

More Than 67,000,000 Belong To 256 Church Groups, Yearbook Says

NEW YORK.—(N.Y.)—Church membership in the United States has increased to 67,000,000, the highest ever reported, according to the 1942 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches, whose publication was announced by Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor.

The Yearbook, which was edited under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches, reported a total membership of 67,077,719 persons in 256 religious bodies—an increase of 2,026,173 persons over the 1941 report of 65,051,546 members in 250 religious bodies. Both the total number of religious bodies and the number of members are the largest ever reported in any religious census or other compilation, Dr. Landis stated.

Among the Protestant groups the Methodist Church reported the highest enrollment—12,206 churches with 4,848,424 members, followed by the Southern Baptist Convention with 3,578 churches and 3,367,128 members.

Catholics Near 24,000,000

Other reports of membership listed in the Yearbook include the following: The Roman Catholic Church, 14,976 local churches with 23,945,267 members; Jewish Congregations, 1,728 synagogues and temples with 4,641,184 members; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., 24,573 churches with 3,911,612 members; the Protestant Episcopal Church, 7,863 churches with 2,074,178 members; the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 4,511 churches with 1,866,287 members; the United Lutheran Church, 4,306 churches with 1,708,290 members; Eastern Orthodox Churches, 1,153,633 members; Old Catholic Churches, 30,396 members. The total membership reported for all Protestant Churches combined was 34,502,067.

Slightly more than 87 per cent of the church members in the continental United States were found in the 52 religious bodies which had 50,000 or more members. The remaining 3 per cent of the members were in the 204 smaller bodies. About the same distribution occurred in the summary of church members published two years ago in the previous Yearbook.

Church members 13 years of age and over were 54,860,954 persons, or more than 81 per cent of the total of 67,077,719 members. In 1941 the number of members thirteen years of age and over was 52,403,638.

Kathryn F. Halloran In Memoriam

So casually we say, "She was a member of the National Council of Catholic Women, the Altar Society of St. Cecilia's Church and of the Ladies of Charity." Words so quickly and even thoughtlessly spoken and yet so filled with meaning.

"Kate," she was called, but few of you really knew her. In her daily duties, she often met the poor and unfortunate, and they learned to know well her generous kindness. If she found a need, real and urgent, she forgot all else. Creditors were promptly told that "collections were not possible" and then she turned to positive action. Tireless, herself, she did not rest until relief was given and the problems solved. When her resources were exhausted, she never hesitated to refer the object of her concern to some authorized agency.

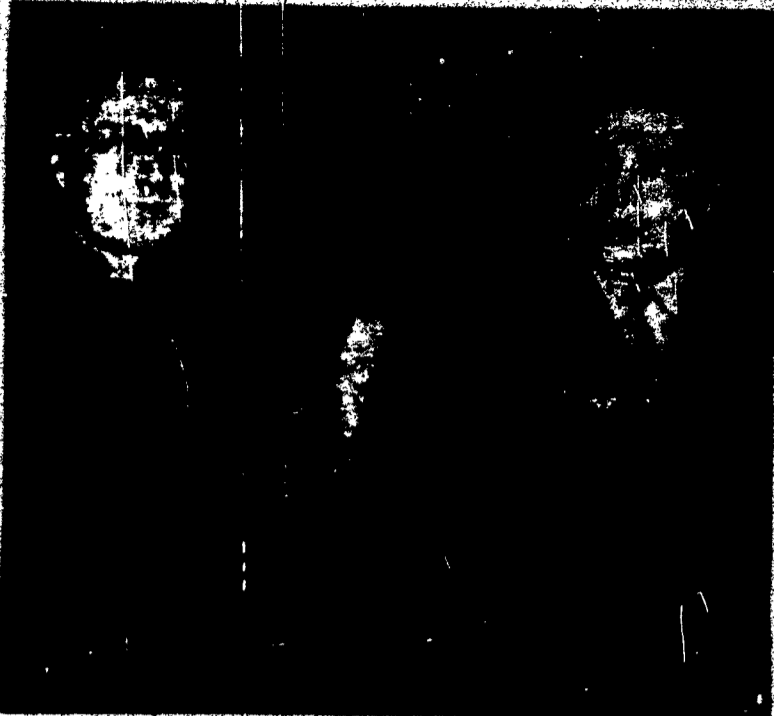
This was the "Kate" that her family knew and loved and she was the one whom many an old man and woman will remember in their prayers. May she rest in peace.

Wrong Percentage

Three absent-minded professors were so absorbed in conversation that they didn't hear the train come for their conductor's "All aboard" call until the puff of the engine attracted them. Then they all rushed for the train, and two of them scrambled on it. The third looked on sheepishly. The agent, standing nearby, said, "Good, Mister, but you shouldn't feel so badly. Two out of three made it—there's a pretty good percentage."

"Yes," said the professor, "but they came down to see me off."

PARAGUAY PRESIDENT AT MASS



Gen. Miguel Morón, president of Paraguay, pictured as he arrived for Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, during his official visit to the United States. He was met at the church door by the Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward L. Buckley (left), pastor. (N.C.W.C.)

Weddings In Elmira Area

Liu - Ling

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ling, daughter of Mrs. Ann Ling of St. Paul, Minn., became the bride of Dr. Ping P. Liu, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Liu of Nanking, China, in a service performed by Our Lady of Lourdes Church by the Rev. Philip McGowan on Saturday, June 19, 1943, at 10 A. M.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Marie Ling of St. Paul, and Miss Rose Wise, also of St. Paul, was bridesmaid. Dr. Francis K. Creighton was best man. A reception was held at 4 P. M. at the Langwin Hotel, after which the couple left for a short wedding trip. They will live at 981 W. Water St.

Mrs. Liu attended school in St. Paul. Dr. Liu is resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital. He received his early education in Peking, China, and attended University of Minnesota, where he graduated from the medical school.

Lynch - Allard

Miss Jeanette Powell Allard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Allard, of New Haven, Conn., and Lt. James F. Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lynch, 822 Linden Pl., were married on Saturday, June 19, 1943, in St. Agnes Church, New Haven. Rev. Ernest Wilson performed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Stone College, New Haven. Lieutenant Lynch attended St. Cecilia's School and the Academy, and graduated from Alfred University. He received his commission in the Army Air Force at Yale, and is now stationed in Philadelphia.

Miller - Spivack

Miss Anna Spivack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wasyli Spivack, 261 E. Ninth St., Elmira Heights, was married to Matthew C. Miller, 207 Harrison St., the Heights, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Miller, in a ceremony performed in St. Nicholas Church by Rev. W. B. Dershowitch on June 19, 1943.

Miss Agnes Miller and Joseph Tarmey were attendants.

Sullivan - Tupper

Miss Barbara Hazel Tupper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burr H. Tupper, 708 Robinson St., became the bride of Sgt. Michael Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, Pers. N. Y., in a ceremony performed by the Rev. William J. Heien at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, June 19, 1943, at 11:45 A. M. Mrs. Charles F. Lynch played the wedding music. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Lucille Clark, Elmira, was the attendant. Jack Sullivan was his brother's best man. William Tupper, brother of the bride, and Harry Sagar, Jr., Elmira, ushered.

27th Chaplain

Milwaukee.—Twenty-seventh priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to enter the armed forces, the Rev. Raymond E. Vial, former curate of St. Thomas Aquinas Church here, has been commissioned in the Army and has departed for the training school at Harvard University.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Mark Twain Hotel. The couple left for a trip to the Adirondacks.

The bride is a graduate of Elmira schools and Cornell University. Sgt. Sullivan graduated from Elmira High School and Cornell University. Before entering the service, he was manager of the G. L. F. warehouse for northern New York State. He is stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

Whites' Apathy Toward Colored Mission Hit

NEW YORK.—The apathy of white Catholics toward the missionaries among the colored race and their work presents a challenge to "the intellectual honesty and spiritual integrity of these Catholics," the Rev. John LaFarge, N.Y. Associate Editor of American States in an article in that Catholic weekly review of opinion. The article deals with the Golden Jubilee of the Society of St. Joseph, a community which carries on missionary work among the colored in this country.

"This may explain to you why the Catholic missionary to the Negro in the United States," Father LaFarge stated, "cannot fight on two fronts: to bring the Gospel to the Negro; but also to bring the same Gospel to the prejudiced minds and hearts of some of their own Catholic white brethren in this country."

Removal of Social Injustices Post-War Aim, Prelate Says

TORONTO.—The Most Rev. J. C. McQuinn, Archbishop of Toronto, told the British annual meeting of the Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus, that one of the main objectives of post-war planning must be the removal of social injustices which breed hatred and promote war.

Archbishop McQuinn outlined a five-point program proposed by the State Council, and which each of the 58 K. of C. Councils in Ontario will seek to promote. The program follows: Establishment of a Christian democracy with principles of the Christian religion as the foundation of all national policy and all social life, regarding all nations as one family under the fatherhood of God.

The vital necessity of State action to safeguard the sacred interests of the family as a social unit.

A back-to-the-land movement for the stabilization of national life, as well as for the happiness of the individuals.

Establishment of a relationship between capital and labor so that the dignity of human personality will be recognized and that extreme inequality in wealth and possessions will be abolished.

Mass in Avignon Palace First Time in 153 Years

VATICAN CITY.—Mass was celebrated in the Avignon Palace in connection with the celebration of the 153rd anniversary of the French Revolution, according to reports received here from Vichy.

With the reopening of the Avignon Palace, the French government is celebrating the 153rd anniversary of the French Revolution, according to reports received here from Vichy.

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