

B. STATISTICS

Statistics for the early decades are scarce. Not until a number of years after the General Assembly was organized were the statistics of the entire Church assembled and published in proper form. Rev. R. Vaughan Griffiths, the first general statistician, was appointed by the Assembly of 1883.

BRIEF STATISTICAL OUTLINE FOR THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS

Year	Number of Gymanvas	Number of Churches	Number of Communicants
1826.....	...	1	25
1842.....	2	36	1,200
1855.....	4	95	3,874
1870.....	5	152	8,042
1882.....	6	162	9,495

Under the General Assembly there were six gymanvas. The number of presbyteries varied from time to time. The average number was about eighteen. The following is an abridged report:

1886-1915

Year	Churches	Pas-tors	Preach-ers	Eld-ers	Communi-cants	Chil-dren of the Church	S. S. Mem-bers	Support of Minis-try	Mis-sions	Mis-cell-anous Causes	Total Offerings
1886	178	98	27	405	10,111	4,427	6,325	\$36,687	\$1,460	\$10,662	\$ 87,212
1889	184	98	30	445	12,251	4,682	14,318	48,905	2,686	28,405	83,327
1894	...	81	20	474	12,285	4,742	13,257	54,848	4,565	26,845	93,554
1898	158	80	11	459	12,152	4,431	12,258	51,413	4,977	26,066	91,221
1901	162	88	19	463	11,683	4,004	12,007	51,422	4,191	30,847	94,884
1902	184	95	20	429	11,015	4,536	12,373	51,976	3,056	42,802	103,676
1909	148	91	..	475	13,759	3,836	11,789	67,976	9,000	56,738	148,093
1910	...	101	..	462	14,340	3,913	11,562	70,680	9,076	54,941	145,891
1912	154	94	..	456	14,326	3,961	10,972	74,096	8,168	54,287	147,153
1915	142	91	..	448	14,668	3,556	11,062	78,265	9,773	50,728	150,958

No statistical reports are given for 1916 and after.

By "pastors" is meant ordained ministers.

By "preachers" is meant ministers not ordained.

For 1909 and thereafter pastors and preachers are placed in the same column.

By "children of the Church" is meant baptized children of communicant members.

The Church distinguished between contributions to "support of ministry" and other items of current expense.

The "miscellaneous causes" column included all other offerings, such as contributions to the American Bible Society, current expense items, education, temperance, and all other benevolences aside from missions.

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