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At the close of 1938 this work was conducted in 387 countries, islands, and island groups, by 28,084 evangelistic and institutional laborers, who are using 766 languages and modes of speech in their work. This is an increase of 52 during the year 1938; since 1929, the increase has been 372, or practically one new language added on an average of every nine days during the past nine years.

The membership of the 8,570 churches throughout the world at the close of 1938 stood at 469,951, a net increase during the year of 17,193, or a gain of 3.80 per cent during the year. The increase in membership since 1912 has been 371,907, or a gain of 379,33 per cent during the 27 years. The increase in membership since 1929 has been 170,396, or a gain of 56.88 per cent during the past nine years. This gain is shown by divisions as follows:

Division	1929	1938	Gain	Per Cent of Gain
Australasian	11,465	19,033	7,568	66.01
Cen. European, Sec. I	38,165			
Cen. European, Sec. II	42,245	8,896	4,816	11.40
China and Far East	24,651	31,620	6,969	28.02
Inter-American	14,602	33,296	18,694	128.02
North American	117,771	171,214	53,443	45.88
Northern European	24,228	37,873	13,645	56.32
South American	18,342	30,406	12,064	65.77
South African	18,070	30,259	17,189	181.51
Southern Asia	2,961	6,180	3,219	108.71
Southern European	16,511	31,298	14,787	89.56
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Totals	299,555	469,951	170,396	56.88

From the preceding statement it will be seen that the membership during the past nine years has increased 56.88 per cent.

Members, Churches, and Laborers by Decades

Year	Members	Conferences	Missions	Churches	Evangelistic Laborers	Languages
1772	4,801	12	1	205	86	5
1882	17,169	26	6	660	301	15
1892	33,778	34	11	1,102	400	30
1902	67,150	72	42	2,077	2,278	40
1912	98,044	126	100	2,874	5,101	75
1922	208,771	143	153	4,927	7,600	194
1929	299,555	155	245	6,557	10,051	394
1930	314,253	160	270	6,741	10,988	417
1931	336,046	155	278	7,021	10,850	455
1932	362,101	144	289	7,322	10,749	485
1933	384,151	146	309	7,640	10,946	504
1934	404,509	144	318	7,818	11,642	539
1935	422,968	146	320	8,026	12,185	578
1936	438,139	143	328	8,243	12,589	649
1937	452,758	145	333	8,388	13,008	714
1938	469,951	136	315	8,570	13,105	766

Net Gains in Church Membership

Membership in 1863	8,500	Gains, 1929	14,262
Gains, 1863-72, 10 yrs.	1,301	Gains, 1930	14,698
Gains, 1873-82, "	12,368	Gains, 1931	21,793
Gains, 1883-92, "	16,609	Gains, 1932	26,055
Gains, 1893-02, "	33,372	Gains, 1933	22,050
Gains, 1903-12, "	30,894	Gains, 1934	20,358
Gains, 1912-17, 5 yrs.	55,813	Gains, 1935	18,459
Gains, 1917-22, 5 yrs.	54,914	Gains, 1936	15,171
Gains, 1922-27, 5 yrs.	65,293	Gains, 1937	14,619
Gains, 1928	11,229	Gains, 1938	17,193

Membership at close of 1938 469,951

Total Membership Since 1912

Year	Members	Annual Gain	Per Cent of Gain Over Previous Year
1912	98,044
1913	114,557	16,513	16.84
1914	125,844	11,287	9.85
1915	136,879	11,035	8.77
1916	141,488	4,609	3.87
1917	153,857	12,369	8.74
1918	162,667	8,810	5.73
1919	178,239	15,572	9.51
1920	185,450	7,211	4.05
1921	198,088	12,638	6.81
1922	208,771	10,683	5.39
1923	221,374	18,103	6.28
1924	238,657	16,783	7.56
1925	250,988	12,331	5.17
1926	261,834	10,846	4.32
1927	274,064	12,230	4.67
1928	285,293	11,229	4.10
1929	299,555	14,262	5.00
1930	314,253	14,698	4.91
1931	336,046	21,793	6.98
1932	362,101	26,055	7.75
1933	384,151	22,050	6.09
1934	404,509	20,358	5.30
1935	422,968	18,459	4.56
1936	438,139	15,171	3.59
1937	452,758	14,619	3.34
1938	469,951	17,193	3.80

Gain since 1912 371,907
Membership in 1912 98,044

469,951

There are now 69 union conferences, 186 local conferences, 315 missions, and 523 institutions, with which are connected 28,084 evangelistic and institutional laborers. In North America there are 10,861 laborers, and outside this country 17,723, the percentage relation standing for North America 36.89, and outside this country 63.11. The total laborers for 1938 constitutes one laborer for every 16.73 church members. This, however, does not take into account many hundreds of lay workers who are doing efficient work in behalf of this cause.

Total Funds

The total funds received during 1938 were as follows:

	Amount	Per Cent of Whole	Per Capita
Tithes	\$7,356,544.01	55.98	\$15.65
Foreign Missions	3,692,266.87	28.09	7.86
Home Missions	2,093,111.06	15.93	4.45
Totals	\$18,141,921.94	100.00	\$27.96
Annual increase	528,742.32		
Per Cent Increase	4.19		

It will be noted that the amount contributed during 1938 was an increase of 4.19 per cent greater than the contributions for 1937, and was a per capita of \$27.96 based on the total membership as it stood December 31, 1938. During recent years the per capita of funds contributed has run as follows:

1932	\$25.56	1935	\$24.81	1937	\$27.86
1933	22.50	1936	26.49	1938	27.96
1934	24.46				

The per cent of increase in total funds has run as follows during recent years:

Correction For Grand Totals For 1938—All Contribution Columns

Beginning with the 1939 *Annual Statistical Report*, 1938 contribution figures are different from the grand totals in the 1938 *Annual Statistical Report* in all contribution columns. All summary contribution tables in the years following 1939 carry these revised figures for 1938. These later figures, listed below, are therefore considered official.

Tithe, \$7,280,729

Sabbath School Mission Offering, \$1,705,490

World Mission, Including Sabbath School, and Other GC Funds, \$3,636,597

Intradivision and Local Church Funds, \$2,089,412

Total Tithe and Offerings, \$13,006,738

Note: These corrections appear to fall entirely in the foreign divisions area.

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