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GROWTH OF RELIGION

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE IS SHOWN BY VARIOUS SECTS.

Gain for Last Year Larger Than Any Preceding One—How Adherents of Various Faiths Are Divided.

New York.—Nearly all religious sects, as their figures of growth for last year are announced, show a larger percentage of increase than in previous years. In several denominations the ratio of growth exceeds the usual ratio of increase in the population. This is notably the case in the Episcopal church, which last year gained three per cent. on its membership of the previous year, while the population growth is estimated at about two per cent. The Episcopal church has added 25,915 to its membership, making its present figures 897,351.

In the Presbyterian church the increase in membership last year was at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. The total members being 27,431, and the total number 1,094,908. Last year's gain was two and one-fifth per cent. The Southern Presbyterian church, a much smaller body than the northern, having but 239,888 members, gained two per cent. last year.

The ratio of gain by the Methodist membership is not so large as in the other bodies named, but was one and four-fifths per cent., or almost as much as the estimated ratio of population growth. For the previous year the Methodist ratio was only one per cent. The body has now about 3,054,735 members, of whom about 200,000 are connected with foreign conferences and missions.

It is stated in the Presbyterian handbook for 1905 that the religions of the world have 1,430,000,000 adherents, divided as follows: Christians, 477,080,158; Confucianism, 256,000,000; Hinduism, 190,000,000; Mohammedanism, 176,843,372; Buddhism, 112,000,000; Taoism and Shintolism, 77,000,000; Jainism, 7,056,000, and various northern faiths, 118,129,479.

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Millionaires Enjoy Themselves.
Twenty millionaires, impersonating farmers, lately held a curious dinner in a hotel in Philadelphia. A miniature cornfield had been installed in the dining hall, and roosters ate wheat from the floor. The guests used toy pitch forks, rakes and hoes, instead of knives and forks. A stuffed bull stood behind a tall fence, and two live pigs feasted in a sty. Farming utensils hung on the walls, and the electric lights were in pumpkins and melons. When the company felt thirsty they went to a cider press, and farmers' wagons took them home.

Missouri Woman Flew Husband.
Rightwood, Mo., Jan. 19.—Dr. Emmett Perdue was killed by his wife at the home of his father-in-law, Marion Lakes, three miles southwest of here. She had left him and had just gone back home.

No Sign.
Ethel—Are you sure the count was intoxicated last night?
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MAKE ODD NUPTIAL PACT.

Widow Who Remains Keen to Cherish Memory of First Spouse and Will Be Buried by His Side.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 24.—Although Mrs. Henrietta Meirose, a comely widow, of St. Louis county, loves Martha Krueger well enough to marry him, she does it with the express understanding that she cherishes the memory of William Meirose, her first husband.

When she dies Mrs. Meirose is to be buried beside the body of her first husband. If Krueger survives her, it is distinctly understood that he is to claim no right of interment in the lot where she will be buried by the side of her first husband.

The consideration of this agreement is the marriage of the couple and the renunciation of all dower and curtesy rights that otherwise would rise from their union. The document has been filed in the office of the recorder of deeds in Clayton.

Krueger also lives in St. Louis county. Like his fiancée he is making his second venture in the matrimonial state. Both have several children by their first marriage. Fearing complications, they went to the office of a St. Louis lawyer as soon as they became engaged and had him draw up the antenuptial contract.

Krueger owns 61 acres of land in St. Louis county, while Mrs. Meirose owns a 25-foot lot on University street. Besides, both own personal and mixed property, while Mrs. Meirose also owns a lot in St. Peter's cemetery, in St. Louis county, where Meirose is buried, and where she is to be buried, and where Krueger is not to be buried.

All marital rights arising from dower and curtesy are mutually renounced. The incomes of the estates, however, are to be shared jointly and divided equally in the event that their union is severed by any other cause than death.

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The Central American republics have a curious clause in their postal regulations. The posts that go by water or airway are required to carry the Bible without charge.

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