

## VERY LITTLE GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP OF FRIENDS' CHURCH

Net Increase in the Orthodox Branch for the Year 1907 Was But 310, According to The American Friend.

### COMPARISON OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS NOT GOOD.

City of Richmond and Indiana Are Shown to Be the Center Of Orthodox Quakerism of The Entire World.

There is not a great deal to encourage the members of the orthodox branch of the Friends' church in the statistics dealing with the membership for the year 1907. It is shown by figures compiled by the American Friend, official organ of the church, that a gain of 1,013 was made in membership, but in reality the net gain is only 310. One point of special interest locally is that the Indiana Yearly Meeting, which holds its sessions in Richmond, is shown to be the largest in America and hence the largest in the world; the London and Dublin meetings not compare with it. Western yearly meeting, which holds its sessions in Plainfield, is second in size and combined membership of the two more than one-third of the entire membership of the entire society, showing Indiana to be the center of the world's orthodox Quakerism.

**Includes the Mission.**

In speaking of the statistics, the American Friend says:

"We have again tabulated the statistics from the several larger orthodox yearly meetings in America, taking the figures from their printed proceedings, together with a few additions from the statistical report of the American Friend's board of foreign missions.

From these totals we record an apparent gain of 1,013, making a grand total of 98,932. These figures include the totals for the meetings in the United States and Canada, also members of recognized mission meetings, which are officially recognized as organic parts of the several yearly meetings. The number in 'mission meetings' is 3,440. When we subtract the 'mission members' from the grand total, we have 95,492 as the total membership for the United States and Canada.

**Net Gain Is 310.**

"While the apparent gain for the year is 1,013 the net gain is only 310. This discrepancy would lead us to despair concerning even the approximate accuracy of our figures if it were not for the fact that the heavy addition occurs in Western yearly meeting, where the new statistical secretary discovered that one entire quarterly meeting had not been reported for four years. This accounts for the large apparent gain, but it also confirms the fact that our actual gain has been only a few hundred, probably not far from our net figures, 310, or less than one-third of one per cent for the year. Last year our apparent gain was 1,694. 681 more than it is this year, while our net gain was 1,639, over five times what it is this year. This is true in spite of the fact that we have gained by births and from outside sources nearly 7,000 members, or about eight per cent. This alone is not a bad showing, but when we turn to our losses we find them nearly as great as our gain. Apparently we have not learned how to take care of what we get."

### Deaths Exceed Births.

"A comparison of the births and deaths shows balance on the wrong side of the account, there having been 87 more deaths than births during the year. The older communities, as a rule, lead with a large mortality ratio, while the pioneer meetings show an excess of births. There is one notable exception this year. North Carolina has the highest birth rate compared with the number of deaths of any of the yearly meetings. When we eliminate births from the items of net increase, we find that California, Kansas, New York, North Carolina and Oregon have received enough recruits from the outside to more than offset their losses, while Western Yearly meeting is transferred from the gain to the loss column. On the other hand, without deaths, every yearly meeting would have shown a net gain, except Ohio and Wilmington.

### Figures on Membership.

The figures on membership are as follows:

Yearly Meetings 1906 1907

Baltimore ..... 1,200 1,182

California (including 1-

100 in Alaska) ..... 3,447 3,714

Canada\* ..... 1,096 1,096

Indiana (including 582 in

Arkansas and Mexico) 20,283 20,288

Iowa (including 196 in

Jamaica) ..... 12,114 12,056

Kansas (including 84 in

Alaska) ..... 11,114 11,249

New England (including

40 in Ramallah) ..... 4,421 4,394

New York ..... 3,415 3,594

North Carolina includ-

ing 35 in Cuba) ..... 6,469 6,733

Ohio (including 211 in

China and India) ..... 6,693 6,627

Oregon (including 72 in

Alaska) ..... 1,944 1,962

Philadelphia\* ..... 4,389 4,389

Mexico) ..... 15,220 16,079

Wilmington ..... 3,483 3,570

## Youngest Great-Grandmother in the United States is Just Fifty Years Old



It is a rare thing that four generations can be pictured in a family group, and the eldest under fifty years. The picture shown is this group, from

## JAPANESE FLEET NOW NEAR HAWAII

Paris Journal Publishes an Alarmist Story Creating Much Excitement.

### NO DANGER OF WAR.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Patrie in its issue of this afternoon, asks in big headlines, "Where is the Japanese Fleet?" and publishes an alarmist story based on reports that it has been seen cruising off Hawaii.

**There Will be no War.**

London, Jan. 4.—Sir Charles Dilke, M. P., in an interview today expressed the opinion that there would not be a war between the United States and Japan. "Why should there be?" asked Sir Charles. "You can not have war unless one side wants it. What possibly could be gained by war? Japan is supposed to covet the Philippines, but she has not yet digested the slice of Manchuria that the Russo-Japanese war gave her, nor has she even settled Formosa. Does she not know that even if she did defeat the American fleet, her triumph would not be over, since the United States would build a new fleet, and Japan's expenditure in blood and treasure might be for nothing."

### TIME LENGTHENED.

Time will be lengthened Sunday on several of the Pennsylvania fast trains during the winter.

## WOODMEN CANDIDATES TO BE INITIATED

Installation of Officers Will Take Place.

Monday evening the Modern Woodmen will initiate a number of candidates into the mysteries of the camp.

The installation of officers, who were

elected the first of December, will also

take place. The officers for the new term are:

Consult—F. B. Unthaden.

Adviser—O. B. Unthaden.

Banker—F. F. Haisley.

Clerk—N. C. Heironimus.

Escort—William Sharp.

Watchman—M. A. Bell.

Sentry—Charles Hilbert.

Manager—E. E. Reid.

Mr. N. C. Heironimus, who was again

elected clerk, has filled this position for ten years.

### The Oath in Norway.

The most curious European oath is administered in Norway. The witness raises his thumb, his forefinger and his middle finger. These signify the Trinity, while the larger of the uplifted fingers is supposed to represent the soul of the witness and the smaller to indicate his body. Before the oath is taken a long exhortation is delivered, the most material parts of which are as follows: "Whatever person is so ungodly, corrupt or hostile to himself as to swear a false oath or not to keep the oath sworn sins in such a manner as if he were to say, 'If I swear falsely, then I may God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost punish me, so that God the Father, who created me and all mankind in his image, and his fatherly goodness, grace and mercy may not profit me, but that I, as a perverse and obstinate transgressor and sinner, may be punished eternally in hell. If I swear falsely then may all I have and own in this world be cursed—cursed be my cattle, my beasts, my sheep, so that after this day they may never thrive or benefit me—yea, cursed may I be and everything I possess.'

**In The Stomach Dispensable?**

An operation for the removal of the stomach in Chicago recently, prompted discussions on the subject. It is believed

it could be removed and the patient be no worse for it. Before the discussion had

been completed, it was decided that it

could not live without his stomach.

To keep

stomach in good condition, and cure consti-

tional indigestion, etc., the great herb

laxative compound, Dr. Caduceus' Peppermint Root, will be at 50 cents and \$1 a pound.

## HOKENDAUQUA TRIBE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Local Wigwam Organized  
Thirteen Years Ago.

A celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the Hokendauqua tribe of Red Men will be observed on Monday February 7, at their hall. The main address of the occasion will be an address by Bryan C. Robbins. Besides the address, there will be a literary program. Refreshments will be served and it is expected to make it an occasion of unusual interest.

A very choice line of Dress Goods Remnants to go on sale Monday morning at half price. Knollenberg's Dress Goods Department.

### IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Mrs. Joseph Jackson of North Eleventh street, a well known resident of this city, is critically ill at her home.

## FAIRBANKS NOT TO GET SUPPORT OF METHODIST CHURCH

Zions Herald Declares That He Need Not Expect Support Of the Church If He Makes Presidential Race.

## VIOLATED PROHIBITION PRINCIPLES OF BODY.

Denomination Is So Sensitive In Matter of Prohibition that It Will Not Condone "The Cocktail Incident."

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—Should Mr. Charles W. Fairbanks become a candidate for the presidency by his own efforts, he need not expect the support of his fellow Methodists, says the Zion's Herald today.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Fairbanks is charged with violating, at his own table, prohibition principles and practices which the universal conscience of our denomination hold sacred and inviolable," says the publication.

"The Methodist Episcopal church is so sensitive in the matter of prohibition that it does not and will not condone the charge."

## WHOLESALE FIRM SUED ON ACCOUNT

Two Suits Against Marshall, Rost, Bartel Company Filed in Circuit Court.

### BOTH FOR SMALL AMOUNTS.

ATTORNEYS DENY THAT THE CONCERN IS INVOLVED IN THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE BIG STORE ENCOUNTERED.

Two suits on account were filed today in the circuit court against the Marshall, Rost, Bartel company, wholesale dry goods jobbers, which concern is located on the third floor of the Big Store block, Ninth and Main streets.

Attorneys for the company deny that it is financially involved and on the verge of going into bankruptcy. Last month when the Rost & Marshall company, which firm operates the Big Store, closed its doors the announcement was made that the concern had taken this measure pending a settlement with its creditors and that the wholesale concern of Marshall, Rost, Bartel company, was in no way connected with or effected by the affair of the retail establishment.

"So far as I know the affairs of the Marshall, Rost, Bartel company are in good shape. I do not know why the two suits on account have been filed," said one of the attorneys for the concern.

The Lynchburg Hosiery mills has brought suit against the Marshall, Rost, Bartel company to collect \$506,50 for goods alleged to have been shipped to the firm between the months of February and September last year. The Detroit Neckwear Company has also brought suit to collect \$358,21 for goods supplied.

### Burglar's Notebook.

"Here is an interesting find," said Lecoq, the detective. "It is a burglar's notebook—instructions for the burglar's young. Listen, and I'll read you some extracts."

He opened the little yellow book and read:

"To keep from sneezing, close eyes and open mouth and press upper lip till desire vanishes."

"Use turpentine to drill iron if it is hard."

"Put hard soap into cut when sawing off padlocks."

"Black the face when doing job and carry soap and piece of mirror to wash off with; also carry towel."

"Put rubber washer on bottom of vase to make soundless."

"Carry vial of tincture of arnica for cuts and bruises."

"Try all chisel before using."

"Use electric lamp; never the old fashioned oil lantern."

"To break window, cut with diamond and then spread thick white lead on funnel and press from."

"Hold lamp always at arm's length when lit. Then, if it is shot at, you will not be hit!"—St. Louis Republic.

### Put Into a Book.

Thomas Milton was Dickens' solicitor as well as his schoolfellow and used to say that he was the only one of all "Charlie's" friends whom the novelist had never "put into a book."

Milton's heirs smiled inwardly, be-

cause they recognized obvious pieces

of Milton in several of the novels, the

most conspicuous fragments being in

Wemmick ("Great Expectations") and

Tappertit ("Barnaby Rudge").

Not much in common, it may be said,

between these two eccentric Nor-

folk and the man who wrote "Barnaby Rudge."

London Chronicle.

The Sunrise of Life.

Infants and children are constantly needing a

them. Their stomachs and bowels are

strong enough to stand up to

the effects of the

peppermint root.

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