon Athletic Shirts

Men's fine ribbed rayon undershirts with collarette neckline; sleeveless. Sizes 36 to 40. Extra value.

69c

DOWNSTAIRS at AYRES

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With the best if it has been made at Dyer's. Not from a price standard—it is not high priced—but because of its beauty, merit and dignity of design. It has a desirable individuality all its own. It is appreciated by those who know good jewelry. The name Dyer on the box adds much to the value, but nothing to the cost.

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