

## BAPTIST BODIES

### GENERAL STATEMENT

It is a distinct principle with Baptists that they acknowledge no human founder, recognize no human authority, and subscribe to no human creed. For all these things, Baptists of every name and order go back to the New Testament. And while no competent Baptist historian assumes to be able to trace a succession of Baptist churches through the ages, most of them are of one accord in believing that, if we could secure the records, there would be found heroic groups of believers in every age who upheld with their testimonies and, in many cases, with their lives, the great outstanding and distinctive principles of the Baptist churches of to-day.

As soon as the Reformation gave men opportunity to interpret the teachings of the Scriptures for themselves, and to embody their convictions in speech and act, persons holding Baptist doctrines immediately began to appear. In the first quarter of the sixteenth century, they were found in Germany and Switzerland, and were called Anabaptists (Re-baptizers), because they insisted that persons baptized in infancy must, upon profession of conversion, and in order to gain admission into church fellowship, be baptized again, although they do not appear to have insisted always on immersion. These early Anabaptists were in the main of high character, though in some instances they held doctrines which led to fanatical outbreaks which aroused no little prejudice against them.

Gradually, in spite of severe persecution, the Anabaptists grew in numbers. Some of them, driven from Germany, found refuge in the Low Countries and these were gathered, under the lead of Menno Simons, into the groups of Mennonites<sup>1</sup> who passed over into England, and doubtless played an important part in giving currency to Baptist principles. To their influence, in all probability, the English Baptists owe their first churches, established in Amsterdam in 1608 and in London in 1611. Glimpses of them appear in the days preceding the Commonwealth, and during the Cromwellian period they became more prominent. It was due to this Mennonite influence that the early Baptist churches in England were Arminian rather than Calvinistic in type, and were termed General Baptists, indicating belief in a universal atonement, in distinction from Particular Baptists, indicating a limited atonement. The first Calvinistic or Particular Baptist church was formed in London in 1638, its members seceding peaceably from an older Separatist congregation. In 1641 a further secession from the same Separatist church occurred, and the new group became convinced from study of the New Testament that the apostolic baptism was immersion. They sent one of their number to Holland, where he was immersed by a minister of the Collegiate church at Rhynsburg, where the practice of immersion had been introduced, and on his return the rest of the church were immersed. Gradually this practice was adopted by all the Baptist churches and became in the popular mind their distinguishing feature. The General and Particular Baptists were united in 1891.

The first Baptist church in America was probably established by Roger Williams, the "Apostle of Religious Liberty," in Providence, R. I., in 1639, although this honor is disputed by the First Baptist Church of Newport, R. I., organized, it is claimed, with John Clarke as its pastor, the same year or shortly after.

<sup>1</sup> See Mennonite Bodies, p. 842.

Roger Williams was a Separatist<sup>2</sup> minister who came to the Massachusetts Colony in 1631, and was banished from that colony because "he broached and divulged new and dangerous opinions against the authority of magistrates." Having established himself at Providence, he adopted essentially Baptist views and soon gathered a number of converts to this faith. As there was no Baptist church in existence in America at that time, he baptized Ezekiel Holliman, who thereupon baptized him. Williams then baptized 10 others, and this company of Baptist believers organized themselves into a church. John Clarke came from New Hampshire to Newport about the same time, and, apparently without any connection with the work of Williams, established a Baptist church in that town.

These early American Baptist churches belonged to the Particular, or Calvinistic, branch. Later, Arminian views became widely spread for a time, but ultimately the Calvinistic view of the atonement was generally accepted by the main body of Baptists in the Colonies. The divisions which now exist began to make their appearance at a relatively early date. In 1652 the church at Providence divided, one party organizing a church which marked the beginning of the General Six Principle Baptists. The Seventh Day Baptist body organized its first church at Newport in 1671. Arminianism practically disappeared from the Baptist churches of New England about the middle of the eighteenth century, but General Baptists were found in Virginia before 1714, and this branch gained a permanent foothold in the South. As a result of the revival movement, generally known as the New Light movement, which followed George Whitefield's visit to New England in 1740, the Separate Baptists came into existence and at one time were very numerous. The Free Baptists,<sup>3</sup> in 1779, once more gave a general and widely accepted expression in New England to the Arminian view of the atonement.

Soon after the Revolutionary War, the question of the evangelization of the Negro race assumed importance, and a Colored Baptist church was organized in 1788. With the general revival movement at the close of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, to which the Free Baptists owed no small part of their growth, there developed, especially in the mountain sections of the Middle West and in the Southern States, a reaction toward a sterner Calvinism, which, combined with the natural Baptist emphasis upon individualism, produced a number of associations strictly, even rigidly, Calvinistic, some of them going to the extent of dualism, as in the doctrine of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.

About the same time, as missionary work became organized into societies, many of these associations opposed, not so much mission work itself, as its organization, through fear of a developing ecclesiasticism. These were variously termed "Old School," "Anti-Mission," "Hard Shell," and "Primitive" Baptists; but gradually the term "Primitive" became the most widely known and adopted. In contradistinction to these, the associations, or churches, which approved of missionary societies, came to be designated Missionary Baptists, though there was no definite denominational organization under that name.

The denominations mentioned, however, do not represent all who hold Baptist views, for during the revival period just referred to, the Disciples of Christ, or Churches of Christ, arose, who in practice are essentially Baptists, although they differ from the other bodies in some interpretations. With them also may be classed the Adventists, the Brethren (Dunker, Plymouth, and River), Mennonites, and certain other bodies. The Armenian and Eastern Orthodox Churches practice baptism by immersion, but do not limit it to those of mature years.

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<sup>2</sup> See Congregational Churches, p. 453.

<sup>3</sup> In 1926 the Free Baptist churches are included with those of the Northern Baptist Convention.

It thus appears that a survey of Baptist bodies should include not only those which make the term an integral part of their title, but some which are not ordinarily classed with them. It is also evident that among those who accept the name Baptists there are many differences, some of great importance. Seventh Day Baptists agree with other Baptists bodies except in regard to the Sabbath, but the distinction between Primitive Baptists and Free Will Baptists is much more marked than between Baptists and Disciples. Any presentation of the strength of Baptist denominations must take into account these divergencies.

By far the largest body of Baptists, not only in the United States but in the world, is that popularly known as "Baptist," though frequently referred to, and listed in the census of 1890, as "Regular Baptists." Other Baptist bodies prefix some descriptive adjective, such as "Primitive," "United," "General," "Free Will," etc., but this, which is virtually the parent body, commonly has no such qualification. Its churches, however, are ordinarily spoken of as "Northern," "Southern," and "Colored." This does not imply any divergence in doctrine or ecclesiastical order. All are one in these respects. It is rather a distinction adopted for administrative purposes, and based upon certain local or racial characteristics and conditions, the recognition of which implies no lack of fellowship or unanimity of purpose. Should these distinctions cease to exist, there is nothing whatever to prevent the same unity in matters of administration which now exists in belief, fellowship, and ecclesiastical practice.

STATISTICS

The denominations grouped as Baptists in 1926, 1916, and 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the three periods.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR BAPTIST BODIES, 1926, 1916, AND 1906

| DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR  | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                      | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                     | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount               | Churches reporting       | Amount              | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| <b>1926</b>   |                          |                   |                          |                      |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| <b>Total for the group.....</b>   | <b>60,192</b>            | <b>3,440,922</b>  | <b>52,281</b>            | <b>\$469,827,795</b> | <b>54,145</b>            | <b>\$98,045,096</b> | <b>47,889</b>      | <b>4,654,241</b>   |
| <b>Baptists:</b>  |                          |                   |                          |                      |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| Northern Baptist Convention.....  | 7,611                    | 1,289,966         | 7,297                    | 185,370,576          | 7,380                    | 34,318,486          | 6,999              | 1,052,794          |
| Southern Baptist Convention.....  | 23,374                   | 3,524,378         | 21,128                   | 173,456,965          | 22,338                   | 42,904,563          | 19,882             | 2,345,630          |
| Negro Baptists.....   | 22,081                   | 3,196,623         | 19,833                   | 103,465,759          | 20,209                   | 19,475,981          | 18,755             | 1,121,362          |
| General Six Principle Baptists.....   | 6                        | 293               | 6                        | 20,500               | 5                        | 3,046               | 5                  | 229                |
| Seventh Day Baptists.....   | 67                       | 7,264             | 58                       | 668,200              | 65                       | 132,068             | 57                 | 4,033              |
| Free Will Baptists.....   | 1,024                    | 79,592            | 765                      | 1,156,743            | 872                      | 252,613             | 643                | 38,199             |
| United American Free Will Baptists (Colored).....                               | 166                      | 13,396            | 142                      | 308,425              | 158                      | 67,773              | 144                | 5,077              |
| Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....   | 2                        | 36                | 1                        | 1,500                | 1                        | 100                 | 1                  | 15                 |
| General Baptists.....   | 465                      | 31,501            | 353                      | 706,325              | 440                      | 113,825             | 295                | 18,797             |
| Separate Baptists.....  | 65                       | 4,803             | 43                       | 63,650               | 41                       | 9,292               | 37                 | 1,782              |
| Regular Baptists.....   | 349                      | 23,091            | 233                      | 647,550              | 223                      | 55,610              | 65                 | 4,690              |
| United Baptists.....  | 221                      | 18,903            | 139                      | 144,665              | 147                      | 15,094              | 30                 | 2,005              |
| Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ)..... | 98                       | 7,340             | 75                       | 51,175               | 46                       | 5,262               | 14                 | 795                |
| Primitive Baptists.....   | 2,267                    | 81,374            | 1,037                    | 1,730,348            | 776                      | 166,847             | 5                  | 181                |
| Colored Primitive Baptists.....   | 925                      | 43,978            | 87                       | 171,518              | 111                      | 39,419              | 24                 | 2,278              |
| Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....                             | 27                       | 304               | 24                       | 19,350               | 20                       | 473                 |                    |                    |
| Independent Baptist Church of America.....                                      | 13                       | 222               | 6                        | 12,000               | 10                       | 2,499               | 6                  | 146                |
| American Baptist Association.....   | 1,431                    | 117,858           | 1,054                    | 1,832,546            | 1,303                    | 482,045             | 918                | 56,228             |

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR BAPTIST BODIES, 1926, 1916, AND 1906—Contd.

| DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR  | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |               | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |              | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount        | Churches reporting       | Amount       | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| <b>1916</b>   |                          |                   |                          |               |                          |              |                    |                    |
| <b>Total for the group</b> .....  | 57,828                   | 7,153,313         | 50,716                   | \$198,364,747 | 51,797                   | \$40,027,119 | 46,168             | 3,946,886          |
| <b>Baptists:</b>  |                          |                   |                          |               |                          |              |                    |                    |
| Northern Baptist Convention.....  | 8,148                    | 1,232,135         | 7,748                    | 94,644,133    | 7,848                    | 16,082,462   | 7,517              | 1,028,952          |
| Southern Baptist Convention.....  | 23,580                   | 2,708,870         | 19,268                   | 58,348,373    | 21,078                   | 15,063,743   | 17,555             | 1,665,996          |
| National Baptist Convention.....  | 21,071                   | 2,938,579         | 20,117                   | 41,184,920    | 19,988                   | 8,361,919    | 19,909             | 1,181,270          |
| General Six Principle Baptists.....   | 10                       | 456               | 10                       | 25,850        | 6                        | 2,483        | 6                  | 278                |
| Seventh Day Baptists.....   | 68                       | 7,980             | 59                       | 307,600       | 64                       | 67,095       | 66                 | 5,005              |
| Free Baptists.....  | 171                      | 12,570            | 159                      | 670,720       | 153                      | 123,363      | 141                | 11,642             |
| Free Will Baptists.....   | 750                      | 54,833            | 656                      | 517,240       | 612                      | 75,835       | 390                | 22,421             |
| Colored Free Will Baptists.....   | 169                      | 13,362            | 164                      | 178,385       | 168                      | 36,647       | 87                 | 4,168              |
| Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....   | 12                       | 184               | 6                        | 3,450         | 3                        | 275          | 1                  | 12                 |
| General Baptists.....   | 517                      | 33,466            | 390                      | 421,837       | 424                      | 64,698       | 305                | 18,545             |
| Separate Baptists.....  | 46                       | 4,254             | 40                       | 47,565        | 33                       | 9,468        | 30                 | 1,711              |
| Regular Baptists.....   | 401                      | 21,521            | 189                      | 141,480       | 143                      | 11,855       | 50                 | 2,587              |
| United Baptists.....  | 254                      | 22,097            | 82                       | 52,147        | 69                       | 4,837        | 16                 | 701                |
| Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ)..... | 105                      | 6,872             | 49                       | 40,600        | 67                       | 2,518        | 8                  | 399                |
| Primitive Baptists.....   | 2,142                    | 80,311            | 1,580                    | 1,601,807     | 964                      | 96,270       | -----              | -----              |
| Colored Primitive Baptists.....   | 336                      | 15,144            | 164                      | 154,690       | 170                      | 22,881       | 87                 | 3,201              |
| Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....                             | 48                       | 679               | 35                       | 23,950        | 7                        | 170          | -----              | -----              |
| <b>1906</b>   |                          |                   |                          |               |                          |              |                    |                    |
| <b>Total for the group</b> .....  | 54,707                   | 5,662,234         | 49,329                   | 139,842,656   | -----                    | -----        | 41,165             | 2,898,914          |
| <b>Baptists:</b>  |                          |                   |                          |               |                          |              |                    |                    |
| Northern Baptist Convention.....  | 8,247                    | 1,052,105         | 7,795                    | 74,620,025    | -----                    | -----        | 7,346              | 851,269            |
| Southern Baptist Convention.....  | 21,075                   | 2,009,471         | 18,672                   | 34,723,882    | -----                    | -----        | 14,371             | 1,014,690          |
| National Baptist Convention.....  | 18,492                   | 2,261,607         | 17,890                   | 24,437,272    | -----                    | -----        | 17,478             | 924,665            |
| General Six Principle Baptists.....   | 16                       | 685               | 13                       | 19,450        | -----                    | -----        | 9                  | 414                |
| Seventh Day Baptists.....   | 76                       | 8,381             | 68                       | 292,250       | -----                    | -----        | 67                 | 5,117              |
| Free Baptists.....  | 1,338                    | 81,359            | 1,092                    | 2,974,130     | -----                    | -----        | 1,059              | 65,101             |
| Free Will Baptists.....   | 608                      | 40,280            | 554                      | 296,585       | -----                    | -----        | 263                | 12,720             |
| Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....   | 15                       | 298               | 8                        | 6,900         | -----                    | -----        | 1                  | 25                 |
| General Baptists.....   | 518                      | 30,097            | 380                      | 252,019       | -----                    | -----        | 230                | 11,658             |
| Separate Baptists.....  | 73                       | 5,180             | 59                       | 66,980        | -----                    | -----        | 45                 | 1,962              |
| United Baptists.....  | 190                      | 13,698            | 75                       | 36,715        | -----                    | -----        | 21                 | 1,360              |
| Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ)..... | 92                       | 6,416             | 86                       | 44,321        | -----                    | -----        | 9                  | 402                |
| Primitive Baptists.....   | 2,878                    | 102,311           | 1,953                    | 1,674,810     | -----                    | -----        | -----              | -----              |
| Colored Primitive Baptists in America.....                                      | 787                      | 35,076            | 501                      | 296,539       | -----                    | -----        | 166                | 6,224              |
| Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....                             | 55                       | 781               | 32                       | 21,500        | -----                    | -----        | -----              | -----              |
| United American Free Will Baptists (Colored).....                               | 247                      | 14,489            | 151                      | 79,278        | -----                    | -----        | 100                | 3,307              |

Certain changes are to be noted. Under the "Negro Baptists," in 1926, are included the former National Baptist Convention, now the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and the National Baptist Convention of America; the Lott Carey Missionary Baptists; and the colored Baptist churches that were formerly reported with the Northern Baptist Convention. The Free Baptists of 1916 are now a part of the Northern Convention. A new body has recently completed its organization, under the name Independent Baptist Church of America, and a new denomination has come out of the Southern Baptist Convention, called the American Baptist Association.

## BAPTISTS

## HISTORY

The history of the early Baptist churches in New England is one of constant struggle for existence. The Puritan government of Massachusetts was so bitter in its opposition that nearly a century after Roger Williams there were but 8 Baptist churches in that colony. Conditions elsewhere were similar, although farther south there was less persecution. Down to the middle of the eighteenth century it seemed probable that the General, or Arminian, wing would be dominant in New England at least, although in Philadelphia the controversy had resulted in a victory for the Calvinists. With The Great Awakening in 1740, and the labors of Whitefield, two significant changes appeared in Baptist church life. Calvinistic views began to predominate in the New England churches, and the bitter opposition to the Baptists disappeared. By 1784 the 8 churches in Massachusetts had increased to 73, and extension into the neighboring colonies had begun. With this growth, however, there developed a conflict similar to that found in the history of other denominations. The "New Lights," later known as "Separates," were heart and soul with Whitefield in his demands for a regenerated church membership; the "Old Lights," or "Regulars," earnestly opposed the introduction of hitherto unrecognized qualifications for the ministry or, indeed, for church membership. From New England the movement spread, becoming for a time especially strong in several Southern States. In the South the two parties eventually united in fellowship, and reorganized as United Baptists. In New England the conflict wore itself out, the Baptist churches being modified by both influences.

With the general emancipation from ecclesiastical rule that followed the Revolutionary War, all disabilities were removed from the Baptists in the different States, and the new Federal Constitution effaced the last vestige of religious inequality. Under the influence of the later preaching of Whitefield, the close of the eighteenth century was marked by a renewal of revival interest, and a new development of the Arminian type of Baptist churches. For some time the Free Baptists, or Free Will Baptists, as they were variously called, drew considerable strength from the Regular Baptists, but the latter soon became as strong as ever.

The next significant movement in the Baptist churches was that connected with the development of foreign missions. In 1792 the Baptists of England had organized a missionary society to send William Carey to India, and many of the Baptist churches in the United States had become interested in the movement and contributed toward its support. The first foreign missionary society in America was the American Board, organized in 1810, in which Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed, and other churches united, and among its first missionaries were Adoniram Judson, his wife, and Luther Rice. Knowing that in India they were to meet Baptists, they made special study of Baptist doctrine, and before landing came to the conclusion that believers' baptism by immersion was the true method. Judson immediately sent word of their change of view, and Rice soon after returned to America to present the cause of Baptist missions, and succeeded in arousing much interest in the churches. To meet the new conditions it became evident that some organization was essential, and in 1814 The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions was formed.

The missionary work of this organization, however, represented only a part of its scope or achievement. It was, indeed, the first step toward bringing the various local churches together and overcoming the disintegrating tendencies of extreme independence. Heretofore the Baptists alone had had no form of ecclesiastical organization. Now, through the necessities of administration, there was furnished just what was needed to combine the different units into a whole, and arouse what has come to be known as "denominational consciousness." For a time this convention undertook to care also for home missions, which had already been carried on in a somewhat desultory manner through a Domestic Missionary Society in Massachusetts and a similar one in New York. With the increasing migration westward and the rapid development of the States, both North and South, the tax upon the convention, in addition to its foreign missionary interests, became too great, and it was deemed advisable to organize a home missionary society, which was done in 1832. With the development of interest in publication, a tract society had been formed in 1824, which in 1840 was renamed the American Baptist Publication Society.

As the discussion in regard to slavery became acute, there arose the differences which resulted in three conventions—northern, southern, and national. The northern churches, Baptist as well as others, were strongly antislavery; the southern churches, Baptist as well as others, were, if not always proslavery, certainly not antislavery. A crisis was reached when the question was raised whether the General Missionary Convention (called also the Triennial Convention because it met once in three years) would appoint as a missionary a person who owned slaves. To this a very decided negative was returned, and since that involved a denial of what were considered constitutional rights, the southern churches withdrew in 1845 and formed the Southern Baptist Convention,<sup>4</sup> whose purpose was to do for the southern Baptist churches just what the general convention had hitherto done for the entire Baptist denomination. It was not a new denomination; simply a new organization for the direction of the missionary and general evangelistic work of the churches of the Southern States.

The development of the National Baptist Convention, representing the Negro churches, was naturally slower, and when the census of Baptists for 1926 was taken numerous divisions made it necessary to use the new term "Negro Baptists," which for statistical purposes include all the various organizations known as the "National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.," the "National Baptist Convention of America," the "Lott-Carey Missionary Baptists," and the colored Baptist churches, that were formerly included in the Northern Baptist Convention.

#### DOCTRINE

Baptists agree with other evangelical bodies on many points of doctrine. Their cardinal principle is implicit obedience to the plain teachings of the Word of God. Under this principle, while maintaining with other evangelical bodies the great truths of the Christian religion, they hold: (1) That the churches are independent in their local affairs; (2) that there should be an entire separation of church and state; (3) that religious liberty or freedom in matters of religion is an inherent right of the human soul; (4) that a church is a body of regenerated people who have been baptized on profession of personal faith in Christ, and have associated themselves in the fellowship of the gospel; (5) that infant baptism is not only not taught in the Scriptures, but is fatal to the spirituality of the church; (6) that from the meaning of the word used in the Greek text of the

<sup>4</sup> See p. 126.

Scriptures, the symbolism of the ordinance, and the practice of the early church; immersion in water is the only proper mode of baptism; (7) that the scriptural officers of a church are pastors and deacons; and (8) that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the church observed in commemoration of the sufferings and death of Christ.

The beliefs of Baptists have been incorporated in confessions of faith. Of these, the Philadelphia Confession, originally issued by the London Baptist churches in 1689 and adopted with some enlargements by the Philadelphia Association in 1742, and the New Hampshire Confession, adopted by the New Hampshire State Convention in 1832, are recognized as the most important. The Philadelphia Confession is strongly Calvinistic. The New Hampshire Confession modifies some of the statements of the earlier documents, and may be characterized as moderately Calvinistic. But while these confessions are recognized as fair expressions of the faith of Baptists, there is nothing binding in them, and they are not regarded as having any special authority. The final court of appeal for Baptists is the Word of God. Within limits, considerable differences in doctrine are allowed, and thus opportunity is given to modify beliefs as new light may break from or upon the "Word." Among Baptists heresy trials are rare.

#### ORGANIZATION

Baptist church polity is congregational or independent. Each church is sovereign so far as its own discipline and worship are concerned, calls or dismisses its own pastor, elects its own deacons or other officers, and attends to its own affairs. Admission to church membership is by vote of the church, usually after examination of the candidate by the church committee. There is no specific age limit, although the admission of very young children is discouraged. All members have equal voting rights in church matters, except that in some churches they are restricted to those over a certain age. The officers are the pastor and deacons, who, with such other persons as the church may elect, constitute a church committee, usually called the standing committee, and have general care of the affairs of the church, but no authority, except as it is specifically delegated to them by the church. Church property is held sometimes by a board of trustees, sometimes by the entire society, and sometimes by a special committee of the church.

For missionary and educational or other purposes, Baptist churches usually group themselves into associations. The oldest is the Philadelphia Association, organized in 1707, which stood alone until 1751, when the Charleston Association was formed in South Carolina. These associations meet annually and are composed of messengers sent by the churches. They elect their own officers, receive reports from the churches, and make recommendations with regard to work or other matters in which the churches are interested. They have, however, no authority to legislate for the churches, and no power to enforce any action they may take. Many of them conduct missionary or educational work in the fields covered by them.

Applicants for the ministry are licensed to preach by the church in which they hold membership. If after a period of service as licentiate, ordination is desired, a council of sister churches is called by the church in which membership is held, and on the recommendation of this council the church arranges for ordination. In both cases the right to license and the right to ordain are held by the individual church. Previous to ordination there is always an examination of the candidate on matters of religious experience, call to the ministry, and views on scriptural doctrine. During his ministry, a pastor is usually a member of the church which he serves, and is amenable to its discipline. When a question

of dismissal from the ministry arises, the individual church calls a council of sister churches for the examination of charges, and on the recommendation of this council, the church usually bases its decision.

Besides local associations, Baptists have also organized State conventions or State mission societies, State educational societies, city mission societies, etc. These larger bodies attend to missionary or educational work in the various States or districts, and are supported by the churches. In some States there are two or more of these general bodies. There are also general or national organizations for missionary, publication, or educational purposes. Like the local associations, none of these larger organizations has any authority over the individual churches.

#### WORK

The organized activities of the Baptist churches are, for the most part, conducted by societies whose membership includes individuals and delegates from churches or associations, membership in all cases being based on contributions. Until the separation of the northern and southern churches, the home missionary work was carried on chiefly by The American Baptist Publication Society, organized in 1824, and The American Baptist Home Mission Society, organized in 1832; and the foreign missionary work, by the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions, organized in Philadelphia in 1814. Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention the publication society has continued its work throughout the different States, and has retained its distinctly national character. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, however, subsequently represented the northern churches only, as did also the foreign missionary society, which in 1846 changed its name to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and again in 1910, to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

A general movement, manifest throughout the country, in church life as well as in business and public matters, is that for centralization of administration, in the interest of both economy and efficiency. The Baptist churches felt this, as did every other denomination, and began to consider whether their benevolent societies, hitherto in some respects distinct from each other, might not be brought into some form of general organization which, by removing possibilities of friction and securing cooperation, would make for greater efficiency. After considerable discussion a move in this direction was made in 1907, which has been carried out quite successfully and, it is expected, will work great good to both the activities of the churches and their general denominational life.

Educational work among the Baptists in the United States has made great strides in recent years, but the same general independence of ecclesiastical control is manifest in this department as in the government of the local churches, and is illustrated in the University of Chicago. The same is true of the management of Baptist philanthropic institutions. In some cases, however, the membership of the boards is limited to persons connected with Baptist churches.

In addition to the work done by the denominational societies, a large amount of missionary and educational work is carried on by individual churches, which is not included in any denominational statement.



# NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

## STATISTICS

**Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.**—A general summary of the statistics for the Northern Baptist Convention for the year 1926 is presented in Table 1, which shows also the distribution of these figures between urban and rural territory.

The membership of this denomination consists of those persons who have been received into the local church upon profession of faith and baptism by immersion.

**TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

| ITEM  | Total         | In urban territory <sup>1</sup> | In rural territory <sup>1</sup> | PER CENT OF TOTAL |       |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
|   |               |                                 |                                 | Urban             | Rural |
| <b>Churches (local organizations)</b> .....         | 7,611         | 2,860                           | 4,751                           | 37.6              | 62.4  |
| <b>Members</b> .....                                | 1,289,966     | 885,363                         | 404,603                         | 68.6              | 31.4  |
| Average per church.....                             | 169           | 310                             | 85                              |                   |       |
| <b>Membership by sex:</b>                           |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Male.....   | 489,199       | 332,835                         | 156,364                         | 68.0              | 32.0  |
| Female.....   | 757,183       | 523,554                         | 233,629                         | 69.1              | 30.9  |
| Sex not reported.....                               | 43,584        | 28,974                          | 14,610                          | 66.5              | 33.5  |
| Males per 100 females.....                          | 64.6          | 63.6                            | 66.9                            |                   |       |
| <b>Membership by age:</b>                           |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Under 13 years.....                                 | 49,897        | 35,724                          | 14,173                          | 71.6              | 28.4  |
| 13 years and over.....                              | 1,122,211     | 766,944                         | 355,267                         | 68.3              | 31.7  |
| Age not reported.....                               | 117,858       | 82,695                          | 35,163                          | 70.2              | 29.8  |
| Per cent under 13 years <sup>1</sup> .....          | 4.3           | 4.5                             | 3.8                             |                   |       |
| <b>Church edifices:</b>                             |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Number.....   | 7,722         | 3,029                           | 4,693                           | 39.2              | 60.8  |
| Value—Churches reporting.....                       | 7,297         | 2,770                           | 4,527                           | 38.0              | 62.0  |
| Amount reported.....                                | \$185,370,576 | \$154,894,435                   | \$30,476,141                    | 83.6              | 16.4  |
| Average per church.....                             | \$25,404      | \$55,919                        | \$8,732                         |                   |       |
| Debt—Churches reporting.....                        | 1,603         | 1,119                           | 484                             | 69.8              | 30.2  |
| Amount reported.....                                | \$16,004,041  | \$14,746,380                    | \$1,257,661                     | 92.1              | 7.9   |
| Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice..... | 4,693         | 1,411                           | 3,282                           | 30.1              | 69.9  |
| <b>Parsonages:</b>                                  |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Value—Churches reporting.....                       | 3,716         | 1,524                           | 2,192                           | 41.0              | 59.0  |
| Amount reported.....                                | \$18,279,770  | \$11,565,832                    | \$6,713,938                     | 63.3              | 36.7  |
| Debt—Churches reporting.....                        | 717           | 462                             | 255                             | 64.4              | 35.6  |
| Amount reported.....                                | \$1,847,285   | \$1,511,989                     | \$335,296                       | 81.8              | 18.2  |
| Churches reporting "no debt" on parsonage.....      | 2,490         | 888                             | 1,602                           | 35.7              | 64.3  |
| <b>Expenditures during year:</b>                    |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Churches reporting.....                             | 7,380         | 2,852                           | 4,528                           | 38.6              | 61.4  |
| Amount reported.....                                | \$34,318,486  | \$27,034,805                    | \$7,283,681                     | 78.8              | 21.2  |
| Current expenses and improvements.....              | \$27,647,658  | \$21,467,919                    | \$6,179,739                     | 77.6              | 22.4  |
| Benevolences, missions, etc.....                    | \$6,656,755   | \$5,564,124                     | \$1,092,631                     | 83.6              | 16.4  |
| Not classified.....                                 | \$14,073      | \$2,762                         | \$11,311                        | 19.6              | 80.4  |
| Average expenditure per church.....                 | \$4,650       | \$9,479                         | \$1,609                         |                   |       |
| <b>Sunday schools:</b>                              |               |                                 |                                 |                   |       |
| Churches reporting.....                             | 6,999         | 2,808                           | 4,191                           | 40.1              | 59.9  |
| Officers and teachers.....                          | 114,237       | 69,069                          | 45,168                          | 60.5              | 39.5  |
| Scholars.....                                       | 1,052,794     | 712,431                         | 340,363                         | 67.7              | 32.3  |

<sup>1</sup> Urban territory includes all cities and other incorporated places which had 2,500 inhabitants or more in 1920, the date of the last Federal census; rural territory comprises the remainder of the country.

<sup>2</sup> Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 7,611 active churches of the Northern Baptist Convention, with 1,289,966 members. These figures are exclusive of 105 federated churches, each consisting of a Baptist unit combined with a unit of some other denomination. These federated churches, whose Baptist units are more or less closely affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention, reported a total membership of 14,848, of whom 5,375, or more than one-third, were Northern Baptists and Free Baptists.

The classification of membership by sex was reported by 7,311 churches and the classification by age was reported by 6,827 churches, including 3,986 which reported members under 13 years of age.

**Comparative data, 1890-1926.**—Table 2 presents, in convenient form for comparison, a summary of the available statistics of this denomination for the censuses of 1926, 1916, 1906, and 1890. Figures for 1916 and earlier censuses include those of the Free Baptist churches, that body having united with the Northern Baptist Convention since 1916. They also include the colored Baptist churches in Northern States, which, because of their membership in colored associations, are at the census of 1926 included under the Negro Baptists.

TABLE 2.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1890 TO 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

| ITEM   | 1926          | 1916 <sup>1</sup> | 1906 <sup>1</sup> | 1890 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Churches (local organizations)</b> .....  | 7,611         | 8,319             | 9,585             | 9,488             |
| Increase <sup>2</sup> over preceding census: |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Number.....                                  | -708          | -1,266            | 97                |                   |
| Per cent.....                                | -8.5          | -13.2             | 1.0               |                   |
| <b>Members</b> .....                         | 1,289,966     | 1,244,705         | 1,133,464         | 887,923           |
| Increase over preceding census:              |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Number.....                                  | 45,261        | 111,241           | 245,541           |                   |
| Per cent.....                                | 3.6           | 9.8               | 27.7              |                   |
| Average membership per church.....           | 169           | 150               | 118               | 94                |
| <b>Church edifices:</b>                      |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Number.....                                  | 7,722         | 8,264             | 9,355             | 8,291             |
| Value—Churches reporting.....                | 7,297         | 7,907             | 8,887             |                   |
| Amount reported.....                         | \$185,370,576 | \$95,314,853      | \$77,594,155      | \$52,640,146      |
| Average per church.....                      | \$25,404      | \$12,054          | \$8,731           |                   |
| Debt—Churches reporting.....                 | 1,603         | 1,797             | 1,679             |                   |
| Amount reported.....                         | \$16,004,041  | \$7,322,615       | \$5,287,911       |                   |
| <b>Parsonages:</b>                           |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Value—Churches reporting.....                | 3,716         | 3,233             | 2,899             |                   |
| Amount reported.....                         | \$18,279,770  | \$8,432,072       | \$5,989,838       |                   |
| Debt—Churches reporting.....                 | 717           |                   |                   |                   |
| Amount reported.....                         | \$1,847,285   |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Expenditures during year:</b>             |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Churches reporting.....                      | 7,380         | 8,001             |                   |                   |
| Amount reported.....                         | \$34,318,486  | \$16,205,825      |                   |                   |
| Current expenses and improvements.....       | \$27,647,658  | \$12,973,200      |                   |                   |
| Benevolences, missions, etc.....             | \$6,656,755   | \$3,194,411       |                   |                   |
| Not classified.....                          | \$14,073      | \$39,214          |                   |                   |
| Average expenditure per church.....          | \$4,650       | \$2,025           |                   |                   |
| <b>Sunday schools:</b>                       |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Churches reporting.....                      | 6,999         | 7,658             | 8,405             |                   |
| Officers and teachers.....                   | 114,237       | 114,433           | 111,676           |                   |
| Scholars.....                                | 1,052,794     | 1,040,594         | 916,370           |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Statistics for 1916, 1906, and 1890 include those of the Free Baptists, a body which has united since 1916 with this denomination; they also include colored churches in the Northern States, tabulated in 1926 under Negro Baptists.

<sup>2</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

**State tables.**—Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 present the statistics for the Northern Baptist Convention by States. Table 3 gives for each State the number and membership of the churches classified according to their location in urban or rural territory and the total membership classified by sex. Table 4 gives for selected States the number and membership of the churches for the three censuses from 1906 to 1926, together with the membership for 1926 classified as under 13 years of age and 13 years of age and over. Table 5 shows the value of church property and the debt on such property, for 1926 alone. Table 6 presents, for 1926, the church expenditures, showing separately the amounts expended for current expenses and improvements, and for benevolences, etc., and also gives the data for Sunday schools.

**Ecclesiastical divisions.**—Table 7 presents, for each association in the Northern Baptist Convention, the more important statistical data shown by States in the earlier tables, including number of churches, membership, value of church edifices, debt on church edifices, expenditures, and Sunday schools.

**TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

| GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION<br>AND STATE | NUMBER OF<br>CHURCHES |              |              | NUMBER OF MEMBERS |                |                | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX |                |                          |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                  | Total                 | Ur-<br>ban   | Rural        | Total             | Urban          | Rural          | Male                    | Female         | Sex<br>not re-<br>ported | Males<br>per 100<br>females |
| <b>United States.....</b>        | <b>7,611</b>          | <b>2,860</b> | <b>4,751</b> | <b>1,289,966</b>  | <b>585,363</b> | <b>404,603</b> | <b>489,199</b>          | <b>757,183</b> | <b>43,584</b>            | <b>64.6</b>                 |
| <b>New England:</b>              |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Maine.....                       | 347                   | 43           | 304          | 32,031            | 12,937         | 19,094         | 10,056                  | 20,598         | 1,377                    | 48.8                        |
| New Hampshire.....               | 129                   | 34           | 95           | 13,820            | 8,476          | 5,344          | 4,808                   | 8,552          | 460                      | 56.2                        |
| Vermont.....                     | 87                    | 13           | 74           | 9,626             | 4,495          | 5,131          | 3,388                   | 5,448          | 790                      | 62.2                        |
| Massachusetts.....               | 321                   | 258          | 63           | 59,635            | 85,484         | 4,151          | 33,029                  | 53,434         | 3,172                    | 61.8                        |
| Rhode Island.....                | 100                   | 84           | 16           | 18,830            | 17,692         | 1,138          | 6,949                   | 11,881         | ---                      | 58.5                        |
| Connecticut.....                 | 130                   | 63           | 67           | 22,873            | 17,153         | 5,720          | 8,468                   | 13,251         | 1,154                    | 63.9                        |
| <b>Middle Atlantic:</b>          |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| New York.....                    | 857                   | 313          | 544          | 161,142           | 110,806        | 50,336         | 61,127                  | 95,957         | 4,058                    | 63.7                        |
| New Jersey.....                  | 266                   | 157          | 109          | 62,539            | 47,909         | 14,630         | 23,460                  | 35,649         | 3,430                    | 65.8                        |
| Pennsylvania.....                | 690                   | 337          | 353          | 124,949           | 94,676         | 30,273         | 48,022                  | 71,743         | 5,184                    | 66.9                        |
| <b>East North Central:</b>       |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Ohio.....                        | 476                   | 198          | 278          | 80,328            | 64,578         | 24,750         | 34,094                  | 51,903         | 3,331                    | 65.7                        |
| Indiana.....                     | 468                   | 120          | 348          | 82,394            | 42,961         | 39,433         | 32,671                  | 47,743         | 1,980                    | 68.4                        |
| Illinois.....                    | 460                   | 229          | 231          | 95,589            | 71,043         | 24,546         | 36,175                  | 55,790         | 3,624                    | 64.8                        |
| Michigan.....                    | 355                   | 150          | 205          | 56,878            | 42,552         | 14,026         | 22,126                  | 34,443         | 309                      | 64.2                        |
| Wisconsin.....                   | 170                   | 65           | 105          | 20,096            | 13,427         | 6,669          | 7,304                   | 11,989         | 803                      | 60.9                        |
| <b>West North Central:</b>       |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Minnesota.....                   | 211                   | 76           | 135          | 30,897            | 21,683         | 9,214          | 12,113                  | 18,585         | 199                      | 65.2                        |
| Iowa.....                        | 297                   | 91           | 206          | 45,775            | 27,510         | 18,265         | 17,649                  | 26,722         | 1,404                    | 66.0                        |
| North Dakota.....                | 79                    | 11           | 68           | 7,289             | 2,003          | 5,286          | 2,917                   | 4,039          | 333                      | 72.2                        |
| South Dakota.....                | 93                    | 15           | 78           | 9,284             | 3,761          | 5,523          | 3,657                   | 5,406          | 221                      | 67.6                        |
| Nebraska.....                    | 130                   | 36           | 94           | 19,145            | 10,030         | 9,109          | 7,634                   | 11,117         | 394                      | 68.7                        |
| Kansas.....                      | 359                   | 85           | 274          | 54,740            | 30,901         | 23,839         | 21,170                  | 31,848         | 1,722                    | 66.5                        |
| <b>South Atlantic:</b>           |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Delaware.....                    | 10                    | 9            | 1            | 2,164             | 2,060          | 104            | 799                     | 1,365          | ---                      | 58.5                        |
| Maryland.....                    | 5                     | 1            | 4            | 422               | 206            | 216            | 147                     | 192            | 83                       | 76.6                        |
| District of Columbia.....        | 23                    | 23           | ---          | 11,930            | 11,930         | ---            | 4,746                   | 7,184          | ---                      | 66.1                        |
| West Virginia.....               | 696                   | 51           | 645          | 76,934            | 23,537         | 53,397         | 29,744                  | 43,248         | 3,942                    | 68.8                        |
| <b>West South Central:</b>       |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Oklahoma.....                    | 11                    | ---          | 11           | 1,683             | ---            | 1,683          | 675                     | 1,008          | ---                      | 67.0                        |
| <b>Mountain:</b>                 |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Montana.....                     | 54                    | 21           | 33           | 4,481             | 2,844          | 1,637          | 1,552                   | 2,661          | 268                      | 58.3                        |
| Idaho.....                       | 58                    | 12           | 46           | 6,573             | 3,008          | 3,565          | 2,359                   | 4,109          | 105                      | 57.4                        |
| Wyoming.....                     | 36                    | 9            | 27           | 3,459             | 1,849          | 1,610          | 1,330                   | 2,055          | 74                       | 64.7                        |
| Colorado.....                    | 122                   | 45           | 77           | 24,166            | 18,327         | 5,839          | 9,583                   | 14,502         | 81                       | 66.1                        |
| Arizona.....                     | 38                    | 18           | 20           | 5,922             | 4,690          | 1,232          | 2,311                   | 3,465          | 146                      | 66.7                        |
| Utah.....                        | 11                    | 8            | 3            | 1,121             | 1,037          | 84             | 408                     | 713            | ---                      | 57.2                        |
| Nevada.....                      | 8                     | 2            | 6            | 674               | 397            | 277            | 252                     | 422            | ---                      | 59.7                        |
| <b>Pacific:</b>                  |                       |              |              |                   |                |                |                         |                |                          |                             |
| Washington.....                  | 145                   | 74           | 71           | 21,499            | 17,142         | 4,357          | 8,118                   | 13,086         | 295                      | 62.0                        |
| Oregon.....                      | 105                   | 42           | 63           | 18,945            | 14,539         | 4,406          | 7,214                   | 11,607         | 124                      | 62.2                        |
| California.....                  | 264                   | 167          | 97           | 63,133            | 53,414         | 9,719          | 23,144                  | 35,468         | 4,521                    | 65.3                        |

TABLE 4.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, 1906 TO 1926, AND MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926, BY STATES: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

| STATE                  | NUMBER OF CHURCHES |                   |                   | NUMBER OF MEMBERS |                   |                   | MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926 |                   |                  |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
|                        | 1926               | 1916 <sup>1</sup> | 1906 <sup>1</sup> | 1926              | 1916 <sup>1</sup> | 1906 <sup>1</sup> | Under 13 years          | 13 years and over | Age not reported | Per cent under 13 <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>United States.</b>  | <b>7,611</b>       | <b>8,319</b>      | <b>9,585</b>      | <b>1,289,966</b>  | <b>1,244,705</b>  | <b>1,133,464</b>  | <b>49,897</b>           | <b>1,122,211</b>  | <b>117,858</b>   | <b>4.3</b>                     |
| Maine.....             | 347                | 455               | 436               | 32,031            | 35,492            | 32,511            | 408                     | 29,106            | 2,517            | 1.4                            |
| New Hampshire.....     | 129                | 181               | 170               | 13,820            | 17,335            | 15,931            | 245                     | 12,592            | 983              | 1.9                            |
| Vermont.....           | 87                 | 119               | 126               | 9,626             | 10,010            | 9,951             | 372                     | 8,391             | 863              | 4.2                            |
| Massachusetts.....     | 321                | 357               | 352               | 89,635            | 88,016            | 75,611            | 2,035                   | 78,532            | 9,068            | 2.5                            |
| Rhode Island.....      | 100                | 105               | 102               | 18,830            | 19,285            | 17,556            | 277                     | 18,538            | 15               | 1.5                            |
| Connecticut.....       | 130                | 152               | 143               | 22,873            | 26,243            | 25,616            | 333                     | 21,458            | 1,082            | 1.5                            |
| New York.....          | 857                | 942               | 1,028             | 161,142           | 183,330           | 171,857           | 4,305                   | 143,832           | 13,005           | 2.9                            |
| New Jersey.....        | 266                | 270               | 287               | 62,539            | 62,769            | 54,404            | 1,521                   | 53,339            | 7,679            | 2.8                            |
| Pennsylvania.....      | 690                | 753               | 780               | 124,949           | 154,105           | 120,628           | 4,367                   | 109,149           | 11,433           | 3.8                            |
| Ohio.....              | 476                | 473               | 553               | 89,328            | 78,258            | 70,188            | 3,898                   | 73,759            | 11,671           | 5.0                            |
| Indiana.....           | 468                | 494               | 520               | 82,394            | 75,374            | 62,134            | 5,103                   | 75,082            | 2,209            | 6.4                            |
| Illinois.....          | 460                | 472               | 1,062             | 95,589            | 85,649            | 126,639           | 4,140                   | 80,216            | 11,233           | 4.9                            |
| Michigan.....          | 355                | 400               | 512               | 56,878            | 49,835            | 49,350            | 2,189                   | 47,879            | 6,810            | 4.4                            |
| Wisconsin.....         | 170                | 208               | 242               | 20,096            | 20,425            | 20,701            | 641                     | 18,388            | 1,067            | 3.4                            |
| Minnesota.....         | 211                | 239               | 268               | 30,897            | 28,145            | 24,102            | 1,149                   | 27,119            | 2,629            | 4.1                            |
| Iowa.....              | 297                | 357               | 412               | 45,775            | 44,939            | 40,956            | 2,131                   | 40,527            | 3,117            | 5.0                            |
| Missouri.....          |                    |                   | 121               |                   |                   | 5,640             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| North Dakota.....      | 79                 | 90                | 72                | 7,289             | 6,268             | 4,596             | 296                     | 5,952             | 1,041            | 4.7                            |
| South Dakota.....      | 93                 | 102               | 91                | 9,284             | 8,852             | 6,193             | 405                     | 8,527             | 352              | 4.5                            |
| Nebraska.....          | 130                | 188               | 229               | 19,145            | 19,643            | 17,386            | 1,249                   | 17,530            | 366              | 6.7                            |
| Kansas.....            | 359                | 400               | 457               | 54,740            | 46,966            | 35,801            | 3,639                   | 47,257            | 3,844            | 7.1                            |
| Delaware.....          | 10                 | 15                | 16                | 2,164             | 3,651             | 2,694             | 49                      | 2,028             | 87               | 2.4                            |
| Maryland.....          | 5                  | 6                 | 14                | 422               | 610               | 1,494             | 19                      | 320               | 83               | 5.6                            |
| Dist. of Columbia..... | 23                 | 17                | 20                | 11,930            | 9,667             | 10,777            | 427                     | 10,137            | 1,366            | 4.0                            |
| Virginia.....          |                    | 5                 | 7                 |                   | 268               | 425               |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| West Virginia.....     | 696                | 637               | 619               | 76,934            | 62,547            | 50,149            | 2,479                   | 64,370            | 10,085           | 3.7                            |
| Georgia.....           |                    |                   | 14                |                   |                   | 776               |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Kentucky.....          |                    | 1                 | 39                |                   | 22                | 2,165             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Tennessee.....         |                    |                   | 30                |                   |                   | 1,840             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Alabama.....           |                    |                   | 21                |                   |                   | 1,200             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Mississippi.....       |                    |                   | 47                |                   |                   | 2,804             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Arkansas.....          |                    |                   | 8                 |                   |                   | 337               |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Louisiana.....         |                    |                   | 31                |                   |                   | 1,382             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Oklahoma.....          | 11                 | 4                 |                   | 1,683             | 75                |                   | 196                     | 1,487             |                  | 11.6                           |
| Texas.....             |                    | 19                | 19                |                   | 1,271             | 630               |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Montana.....           | 54                 | 44                | 26                | 4,481             | 4,073             | 2,029             | 192                     | 3,994             | 295              | 4.6                            |
| Idaho.....             | 58                 | 61                | 45                | 6,573             | 5,682             | 2,331             | 378                     | 5,971             | 224              | 6.0                            |
| Wyoming.....           | 36                 | 35                | 19                | 3,459             | 1,841             | 838               | 236                     | 3,011             | 212              | 7.3                            |
| Colorado.....          | 122                | 109               | 87                | 24,166            | 16,528            | 12,917            | 1,477                   | 21,344            | 1,345            | 6.5                            |
| New Mexico.....        |                    |                   | 57                |                   |                   | 2,331             |                         |                   |                  |                                |
| Arizona.....           | 38                 | 44                | 15                | 5,922             | 2,927             | 1,034             | 531                     | 5,218             | 173              | 9.2                            |
| Utah.....              | 11                 | 14                | 10                | 1,121             | 1,305             | 987               | 58                      | 1,001             | 62               | 5.5                            |
| Nevada.....            | 8                  | 7                 | 4                 | 674               | 356               | 316               | 31                      | 643               |                  | 4.6                            |
| Washington.....        | 145                | 173               | 154               | 21,499            | 17,738            | 12,440            | 818                     | 18,791            | 1,890            | 4.2                            |
| Oregon.....            | 105                | 127               | 128               | 18,945            | 15,635            | 11,099            | 1,199                   | 16,116            | 1,630            | 6.9                            |
| California.....        | 264                | 244               | 192               | 63,133            | 39,570            | 22,718            | 3,104                   | 50,607            | 9,422            | 5.8                            |

<sup>1</sup> Includes figures for the Free Baptist Church.<sup>2</sup> Based on membership with age classification reported.

**TABLE 5.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926:  
NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

| STATE                | Total number of churches | Number of church edifices | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                      | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                     | VALUE OF PARSONAGES |                     | DEBT ON PARSONAGES |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                      |                          |                           | Churches reporting       | Amount               | Churches reporting      | Amount              | Churches reporting  | Amount              | Churches reporting | Amount             |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>7,611</b>             | <b>7,722</b>              | <b>7,297</b>             | <b>\$185,370,576</b> | <b>1,603</b>            | <b>\$16,004,041</b> | <b>3,716</b>        | <b>\$18,279,770</b> | <b>717</b>         | <b>\$1,847,285</b> |
| Maine                | 347                      | 361                       | 335                      | 3,119,270            | 24                      | 107,158             | 193                 | 590,550             | 21                 | 41,132             |
| New Hampshire        | 129                      | 139                       | 128                      | 1,522,300            | 7                       | 40,730              | 96                  | 323,850             | 5                  | 10,625             |
| Vermont              | 87                       | 91                        | 86                       | 1,271,650            | 5                       | 50,375              | 73                  | 269,630             | 3                  | 3,450              |
| Massachusetts        | 321                      | 326                       | 313                      | 14,842,617           | 70                      | 771,125             | 161                 | 999,640             | 42                 | 137,550            |
| Rhode Island         | 100                      | 103                       | 91                       | 3,038,235            | 11                      | 129,530             | 44                  | 325,300             | 12                 | 36,100             |
| Connecticut          | 130                      | 134                       | 126                      | 4,988,971            | 31                      | 394,305             | 78                  | 487,307             | 12                 | 39,268             |
| New York             | 857                      | 846                       | 830                      | 35,000,962           | 169                     | 2,688,706           | 602                 | 3,098,776           | 71                 | 229,091            |
| New Jersey           | 266                      | 284                       | 258                      | 13,421,071           | 87                      | 900,518             | 199                 | 1,751,530           | 51                 | 203,491            |
| Pennsylvania         | 690                      | 726                       | 667                      | 21,831,765           | 190                     | 1,975,833           | 358                 | 2,452,360           | 90                 | 297,255            |
| Ohio                 | 476                      | 486                       | 453                      | 13,050,509           | 93                      | 1,130,089           | 157                 | 801,629             | 32                 | 69,310             |
| Indiana              | 468                      | 472                       | 460                      | 7,435,049            | 81                      | 829,201             | 111                 | 443,750             | 33                 | 67,313             |
| Illinois             | 460                      | 475                       | 453                      | 12,634,357           | 126                     | 1,793,187           | 222                 | 1,149,900           | 49                 | 119,545            |
| Michigan             | 355                      | 353                       | 340                      | 8,664,200            | 78                      | 847,394             | 204                 | 821,350             | 39                 | 90,455             |
| Wisconsin            | 170                      | 170                       | 167                      | 2,983,550            | 37                      | 124,234             | 101                 | 474,450             | 24                 | 53,300             |
| Minnesota            | 211                      | 219                       | 207                      | 3,928,155            | 44                      | 462,236             | 103                 | 392,750             | 17                 | 36,300             |
| Iowa                 | 297                      | 307                       | 293                      | 4,659,300            | 56                      | 335,991             | 173                 | 722,825             | 26                 | 53,103             |
| North Dakota         | 79                       | 100                       | 72                       | 448,882              | 16                      | 14,520              | 41                  | 132,250             | 4                  | 5,050              |
| South Dakota         | 93                       | 101                       | 88                       | 1,140,038            | 21                      | 54,127              | 58                  | 253,250             | 12                 | 19,400             |
| Nebraska             | 130                      | 131                       | 128                      | 2,075,800            | 29                      | 220,936             | 88                  | 317,775             | 17                 | 34,820             |
| Kansas               | 359                      | 353                       | 343                      | 3,870,785            | 79                      | 311,385             | 161                 | 483,213             | 34                 | 43,154             |
| Delaware             | 10                       | 10                        | 10                       | 635,000              | 3                       | 12,500              | 10                  | 187,000             | 17                 | 138,509            |
| Maryland             | 5                        | 4                         | 4                        | 31,000               |                         |                     |                     |                     |                    |                    |
| District of Columbia | 23                       | 25                        | 22                       | 2,331,500            | 13                      | 189,825             | 4                   | 44,000              | 2                  | 13,500             |
| West Virginia        | 696                      | 639                       | 630                      | 5,379,518            | 68                      | 792,481             | 92                  | 564,900             | 22                 | 48,355             |
| Oklahoma             | 11                       | 11                        | 11                       | 42,200               | 2                       | 2,300               | 9                   | 14,700              |                    |                    |
| Montana              | 54                       | 47                        | 42                       | 387,550              | 12                      | 21,475              | 18                  | 61,400              | 2                  | 3,200              |
| Idaho                | 58                       | 56                        | 56                       | 404,200              | 16                      | 25,232              | 35                  | 81,850              | 8                  | 9,025              |
| Wyoming              | 36                       | 32                        | 30                       | 272,675              | 10                      | 26,200              | 14                  | 50,700              | 5                  | 8,775              |
| Colorado             | 122                      | 108                       | 105                      | 1,890,895            | 38                      | 181,232             | 50                  | 179,750             | 11                 | 11,735             |
| Arizona              | 38                       | 39                        | 33                       | 492,966              | 14                      | 66,313              | 19                  | 49,100              | 3                  | 6,130              |
| Utah                 | 11                       | 12                        | 11                       | 336,946              | 5                       | 84,775              | 16                  | 115,800             | 1                  | 377                |
| Nevada               | 8                        | 8                         | 8                        | 134,900              | 1                       | 75                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |
| Washington           | 145                      | 151                       | 138                      | 2,611,685            | 43                      | 313,577             | 66                  | 185,850             | 19                 | 26,462             |
| Oregon               | 105                      | 104                       | 100                      | 1,562,555            | 30                      | 224,195             | 44                  | 122,935             | 10                 | 12,596             |
| California           | 264                      | 299                       | 259                      | 8,860,490            | 94                      | 873,281             | 126                 | 529,700             | 33                 | 78,909             |

<sup>1</sup> Amount for Maryland combined with figures for Delaware and amount for Utah combined with figures for Nevada, to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

**TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:  
NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

| STATE                | Total number of churches | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                     |                                       |                                  |                 | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                       |                  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|                      |                          | Churches reporting       | Total amount        | For current expenses and improvements | For benevolences, missions, etc. | Not classified  | Churches reporting | Officers and teachers | Scholars         |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>7,611</b>             | <b>7,380</b>             | <b>\$34,318,486</b> | <b>\$27,647,658</b>                   | <b>\$6,656,755</b>               | <b>\$14,073</b> | <b>6,999</b>       | <b>114,237</b>        | <b>1,052,794</b> |
| Maine                | 347                      | 310                      | 643,052             | 542,482                               | 100,570                          |                 | 285                | 3,296                 | 28,169           |
| New Hampshire        | 129                      | 123                      | 310,983             | 253,058                               | 57,605                           | 320             | 108                | 1,425                 | 10,683           |
| Vermont              | 87                       | 86                       | 233,344             | 186,903                               | 46,441                           |                 | 76                 | 964                   | 6,118            |
| Massachusetts        | 321                      | 317                      | 2,818,920           | 2,278,058                             | 540,542                          | 320             | 311                | 7,258                 | 73,747           |
| Rhode Island         | 100                      | 99                       | 542,321             | 426,613                               | 115,708                          |                 | 94                 | 1,808                 | 15,168           |
| Connecticut          | 130                      | 129                      | 803,298             | 621,404                               | 181,894                          |                 | 117                | 1,948                 | 14,873           |



TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| STATE             | Total number of churches | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |              |                                       |                                  |                | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                       |          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                   |                          | Churches reporting       | Total amount | For current expenses and improvements | For benevolences, missions, etc. | Not classified | Churches reporting | Officers and teachers | Scholars |
| New York          | 857                      | 845                      | \$5,329,896  | \$4,284,849                           | \$1,045,047                      | ---            | 792                | 13,396                | 115,077  |
| New Jersey        | 266                      | 263                      | 1,916,727    | 1,465,164                             | 450,722                          | \$841          | 257                | 5,528                 | 47,338   |
| Pennsylvania      | 690                      | 676                      | 3,621,831    | 2,888,525                             | 732,856                          | 450            | 653                | 11,755                | 113,235  |
| Ohio              | 476                      | 460                      | 2,045,707    | 1,636,767                             | 408,940                          | ---            | 442                | 7,539                 | 72,321   |
| Indiana           | 468                      | 458                      | 1,330,463    | 1,124,831                             | 205,432                          | 200            | 438                | 6,367                 | 62,842   |
| Illinois          | 460                      | 453                      | 2,758,133    | 2,269,026                             | 489,107                          | ---            | 443                | 8,302                 | 77,480   |
| Michigan          | 355                      | 351                      | 1,623,853    | 1,325,753                             | 298,100                          | ---            | 334                | 5,296                 | 52,274   |
| Wisconsin         | 170                      | 166                      | 506,904      | 413,255                               | 93,299                           | 350            | 154                | 2,011                 | 15,873   |
| Minnesota         | 211                      | 204                      | 913,937      | 637,301                               | 276,356                          | 280            | 189                | 2,932                 | 25,119   |
| Iowa              | 297                      | 292                      | 842,803      | 703,916                               | 136,846                          | 2,041          | 276                | 4,212                 | 33,967   |
| North Dakota      | 79                       | 74                       | 173,463      | 133,652                               | 39,215                           | 596            | 66                 | 832                   | 7,959    |
| South Dakota      | 93                       | 90                       | 290,460      | 239,271                               | 47,659                           | 3,530          | 87                 | 1,083                 | 9,088    |
| Nebraska          | 130                      | 127                      | 422,855      | 343,734                               | 79,121                           | ---            | 125                | 1,950                 | 16,169   |
| Kansas            | 359                      | 347                      | 1,060,285    | 899,015                               | 157,859                          | 3,411          | 340                | 5,299                 | 46,924   |
| Delaware          | 10                       | 10                       | 67,788       | 52,329                                | 15,459                           | ---            | 10                 | 234                   | 1,771    |
| Maryland          | 5                        | 4                        | 11,851       | 9,607                                 | 2,244                            | ---            | 5                  | 70                    | 561      |
| Dist. of Columbia | 23                       | 22                       | 477,360      | 375,456                               | 101,904                          | ---            | 23                 | 926                   | 11,103   |
| West Virginia     | 696                      | 647                      | 1,035,321    | 888,120                               | 145,467                          | 1,734          | 563                | 5,952                 | 59,568   |
| Oklahoma          | 11                       | 10                       | 4,829        | 3,485                                 | 1,344                            | ---            | 8                  | 63                    | 610      |
| Montana           | 54                       | 52                       | 98,866       | 81,598                                | 17,268                           | ---            | 47                 | 490                   | 4,059    |
| Idaho             | 58                       | 56                       | 141,844      | 117,653                               | 24,191                           | ---            | 56                 | 708                   | 6,045    |
| Wyoming           | 36                       | 29                       | 74,753       | 61,039                                | 13,714                           | ---            | 32                 | 407                   | 3,538    |
| Colorado          | 122                      | 115                      | 505,211      | 397,550                               | 107,661                          | ---            | 111                | 1,971                 | 18,072   |
| Arizona           | 38                       | 38                       | 133,705      | 110,845                               | 22,860                           | ---            | 37                 | 562                   | 4,668    |
| Utah              | 11                       | 11                       | 33,240       | 28,084                                | 5,156                            | ---            | 10                 | 128                   | 1,093    |
| Nevada            | 8                        | 8                        | 19,550       | 16,495                                | 3,055                            | ---            | 8                  | 78                    | 807      |
| Washington        | 145                      | 142                      | 569,926      | 475,782                               | 94,144                           | ---            | 142                | 2,225                 | 21,125   |
| Oregon            | 105                      | 103                      | 473,624      | 395,760                               | 77,864                           | ---            | 99                 | 1,523                 | 15,543   |
| California        | 264                      | 263                      | 2,481,383    | 1,960,278                             | 521,105                          | ---            | 261                | 5,699                 | 59,807   |

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

| ASSOCIATION                  | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                      | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                     | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                     | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount               | Churches reporting      | Amount              | Churches reporting       | Amount              | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>7,611</b>             | <b>1,289,966</b>  | <b>7,297</b>             | <b>\$185,370,576</b> | <b>1,603</b>            | <b>\$16,004,041</b> | <b>7,380</b>             | <b>\$34,318,486</b> | <b>6,999</b>       | <b>1,052,794</b>   |
| <b>Arizona:</b>              |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| Arizona                      | 38                       | 5,922             | 33                       | 492,966              | 14                      | 66,313              | 38                       | 133,705             | 37                 | 4,668              |
| <b>California, Northern:</b> |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| Central                      | 8                        | 1,185             | 7                        | 136,500              | 3                       | 2,475               | 8                        | 26,742              | 7                  | 1,191              |
| Clear Lake                   | 8                        | 771               | 8                        | 85,700               | 3                       | 6,850               | 8                        | 23,219              | 8                  | 744                |
| German                       | 5                        | 498               | 5                        | 44,000               | 1                       | 4,500               | 5                        | 15,741              | 5                  | 570                |
| Pacific                      | 6                        | 750               | 6                        | 146,000              | 1                       | 14,250              | 6                        | 20,676              | 6                  | 632                |
| Sacramento                   | 9                        | 1,553             | 9                        | 148,480              | 5                       | 8,325               | 9                        | 67,578              | 9                  | 1,613              |
| <b>Sacramento River:</b>     |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| Sacramento River             | 14                       | 1,284             | 14                       | 112,800              | 4                       | 5,125               | 14                       | 31,917              | 14                 | 1,433              |
| <b>San Francisco Bay:</b>    |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| San Francisco Bay            | 23                       | 6,044             | 23                       | 871,100              | 14                      | 109,114             | 23                       | 256,208             | 23                 | 4,977              |
| <b>San Joaquin Valley:</b>   |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| San Joaquin Valley           | 31                       | 5,692             | 31                       | 478,100              | 7                       | 65,926              | 31                       | 105,071             | 30                 | 5,141              |
| San Jose                     | 14                       | 2,430             | 14                       | 254,300              | 2                       | 15,165              | 14                       | 76,956              | 14                 | 2,134              |
| Swedish                      | 6                        | 1,044             | 5                        | 202,800              | 3                       | 50,900              | 6                        | 73,338              | 5                  | 864                |
| <b>California, Southern:</b> |                          |                   |                          |                      |                         |                     |                          |                     |                    |                    |
| Imperial Valley              | 6                        | 767               | 6                        | 40,000               | 1                       | 1,000               | 6                        | 17,711              | 6                  | 989                |
| Kern River                   | 6                        | 1,140             | 6                        | 78,955               | 4                       | 9,437               | 6                        | 47,761              | 6                  | 912                |
| Los Angeles                  | 56                       | 19,717            | 56                       | 2,881,945            | 21                      | 326,014             | 55                       | 690,563             | 56                 | 19,839             |
| Nevada-Sierra                | 6                        | 327               | 5                        | 31,100               | ---                     | ---                 | 6                        | 8,273               | 6                  | 310                |
| Pasadena                     | 13                       | 5,450             | 13                       | 1,568,610            | 4                       | 71,200              | 13                       | 569,474             | 13                 | 5,088              |

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION               | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                           |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| California, Southern—Con. |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Santa Ana Valley          | 12                       | 3,292             | 11                       | \$384,800        | 6                       | \$40,900         | 12                       | \$84,763         | 12                 | 3,010              |
| Santa Barbara             | 11                       | 1,961             | 11                       | 262,000          | 3                       | 26,300           | 11                       | 50,248           | 11                 | 1,884              |
| Southwestern              | 15                       | 3,042             | 14                       | 445,900          | 4                       | 25,900           | 15                       | 88,995           | 15                 | 3,299              |
| University                | 14                       | 6,123             | 14                       | 682,400          | 7                       | 89,100           | 14                       | 223,849          | 14                 | 5,122              |
| Unassociated              | 1                        | 63                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 65                 |
| Colorado:                 |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Eastern                   | 11                       | 759               | 10                       | 32,115           | 4                       | 4,165            | 11                       | 12,493           | 10                 | 731                |
| Northeastern              | 7                        | 828               | 7                        | 34,500           | 2                       | 1,612            | 6                        | 15,432           | 6                  | 749                |
| Rocky Mountain            | 35                       | 12,205            | 34                       | 1,119,580        | 18                      | 125,725          | 34                       | 320,220          | 35                 | 8,582              |
| San Luis Valley           | 7                        | 572               | 6                        | 56,000           |                         |                  | 6                        | 9,154            | 5                  | 454                |
| Southern Colorado         | 28                       | 6,647             | 26                       | 436,900          | 8                       | 33,550           | 28                       | 95,062           | 28                 | 4,706              |
| Southeastern              | 14                       | 365               | 4                        | 12,700           | 3                       | 580              | 11                       | 5,908            | 10                 | 469                |
| Southwestern              | 5                        | 331               | 4                        | 27,700           |                         |                  | 4                        | 3,929            | 5                  | 333                |
| Western                   | 12                       | 2,192             | 11                       | 149,900          | 3                       | 15,600           | 12                       | 32,096           | 11                 | 1,805              |
| Unassociated              | 3                        | 269               | 3                        | 21,500           |                         |                  | 3                        | 10,917           | 3                  | 243                |
| Connecticut:              |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Ashford                   | 16                       | 1,480             | 16                       | 154,600          | 1                       | 5,125            | 16                       | 39,376           | 13                 | 879                |
| Fairfield                 | 18                       | 3,070             | 17                       | 936,000          | 5                       | 31,800           | 18                       | 104,753          | 17                 | 2,231              |
| Hartford                  | 22                       | 5,485             | 21                       | 1,940,000        | 7                       | 218,100          | 22                       | 261,527          | 20                 | 3,343              |
| New Haven                 | 38                       | 7,029             | 36                       | 1,273,370        | 13                      | 78,730           | 38                       | 242,712          | 34                 | 4,083              |
| New London                | 19                       | 3,414             | 19                       | 489,301          | 4                       | 43,300           | 18                       | 78,367           | 16                 | 2,667              |
| Stonington Union          | 17                       | 2,395             | 17                       | 195,700          | 1                       | 17,250           | 17                       | 76,563           | 17                 | 1,665              |
| Delaware:                 |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Delaware                  | 10                       | 2,164             | 10                       | 635,000          | 3                       | 12,500           | 10                       | 67,788           | 10                 | 1,771              |
| District of Columbia:     |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Columbia                  | 23                       | 11,930            | 22                       | 2,331,500        | 13                      | 189,825          | 22                       | 477,360          | 23                 | 11,103             |
| Idaho:                    |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Central                   | 14                       | 1,426             | 14                       | 54,900           | 5                       | 4,150            | 13                       | 36,241           | 13                 | 1,419              |
| Camas Prairie             | 5                        | 315               | 5                        | 23,400           | 1                       | 63               | 5                        | 4,602            | 5                  | 402                |
| East                      | 10                       | 1,066             | 9                        | 75,500           | 3                       | 1,394            | 9                        | 24,930           | 10                 | 950                |
| First                     | 19                       | 2,823             | 19                       | 180,400          | 6                       | 18,800           | 19                       | 61,475           | 19                 | 2,380              |
| Palouse                   | 3                        | 231               | 3                        | 8,500            |                         |                  | 3                        | 4,955            | 3                  | 272                |
| Spokane                   | 5                        | 647               | 5                        | 60,300           | 1                       | 825              | 5                        | 9,270            | 5                  | 599                |
| Unassociated              | 2                        | 35                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 23                 |
| Illinois:                 |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Alton                     | 37                       | 9,054             | 37                       | 684,400          | 13                      | 108,243          | 37                       | 163,327          | 35                 | 8,233              |
| Aurora                    | 14                       | 2,898             | 14                       | 555,000          | 3                       | 145,600          | 14                       | 199,455          | 13                 | 2,511              |
| Bloomington               | 27                       | 4,593             | 26                       | 506,600          | 3                       | 24,350           | 27                       | 91,542           | 26                 | 3,487              |
| Central                   | 13                       | 1,423             | 13                       | 80,300           | 1                       | 100              | 12                       | 8,712            | 11                 | 780                |
| Champaign-Urbana          | 33                       | 5,719             | 33                       | 825,775          | 6                       | 79,500           | 33                       | 149,298          | 31                 | 4,860              |
| Chicago                   | 80                       | 27,081            | 77                       | 5,676,218        | 43                      | 1,029,304        | 79                       | 1,106,797        | 78                 | 21,060             |
| German                    | 13                       | 2,161             | 13                       | 329,396          | 5                       | 17,200           | 13                       | 109,650          | 13                 | 2,058              |
| Greene-Jersey             | 16                       | 3,435             | 16                       | 235,900          | 4                       | 30,550           | 16                       | 57,398           | 16                 | 2,604              |
| Morgan-Scott              | 9                        | 1,923             | 9                        | 110,200          | 2                       | 900              | 9                        | 24,887           | 9                  | 1,299              |
| Ottawa                    | 14                       | 2,326             | 14                       | 265,000          | 3                       | 14,925           | 14                       | 49,338           | 14                 | 2,139              |
| Peoria                    | 19                       | 5,256             | 19                       | 466,050          | 2                       | 26,000           | 19                       | 85,078           | 18                 | 4,213              |
| Quincy                    | 16                       | 2,524             | 16                       | 110,700          | 1                       | 600              | 15                       | 29,315           | 16                 | 1,749              |
| Rock Island               | 18                       | 2,825             | 18                       | 277,500          | 5                       | 24,900           | 18                       | 57,575           | 18                 | 2,558              |
| Rock River                | 20                       | 3,400             | 20                       | 504,600          | 5                       | 60,660           | 20                       | 97,803           | 20                 | 3,021              |
| Salem                     | 16                       | 2,056             | 16                       | 154,000          | 1                       | 800              | 16                       | 25,787           | 16                 | 1,363              |
| Southern                  | 40                       | 5,376             | 39                       | 265,250          | 11                      | 54,150           | 38                       | 40,773           | 38                 | 4,377              |
| Springfield               | 34                       | 7,589             | 34                       | 744,200          | 8                       | 122,255          | 32                       | 254,737          | 34                 | 6,010              |
| Swedish                   | 29                       | 4,699             | 29                       | 662,200          | 6                       | 24,600           | 29                       | 180,780          | 28                 | 4,174              |
| Wabash Valley             | 7                        | 901               | 7                        | 147,700          | 3                       | 20,550           | 7                        | 14,334           | 7                  | 815                |
| Unassociated              | 5                        | 350               | 3                        | 34,000           | 1                       | 8,000            | 5                        | 11,547           | 2                  | 169                |
| Indiana:                  |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Bedford                   | 16                       | 3,013             | 15                       | 229,300          | 4                       | 12,500           | 16                       | 43,004           | 15                 | 1,711              |
| Bethel                    | 10                       | 1,620             | 10                       | 97,625           | 2                       | 4,300            | 10                       | 25,477           | 8                  | 1,362              |
| Brownstown                | 12                       | 1,804             | 12                       | 120,600          | 3                       | 21,300           | 12                       | 27,275           | 10                 | 1,299              |
| Calumet                   | 7                        | 2,339             | 7                        | 319,550          | 5                       | 38,900           | 7                        | 40,769           | 7                  | 1,992              |
| Coffee Creek              | 20                       | 2,236             | 20                       | 30,725           | 1                       | 400              | 20                       | 13,178           | 20                 | 1,177              |

<sup>1</sup> Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION             | Total number of churches |                   | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                         | Number of churches       | Number of members | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Indiana—Continued.      |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Curry's Prairie.....    | 24                       | 4,215             | 24                       | \$311,135        | 5                       | \$20,231         | 24                       | \$72,051         | 23                 | 3,273              |
| Decatur County.....     | 10                       | 2,259             | 10                       | 122,000          | —                       | —                | 10                       | 17,443           | 10                 | 1,188              |
| East Central.....       | 5                        | 1,014             | 5                        | 119,000          | 3                       | 32,000           | 5                        | 22,704           | 5                  | 714                |
| Evansville.....         | 13                       | 2,507             | 13                       | 308,000          | 3                       | 48,800           | 12                       | 47,279           | 11                 | 2,979              |
| Flat Rock.....          | 14                       | 2,837             | 14                       | 161,800          | 2                       | 2,650            | 14                       | 40,818           | 13                 | 1,940              |
| Fort Wayne.....         | 19                       | 3,238             | 19                       | 508,900          | 8                       | 130,000          | 19                       | 130,340          | 19                 | 2,772              |
| Freedom.....            | 23                       | 2,022             | 23                       | 86,850           | 3                       | 6,685            | 23                       | 25,211           | 20                 | 1,317              |
| Friendship.....         | 16                       | 2,117             | 16                       | 122,600          | 2                       | 4,013            | 16                       | 20,401           | 13                 | 979                |
| Harmony.....            | 18                       | 3,950             | 18                       | 341,700          | 4                       | 46,780           | 18                       | 55,193           | 17                 | 3,031              |
| Indianapolis.....       | 29                       | 9,522             | 28                       | 1,755,299        | 16                      | 297,697          | 29                       | 266,630          | 29                 | 8,870              |
| Johnson County.....     | 9                        | 1,588             | 9                        | 139,600          | 1                       | 21,000           | 9                        | 22,190           | 9                  | 1,101              |
| Judson.....             | 21                       | 4,017             | 20                       | 289,500          | 2                       | 12,365           | 21                       | 50,915           | 21                 | 3,184              |
| Laughery.....           | 14                       | 2,140             | 14                       | 96,000           | —                       | —                | 14                       | 26,623           | 14                 | 1,394              |
| Linton.....             | 12                       | 2,377             | 12                       | 88,500           | 1                       | 14,200           | 12                       | 21,332           | 12                 | 1,572              |
| Logansport.....         | 18                       | 3,821             | 18                       | 512,900          | 4                       | 26,100           | 18                       | 63,436           | 18                 | 3,132              |
| Long Run.....           | 17                       | 1,805             | 17                       | 54,415           | 1                       | 480              | 17                       | 15,806           | 17                 | 1,225              |
| Madison.....            | 15                       | 2,366             | 15                       | 90,500           | —                       | —                | 15                       | 21,124           | 15                 | 1,637              |
| Monticello.....         | 10                       | 1,477             | 10                       | 74,500           | —                       | —                | 10                       | 14,852           | 10                 | 1,241              |
| Mount Zion.....         | 9                        | 545               | 7                        | 10,700           | —                       | —                | 6                        | 1,942            | 4                  | 140                |
| Noble-Lagrange.....     | 6                        | 407               | 6                        | 40,800           | —                       | —                | 6                        | 5,997            | 6                  | 460                |
| Northern.....           | 9                        | 2,637             | 9                        | 388,000          | 4                       | 42,600           | 9                        | 60,795           | 9                  | 2,416              |
| Orleans.....            | 13                       | 1,651             | 13                       | 124,300          | —                       | —                | 13                       | 14,858           | 13                 | 1,303              |
| Perry County.....       | 9                        | 567               | 8                        | 16,150           | —                       | —                | 6                        | 3,271            | 6                  | 326                |
| Salamonie.....          | 11                       | 3,538             | 11                       | 252,500          | 3                       | 32,000           | 11                       | 65,748           | 11                 | 3,682              |
| Sand Creek.....         | 13                       | 1,644             | 13                       | 54,200           | —                       | —                | 12                       | 9,515            | 12                 | 838                |
| Swedish.....            | 1                        | 38                | —                        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | —                       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | —                        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 75                 |
| Tippecanoe.....         | 8                        | 1,430             | 8                        | 181,000          | —                       | —                | 7                        | 22,669           | 8                  | 1,011              |
| Union.....              | 17                       | 3,026             | 15                       | 280,000          | 2                       | 3,000            | 16                       | 39,807           | 15                 | 2,495              |
| White Lick.....         | 19                       | 2,289             | 19                       | 88,400           | 1                       | 10,000           | 19                       | 19,143           | 16                 | 941                |
| Unassociated.....       | 1                        | 38                | —                        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | —                       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | —                        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 65                 |
| Iowa:                   |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Cedar Rapids.....       | 13                       | 2,733             | 13                       | 355,500          | 7                       | 21,498           | 13                       | 54,511           | 13                 | 2,081              |
| Cedar Valley.....       | 30                       | 6,170             | 30                       | 719,200          | 5                       | 57,800           | 30                       | 95,051           | 30                 | 4,747              |
| Central.....            | 18                       | 4,542             | 17                       | 370,100          | 4                       | 9,000            | 18                       | 103,984          | 17                 | 3,050              |
| Creston.....            | 18                       | 1,476             | 18                       | 153,000          | 1                       | 5,000            | 17                       | 20,284           | 16                 | 1,126              |
| Danish.....             | 11                       | 1,592             | 11                       | 94,800           | 2                       | 3,800            | 11                       | 36,978           | 11                 | 1,033              |
| Davenport.....          | 8                        | 2,865             | 8                        | 421,000          | 2                       | 34,000           | 8                        | 52,082           | 8                  | 2,126              |
| Des Moines Western..... | 26                       | 3,418             | 26                       | 350,000          | 5                       | 63,400           | 26                       | 75,766           | 23                 | 2,472              |
| Dubuque.....            | 10                       | 1,348             | 10                       | 180,000          | 3                       | 13,890           | 10                       | 22,434           | 10                 | 1,159              |
| East Grand River.....   | 7                        | 635               | 7                        | 9,185            | —                       | —                | 7                        | 1,728            | 7                  | 302                |
| English River.....      | 10                       | 598               | 9                        | 48,900           | 1                       | 708              | 9                        | 7,937            | 10                 | 530                |
| Fox River.....          | 12                       | 822               | 12                       | 35,735           | —                       | —                | 11                       | 6,415            | 9                  | 423                |
| German.....             | 11                       | 1,903             | 11                       | 216,000          | 3                       | 29,800           | 11                       | 51,570           | 10                 | 1,693              |
| Iowa.....               | 20                       | 3,561             | 20                       | 240,245          | 2                       | 8,250            | 20                       | 46,099           | 18                 | 2,461              |
| Northern.....           | 17                       | 2,279             | 17                       | 152,800          | 3                       | 17,450           | 17                       | 39,010           | 17                 | 1,776              |
| Oskaloosa.....          | 12                       | 1,989             | 12                       | 134,300          | 1                       | 1,400            | 12                       | 29,914           | 10                 | 1,511              |
| Sioux Valley.....       | 16                       | 2,328             | 16                       | 392,500          | 10                      | 34,600           | 16                       | 65,628           | 16                 | 1,919              |
| Southern Iowa.....      | 22                       | 2,623             | 21                       | 146,435          | 4                       | 2,900            | 21                       | 24,458           | 19                 | 1,749              |
| Southwestern.....       | 16                       | 3,099             | 16                       | 488,700          | 1                       | 31,200           | 16                       | 55,711           | 15                 | 2,286              |
| Swedish.....            | 10                       | 898               | 9                        | 86,500           | 2                       | 1,300            | 10                       | 26,989           | 8                  | 957                |
| Washington.....         | 10                       | 891               | 10                       | 64,400           | —                       | —                | 9                        | 26,254           | 9                  | 566                |
| Kansas:                 |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Arkansas Valley.....    | 28                       | 4,082             | 26                       | 313,163          | 8                       | 54,134           | 28                       | 127,224          | 28                 | 3,496              |
| Blue Valley.....        | 8                        | 580               | 8                        | 50,500           | 1                       | 200              | 6                        | 9,296            | 6                  | 539                |
| Central.....            | 13                       | 2,284             | 13                       | 180,500          | 2                       | 13,150           | 13                       | 58,311           | 13                 | 1,881              |
| Chikaskia.....          | 18                       | 1,459             | 16                       | 91,500           | 1                       | 1,200            | 18                       | 23,191           | 18                 | 1,224              |
| Fall River.....         | 12                       | 942               | 12                       | 62,500           | 3                       | 3,250            | 11                       | 10,961           | 11                 | 966                |
| Fort Scott.....         | 18                       | 2,538             | 18                       | 208,625          | 6                       | 28,920           | 18                       | 50,395           | 17                 | 1,760              |
| German.....             | 14                       | 1,377             | 14                       | 77,500           | 3                       | 1,700            | 14                       | 42,573           | 14                 | 1,705              |
| Jewell.....             | 7                        | 651               | 7                        | 30,800           | 1                       | 200              | 7                        | 8,626            | 7                  | 494                |
| Kansas River.....       | 19                       | 4,080             | 19                       | 349,120          | 3                       | 17,500           | 19                       | 71,788           | 19                 | 3,599              |
| Miami.....              | 23                       | 3,687             | 21                       | 207,400          | 5                       | 5,050            | 23                       | 55,534           | 22                 | 2,921              |

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS. 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION           | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |          | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                       |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Kansas—Continued.     |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |          |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Missouri River        | 33                       | 7,019             | 33                       | \$449,132        | 14                      | \$38,680 | 33                       | \$114,540        | 32                 | 5,520              |
| Northeast             | 18                       | 2,151             | 18                       | 115,700          | 1                       | 400      | 18                       | 48,335           | 17                 | 1,771              |
| Northwest             | 10                       | 967               | 9                        | 64,510           | 1                       | 3,000    | 9                        | 14,305           | 8                  | 688                |
| Republican Valley     | 7                        | 1,146             | 7                        | 69,500           | 1                       | 4,000    | 7                        | 15,253           | 7                  | 811                |
| Solomon Valley        | 8                        | 1,072             | 8                        | 43,650           | 1                       | 225      | 7                        | 12,629           | 7                  | 740                |
| South Central         | 11                       | 971               | 9                        | 32,550           | 1                       | 390      | 11                       | 13,481           | 11                 | 886                |
| Southeast             | 29                       | 6,786             | 29                       | 492,886          | 6                       | 32,275   | 29                       | 91,415           | 29                 | 6,106              |
| Southwest             | 10                       | 989               | 6                        | 39,200           | 1                       | 3,500    | 7                        | 13,219           | 7                  | 798                |
| Swedish               | 10                       | 1,219             | 10                       | 167,400          | 3                       | 20,500   | 10                       | 29,985           | 8                  | 1,159              |
| Upper Solomon         | 10                       | 534               | 10                       | 28,650           | 1                       | 350      | 10                       | 9,761            | 10                 | 643                |
| Wakeeney              | 5                        | 335               | 5                        | 9,600            | 2                       | 400      | 4                        | 2,915            | 4                  | 323                |
| Walnut Valley         | 36                       | 8,825             | 36                       | 724,299          | 11                      | 80,611   | 36                       | 221,065          | 36                 | 7,906              |
| West Central          | 12                       | 1,046             | 9                        | 62,100           | 3                       | 1,750    | 9                        | 15,483           | 9                  | 988                |
| Maine:                |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |          |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Androscoggin          | 17                       | 2,403             | 16                       | 385,525          | 2                       | 41,300   | 16                       | 54,007           | 12                 | 1,988              |
| Bowdoinham            | 19                       | 1,256             | 19                       | 117,700          |                         |          | 14                       | 22,386           | 12                 | 1,051              |
| Cumberland            | 26                       | 3,403             | 26                       | 375,242          | 2                       | 4,700    | 23                       | 76,368           | 22                 | 2,933              |
| Damariscotta          | 13                       | 850               | 13                       | 62,900           |                         |          | 12                       | 18,204           | 10                 | 451                |
| Farmington            | 22                       | 1,010             | 20                       | 87,500           | 2                       | 2,400    | 19                       | 18,365           | 17                 | 1,123              |
| Hancock               | 26                       | 1,145             | 24                       | 85,750           | 1                       | 100      | 24                       | 20,870           | 24                 | 1,199              |
| Lincoln               | 31                       | 2,764             | 30                       | 485,470          | 3                       | 15,366   | 25                       | 79,643           | 24                 | 2,255              |
| New Durham            | 1                        | 58                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                    |                    |
| North Aroostook       | 18                       | 2,477             | 18                       | 140,100          |                         |          | 18                       | 45,080           | 18                 | 2,380              |
| North Kennebec        | 20                       | 2,976             | 20                       | 224,600          | 2                       | 19,561   | 18                       | 57,658           | 18                 | 2,769              |
| North York            | 26                       | 1,512             | 26                       | 112,900          | 1                       | 75       | 22                       | 31,685           | 16                 | 1,404              |
| Oxford                | 17                       | 1,174             | 16                       | 103,000          | 3                       | 4,976    | 16                       | 24,685           | 15                 | 1,030              |
| Penobscot             | 27                       | 2,782             | 27                       | 279,200          | 2                       | 4,000    | 25                       | 46,455           | 24                 | 2,496              |
| Piscataquis           | 10                       | 1,238             | 9                        | 73,500           |                         |          | 10                       | 22,590           | 9                  | 1,302              |
| South Aroostook       | 24                       | 2,095             | 23                       | 152,700          | 3                       | 13,280   | 22                       | 31,492           | 22                 | 1,806              |
| South Kennebec        | 16                       | 1,689             | 16                       | 118,683          | 1                       | 200      | 14                       | 24,901           | 12                 | 1,309              |
| South York            | 15                       | 1,839             | 15                       | 195,500          | 2                       | 1,200    | 15                       | 45,954           | 14                 | 1,362              |
| Washington            | 19                       | 1,360             | 16                       | 116,000          |                         |          | 16                       | 21,351           | 16                 | 1,311              |
| Maryland:             |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |          |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Columbia (part)       | 3                        | 342               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          | 3                        | 11,401           | 3                  | 507                |
| Monongahela (part)    | 2                        | 80                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 54                 |
| Massachusetts:        |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |          |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Barnstable            | 14                       | 500               | 13                       | 127,305          |                         |          | 14                       | 24,981           | 13                 | 596                |
| Berkshire             | 14                       | 3,485             | 14                       | 553,165          | 2                       | 19,300   | 14                       | 193,373          | 12                 | 1,992              |
| Boston East           | 27                       | 12,923            | 27                       | 1,744,284        | 8                       | 54,300   | 27                       | 400,793          | 27                 | 12,199             |
| Boston North          | 20                       | 13,020            | 19                       | 2,610,907        | 8                       | 117,500  | 20                       | 480,769          | 19                 | 11,169             |
| Boston South          | 21                       | 6,923             | 21                       | 1,257,500        | 6                       | 48,800   | 21                       | 167,092          | 21                 | 5,708              |
| Boston West           | 23                       | 7,899             | 22                       | 1,502,200        | 4                       | 160,650  | 23                       | 244,561          | 23                 | 6,600              |
| Framingham            | 14                       | 2,702             | 14                       | 228,800          | 2                       | 3,975    | 14                       | 59,781           | 14                 | 1,868              |
| Greenfield            | 6                        | 732               | 6                        | 83,500           | 1                       | 3,000    | 6                        | 12,243           | 6                  | 722                |
| Merrimac River        | 25                       | 7,541             | 25                       | 997,025          | 6                       | 86,285   | 25                       | 290,281          | 25                 | 5,468              |
| Old Colony            | 18                       | 3,308             | 18                       | 464,100          | 4                       | 27,000   | 18                       | 113,788          | 18                 | 2,820              |
| Providence (part)     | 2                        | 77                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 100                |
| Roger Williams (part) | 2                        | 90                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 170                |
| Salem                 | 22                       | 6,975             | 22                       | 976,100          | 3                       | 7,115    | 22                       | 168,930          | 22                 | 6,006              |
| Swedish               | 14                       | 1,904             | 13                       | 271,700          | 4                       | 14,300   | 14                       | 58,923           | 13                 | 1,767              |
| Taunton               | 19                       | 6,078             | 19                       | 1,036,200        | 5                       | 161,750  | 19                       | 196,774          | 18                 | 5,257              |
| Wachusett             | 19                       | 3,524             | 19                       | 405,650          | 1                       | 900      | 19                       | 81,818           | 19                 | 2,780              |
| Westfield             | 25                       | 6,256             | 25                       | 1,108,281        | 7                       | 33,950   | 23                       | 161,613          | 22                 | 4,119              |
| Worcester             | 30                       | 5,375             | 30                       | 1,336,200        | 9                       | 32,300   | 30                       | 154,457          | 29                 | 3,881              |
| Unassociated          | 6                        | 318               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |          | 4                        | 2,004            | 6                  | 525                |

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION                          | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                      |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Michigan:                            |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Alpena.....                          | 23                       | 997               | 18                       | \$71,550         |                         |                  | 21                       | \$28,518         | 20                 | 1,059              |
| Berean.....                          | 6                        | 1,460             | 6                        | 101,800          | 3                       | \$23,250         | 6                        | 38,110           | 6                  | 1,431              |
| Detroit.....                         | 51                       | 17,516            | 46                       | 3,405,800        | 29                      | 495,700          | 51                       | 612,274          | 51                 | 16,517             |
| Flint River.....                     | 21                       | 3,675             | 19                       | 448,400          | 5                       | 22,500           | 21                       | 95,214           | 20                 | 3,775              |
| German.....                          | 6                        | 831               | 6                        | 105,000          | 3                       | 3,500            | 6                        | 16,631           | 6                  | 808                |
| Grand Rapids.....                    | 2                        | 1,524             |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 602                |
| Grand River.....                     | 13                       | 1,251             | 12                       | 108,500          |                         |                  | 12                       | 24,637           | 12                 | 1,214              |
| Grand Traverse.....                  | 6                        | 673               | 6                        | 113,000          | 1                       | 524              | 6                        | 15,835           | 6                  | 637                |
| Hillsdale.....                       | 19                       | 1,643             | 19                       | 133,250          | 3                       | 4,550            | 19                       | 28,796           | 18                 | 1,584              |
| Huron.....                           | 24                       | 2,125             | 24                       | 171,750          | 2                       | 600              | 24                       | 45,522           | 21                 | 1,958              |
| Jackson.....                         | 20                       | 3,112             | 20                       | 291,400          | 4                       | 12,500           | 20                       | 54,259           | 20                 | 2,851              |
| Kalamazoo River.....                 | 21                       | 4,412             | 21                       | 555,800          | 3                       | 10,000           | 20                       | 98,924           | 20                 | 4,674              |
| Kent-Muskegon.....                   | 14                       | 1,657             | 14                       | 137,000          | 3                       | 12,500           | 14                       | 34,098           | 14                 | 1,715              |
| Lenawee.....                         | 18                       | 1,866             | 18                       | 172,400          |                         |                  | 18                       | 34,487           | 16                 | 2,019              |
| Marquette.....                       | 4                        | 932               | 4                        | 179,000          | 1                       | 12,000           | 4                        | 26,589           | 4                  | 815                |
| Osceola.....                         | 10                       | 753               | 10                       | 46,100           | 3                       | 2,545            | 10                       | 13,414           | 8                  | 597                |
| Saginaw Valley.....                  | 22                       | 3,050             | 22                       | 483,500          | 4                       | 18,500           | 22                       | 68,724           | 21                 | 2,379              |
| Shiawassee.....                      | 19                       | 2,955             | 19                       | 384,550          | 3                       | 33,425           | 19                       | 75,452           | 19                 | 2,558              |
| St. Joseph Valley.....               | 12                       | 970               | 12                       | 89,200           | 1                       | 300              | 12                       | 20,029           | 12                 | 1,130              |
| Swedish, North.....                  | 11                       | 654               | 11                       | 95,500           | 4                       | 500              | 11                       | 27,424           | 10                 | 540                |
| Swedish, South.....                  | 10                       | 854               | 10                       | 92,000           | 1                       | 7,500            | 10                       | 23,970           | 8                  | 829                |
| Wayne.....                           | 19                       | 3,759             | 19                       | 436,200          | 2                       | 13,500           | 19                       | 78,481           | 16                 | 2,335              |
| Unassociated.....                    | 4                        | 209               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 4                        | 4,816            | 4                  | 217                |
| Minnesota:                           |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Central.....                         | 11                       | 1,877             | 10                       | 194,100          | 2                       | 579              | 11                       | 36,997           | 9                  | 1,247              |
| Dano-Norwegian.....                  | 15                       | 1,728             | 14                       | 147,700          | 3                       | 8,100            | 15                       | 45,024           | 13                 | 1,414              |
| German.....                          | 11                       | 1,091             | 11                       | 103,900          | 1                       | 500              | 11                       | 23,395           | 9                  | 895                |
| Lake Superior.....                   | 3                        | 685               | 3                        | 137,000          | 1                       | 1,000            | 3                        | 19,824           | 3                  | 350                |
| Minnesota Valley.....                | 20                       | 2,119             | 20                       | 165,000          | 1                       | 400              | 20                       | 40,442           | 20                 | 1,970              |
| Northwestern.....                    | 18                       | 1,587             | 17                       | 160,800          | 4                       | 1,775            | 18                       | 33,747           | 17                 | 1,750              |
| Southeastern.....                    | 7                        | 1,111             | 7                        | 149,020          |                         |                  | 7                        | 20,100           | 7                  | 727                |
| Swedish.....                         | 92                       | 9,326             | 92                       | 773,335          | 18                      | 35,082           | 86                       | 250,330          | 80                 | 8,167              |
| Twin City.....                       | 25                       | 10,648            | 24                       | 2,028,650        | 11                      | 407,400          | 24                       | 426,995          | 24                 | 7,801              |
| Western.....                         | 5                        | 532               | 5                        | 31,000           | 1                       | 3,000            | 5                        | 11,881           | 5                  | 503                |
| Unassociated.....                    | 4                        | 193               | 4                        | 37,650           | 2                       | 4,400            | 4                        | 5,202            | 2                  | 265                |
| Montana:                             |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Bitter Root.....                     | 6                        | 556               | 5                        | 30,100           | 1                       | 2,250            | 6                        | 9,546            | 4                  | 475                |
| Crow Indian.....                     | 6                        | 360               | 4                        | 29,200           |                         |                  | 5                        | 3,820            | 4                  | 251                |
| Flathead.....                        | 3                        | 258               | 3                        | 15,500           | 1                       | 300              | 3                        | 2,865            | 3                  | 195                |
| Gallatin.....                        | 5                        | 556               | 5                        | 63,500           | 1                       | 1,000            | 5                        | 10,467           | 5                  | 495                |
| German.....                          | 5                        | 213               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 5                        | 3,205            | 5                  | 284                |
| Musselshell.....                     | 8                        | 691               | 4                        | 22,850           | 2                       | 750              | 8                        | 14,566           | 7                  | 657                |
| Silver Bow.....                      | 8                        | 716               | 8                        | 112,200          | 1                       | 600              | 8                        | 15,446           | 7                  | 463                |
| Teton.....                           | 8                        | 544               | 8                        | 45,400           | 4                       | 4,575            | 7                        | 22,340           | 7                  | 672                |
| Yellowstone.....                     | 5                        | 587               | 3                        | 59,000           | 1                       | 10,000           | 5                        | 16,611           | 5                  | 567                |
| Nebraska:                            |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Custer.....                          | 8                        | 1,001             | 8                        | 70,500           | 1                       | 6,000            | 8                        | 14,116           | 7                  | 625                |
| First Nebraska.....                  | 9                        | 1,785             | 9                        | 249,450          | 2                       | 9,895            | 8                        | 59,553           | 9                  | 1,250              |
| Grand Island.....                    | 15                       | 1,948             | 15                       | 159,500          | 2                       | 5,350            | 15                       | 45,756           | 14                 | 1,956              |
| Nebraska Conference,<br>Swedish..... | 10                       | 1,363             | 10                       | 146,250          | 1                       | 3,900            | 9                        | 38,960           | 10                 | 1,126              |
| Northeastern.....                    | 9                        | 854               | 9                        | 90,800           | 2                       | 7,500            | 9                        | 15,004           | 9                  | 709                |
| North Platte.....                    | 9                        | 1,046             | 8                        | 101,300          | 1                       | 300              | 9                        | 16,508           | 8                  | 977                |
| Northwestern.....                    | 6                        | 890               | 6                        | 26,200           | 2                       | 1,300            | 6                        | 14,072           | 6                  | 917                |
| Omaha.....                           | 17                       | 4,699             | 17                       | 762,900          | 9                       | 167,004          | 17                       | 104,368          | 17                 | 3,770              |
| Southeastern.....                    | 13                       | 1,839             | 13                       | 118,500          | 1                       | 4,000            | 13                       | 41,984           | 13                 | 1,424              |
| Southern Union.....                  | 19                       | 2,164             | 18                       | 252,400          | 5                       | 12,387           | 19                       | 39,053           | 19                 | 1,985              |
| York.....                            | 11                       | 1,247             | 11                       | 65,000           | 1                       | 400              | 10                       | 25,784           | 9                  | 1,088              |
| Unassociated.....                    | 4                        | 309               | 4                        | 33,000           | 2                       | 2,900            | 4                        | 7,697            | 4                  | 342                |
| Nevada:                              |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Nevada-Sierra.....                   | 8                        | 674               | 8                        | 134,900          | 1                       | 75               | 8                        | 19,550           | 8                  | 807                |

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION          | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |           | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |          | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |           | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                      |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount    | Churches reporting      | Amount   | Churches reporting       | Amount    | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| New Hampshire:       |                          |                   |                          |           |                         |          |                          |           |                    |                    |
| Belknap              | 13                       | 1,185             | 13                       | \$113,050 |                         |          | 11                       | \$21,200  | 8                  | 797                |
| Dublin               | 9                        | 938               | 9                        | 139,200   |                         |          | 9                        | 27,736    | 9                  | 923                |
| Meredith-Sandwich    | 11                       | 744               | 11                       | 72,100    |                         |          | 10                       | 15,545    | 8                  | 497                |
| Milford              | 18                       | 3,528             | 18                       | 395,100   | 1                       | \$20,000 | 18                       | 73,494    | 17                 | 2,671              |
| New Durham           | 13                       | 1,002             | 13                       | 77,500    | 2                       | 5,600    | 12                       | 16,186    | 12                 | 783                |
| Newport              | 13                       | 1,294             | 13                       | 105,700   | 1                       | 4,355    | 13                       | 25,111    | 11                 | 807                |
| Portsmouth           | 14                       | 1,863             | 14                       | 277,300   |                         |          | 13                       | 51,552    | 13                 | 1,582              |
| Salisbury            | 21                       | 2,434             | 20                       | 209,150   | 3                       | 10,775   | 20                       | 59,319    | 17                 | 1,790              |
| White Mountains      | 5                        | 500               | 5                        | 90,000    |                         |          | 5                        | 9,753     | 5                  | 500                |
| Wolfeboro            | 12                       | 332               | 12                       | 43,200    |                         |          | 12                       | 11,087    | 8                  | 333                |
| New Jersey:          |                          |                   |                          |           |                         |          |                          |           |                    |                    |
| Camden               | 53                       | 11,626            | 53                       | 2,732,157 | 24                      | 314,038  | 53                       | 297,388   | 53                 | 12,409             |
| Central              | 21                       | 4,365             | 21                       | 835,100   | 6                       | 10,300   | 20                       | 82,998    | 18                 | 2,148              |
| East                 | 38                       | 10,845            | 34                       | 3,200,519 | 13                      | 329,755  | 38                       | 437,295   | 36                 | 8,399              |
| Hudson               | 20                       | 4,072             | 19                       | 793,200   | 8                       | 37,375   | 20                       | 120,171   | 20                 | 2,543              |
| Monmouth             | 22                       | 4,495             | 21                       | 703,000   | 2                       | 10,500   | 20                       | 133,458   | 20                 | 2,769              |
| Morris and Essex     | 22                       | 5,822             | 21                       | 1,417,900 | 5                       | 25,000   | 22                       | 245,014   | 21                 | 4,108              |
| North                | 29                       | 7,121             | 28                       | 1,695,295 | 12                      | 72,400   | 29                       | 265,989   | 28                 | 5,294              |
| Trenton              | 21                       | 6,741             | 21                       | 1,193,850 | 6                       | 89,150   | 21                       | 182,711   | 21                 | 4,182              |
| West                 | 39                       | 7,254             | 39                       | 830,050   | 11                      | 21,000   | 39                       | 127,876   | 39                 | 5,211              |
| Unassociated         | 1                        | 198               |                          | (1)       |                         |          |                          | (1)       | 1                  | 275                |
| New York:            |                          |                   |                          |           |                         |          |                          |           |                    |                    |
| Allegany             | 15                       | 1,841             | 13                       | 154,100   | 1                       | 775      | 15                       | 32,730    | 13                 | 1,209              |
| Black River          | 16                       | 2,672             | 16                       | 409,200   | 2                       | 18,806   | 16                       | 62,466    | 16                 | 1,883              |
| Broome and Tioga     | 30                       | 6,364             | 29                       | 1,016,600 | 8                       | 152,260  | 29                       | 217,996   | 28                 | 5,140              |
| Buffalo              | 46                       | 8,838             | 45                       | 2,081,050 | 18                      | 450,700  | 46                       | 332,219   | 46                 | 7,795              |
| Cattaraugus          | 15                       | 2,571             | 15                       | 273,500   | 2                       | 41,250   | 15                       | 61,479    | 14                 | 1,777              |
| Cayuga               | 16                       | 2,688             | 16                       | 356,500   | 4                       | 13,840   | 16                       | 57,601    | 16                 | 1,907              |
| Chautauqua           | 30                       | 4,054             | 29                       | 505,200   | 3                       | 6,742    | 28                       | 99,680    | 26                 | 3,298              |
| Chemung River        | 17                       | 3,945             | 17                       | 469,000   | 3                       | 12,875   | 17                       | 82,867    | 17                 | 3,281              |
| Chenango             | 20                       | 3,197             | 19                       | 180,834   | 2                       | 4,500    | 20                       | 49,367    | 19                 | 2,293              |
| Cortland             | 17                       | 2,293             | 17                       | 211,850   | 3                       | 4,500    | 16                       | 44,823    | 14                 | 2,006              |
| Deposit              | 6                        | 593               | 6                        | 134,100   |                         |          | 6                        | 12,237    | 6                  | 520                |
| Dutchess             | 10                       | 784               | 10                       | 107,000   | 1                       | 500      | 10                       | 16,239    | 9                  | 301                |
| Essex-Champlain      | 11                       | 913               | 11                       | 149,300   | 1                       | 10,000   | 11                       | 30,135    | 9                  | 562                |
| Franklin             | 18                       | 3,254             | 18                       | 283,900   | 2                       | 2,900    | 18                       | 88,602    | 18                 | 2,278              |
| Genesee              | 27                       | 4,150             | 27                       | 479,950   | 2                       | 14,800   | 27                       | 115,588   | 27                 | 3,213              |
| Hudson River Central | 37                       | 9,133             | 37                       | 1,564,800 | 7                       | 53,565   | 37                       | 276,716   | 35                 | 5,748              |
| Hudson River North   | 32                       | 6,018             | 30                       | 843,200   | 8                       | 28,700   | 32                       | 124,927   | 28                 | 3,617              |
| Lake George          | 12                       | 742               | 11                       | 56,400    |                         |          | 12                       | 10,782    | 11                 | 494                |
| Livingston           | 6                        | 546               | 6                        | 83,500    |                         |          | 6                        | 11,503    | 6                  | 368                |
| Long Island          | 62                       | 18,531            | 57                       | 4,821,750 | 23                      | 452,150  | 62                       | 883,628   | 60                 | 12,735             |
| Madison              | 14                       | 1,747             | 14                       | 155,300   |                         |          | 14                       | 33,595    | 12                 | 1,418              |
| Mohawk River         | 15                       | 2,453             | 15                       | 240,800   | 3                       | 25,000   | 14                       | 40,443    | 14                 | 2,022              |
| Monroe               | 35                       | 12,119            | 35                       | 5,148,000 | 16                      | 395,075  | 35                       | 456,711   | 35                 | 10,060             |
| Niagara              | 12                       | 3,550             | 12                       | 374,400   | 3                       | 33,500   | 12                       | 77,205    | 12                 | 2,812              |
| Oneida               | 27                       | 4,967             | 26                       | 907,100   | 5                       | 93,400   | 27                       | 142,030   | 26                 | 3,635              |
| Onondaga             | 20                       | 6,481             | 20                       | 1,098,460 | 7                       | 314,367  | 19                       | 232,341   | 19                 | 5,668              |
| Ontario              | 12                       | 1,845             | 12                       | 185,700   | 1                       | 1,800    | 12                       | 35,464    | 12                 | 1,405              |
| Orleans              | 10                       | 1,820             | 9                        | 211,400   | 1                       | 2,500    | 10                       | 57,673    | 10                 | 1,477              |
| Oswego               | 17                       | 2,239             | 17                       | 294,200   | 2                       | 4,000    | 17                       | 37,925    | 14                 | 1,592              |
| Otsego               | 12                       | 1,598             | 12                       | 109,500   | 1                       | 400      | 12                       | 25,294    | 11                 | 1,147              |
| Rensselaerville      | 11                       | 797               | 11                       | 33,800    |                         |          | 11                       | 10,178    | 8                  | 316                |
| St. Lawrence         | 19                       | 1,822             | 19                       | 239,100   | 1                       | 3,000    | 19                       | 44,459    | 15                 | 1,202              |
| Saratoga             | 21                       | 5,253             | 21                       | 803,250   | 4                       | 46,700   | 20                       | 208,060   | 17                 | 3,083              |
| Seneca               | 13                       | 2,325             | 13                       | 166,500   | 1                       | 3,500    | 13                       | 37,617    | 13                 | 1,720              |
| Southern New York    | 52                       | 13,758            | 46                       | 9,514,568 | 21                      | 434,400  | 52                       | 1,037,299 | 49                 | 6,745              |
| Stephentown          | 8                        | 733               | 8                        | 46,000    |                         |          | 8                        | 10,160    | 8                  | 397                |
| Steuben              | 33                       | 4,489             | 32                       | 284,350   | 3                       | 25,300   | 32                       | 60,669    | 30                 | 3,018              |
| Union                | 11                       | 1,210             | 11                       | 132,500   |                         |          | 11                       | 17,543    | 11                 | 565                |
| Washington-Union     | 21                       | 3,554             | 21                       | 530,200   | 3                       | 13,111   | 20                       | 66,886    | 17                 | 2,248              |

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

| ASSOCIATION             | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                         |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| New York—Continued.     |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Wayne                   | 15                       | 1,936             | 15                       | \$201,100        | 6                       | \$23,390         | 13                       | \$39,676         | 12                 | 1,580              |
| Worcester               | 14                       | 928               | 14                       | 63,300           | 1                       | 400              | 14                       | 13,832           | 11                 | 687                |
| Yates                   | 17                       | 2,230             | 16                       | 122,700          |                         |                  | 17                       | 30,072           | 16                 | 1,725              |
| Unassociated            | 5                        | 171               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  | 4                        | 3,179            | 2                  | 130                |
| North Dakota:           |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| German Conference       | 28                       | 3,416             | 28                       | 171,542          | 5                       | 1,270            | 27                       | 84,457           | 28                 | 4,817              |
| North Dakota            | 8                        | 1,351             | 8                        | 138,500          | 2                       | 7,500            | 8                        | 40,540           | 8                  | 1,065              |
| Northwestern            | 14                       | 668               | 12                       | 31,640           | 2                       | 1,850            | 13                       | 12,742           | 13                 | 705                |
| Norwegian Conference    | 6                        | 544               | 5                        | 20,600           | 1                       | 1,500            | 5                        | 9,464            | 4                  | 473                |
| Red River Valley        | 9                        | 790               | 7                        | 56,200           | 3                       | 1,200            | 8                        | 17,161           | 6                  | 490                |
| Russian Conference      | 5                        | 179               | 4                        | 6,900            |                         |                  | 5                        | 790              | 1                  | 12                 |
| Swedish Conference      | 9                        | 341               | 8                        | 23,500           | 3                       | 1,200            | 8                        | 8,309            | 6                  | 397                |
| Ohio:                   |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Adams                   | 9                        | 722               | 9                        | 26,250           |                         |                  | 8                        | 6,341            | 8                  | 542                |
| Akron                   | 15                       | 3,665             | 15                       | 553,000          | 10                      | 120,200          | 15                       | 103,636          | 15                 | 3,531              |
| Ashtabula               | 12                       | 2,246             | 12                       | 292,000          | 3                       | 36,200           | 12                       | 96,979           | 12                 | 2,087              |
| Auglaize                | 20                       | 2,252             | 20                       | 264,400          | 4                       | 5,317            | 20                       | 48,017           | 20                 | 2,211              |
| Cambridge               | 15                       | 1,788             | 15                       | 126,800          | 1                       | 90               | 15                       | 16,119           | 15                 | 1,219              |
| Central                 | 7                        | 428               | 7                        | 9,000            |                         |                  | 7                        | 1,738            | 7                  | 317                |
| Clermont                | 7                        | 677               | 7                        | 31,800           |                         |                  | 7                        | 7,903            | 6                  | 456                |
| Cleveland               | 36                       | 11,385            | 32                       | 2,833,500        | 18                      | 170,340          | 36                       | 364,473          | 36                 | 8,957              |
| Clinton                 | 20                       | 2,410             | 19                       | 199,900          | 1                       | 2,700            | 19                       | 34,438           | 17                 | 1,854              |
| Columbus                | 26                       | 5,662             | 24                       | 960,500          | 7                       | 124,800          | 25                       | 123,511          | 24                 | 3,775              |
| Coshocton               | 10                       | 1,128             | 10                       | 50,000           |                         |                  | 9                        | 13,022           | 9                  | 607                |
| Dayton                  | 32                       | 9,207             | 32                       | 1,082,100        | 10                      | 39,085           | 32                       | 214,186          | 32                 | 7,164              |
| Gallia                  | 10                       | 1,073             | 9                        | 14,800           |                         |                  | 9                        | 3,288            | 9                  | 439                |
| Huron                   | 10                       | 1,215             | 10                       | 123,000          |                         |                  | 10                       | 21,546           | 9                  | 1,042              |
| Lorain                  | 18                       | 2,161             | 16                       | 342,500          | 3                       | 8,500            | 18                       | 48,441           | 16                 | 2,039              |
| Mad River               | 14                       | 1,214             | 14                       | 37,700           |                         |                  | 10                       | 10,312           | 11                 | 849                |
| Mansfield               | 11                       | 1,889             | 11                       | 142,820          |                         |                  | 10                       | 24,529           | 11                 | 1,525              |
| Marietta                | 21                       | 1,405             | 20                       | 59,400           | 1                       | 200              | 20                       | 13,916           | 17                 | 1,016              |
| Marion                  | 16                       | 2,810             | 16                       | 326,440          | 4                       | 21,600           | 16                       | 57,563           | 16                 | 2,481              |
| Miami                   | 26                       | 10,464            | 24                       | 2,060,034        | 14                      | 303,200          | 26                       | 283,244          | 24                 | 9,223              |
| Mount Vernon            | 11                       | 1,436             | 10                       | 162,900          |                         |                  | 11                       | 18,956           | 11                 | 1,217              |
| Ohio                    | 27                       | 3,200             | 27                       | 145,750          | 1                       | 4,445            | 26                       | 17,632           | 27                 | 2,612              |
| Pomeroy                 | 10                       | 1,499             | 10                       | 96,800           |                         |                  | 10                       | 19,829           | 9                  | 1,282              |
| Portsmouth              | 14                       | 2,470             | 13                       | 269,200          | 3                       | 15,762           | 14                       | 65,037           | 14                 | 2,509              |
| Rio Grande              | 5                        | 471               | 5                        | 12,000           |                         |                  | 5                        | 3,717            | 4                  | 249                |
| Toledo                  | 22                       | 3,840             | 19                       | 883,915          | 2                       | 57,250           | 21                       | 140,471          | 16                 | 3,169              |
| Trumbull                | 16                       | 4,967             | 14                       | 1,174,000        | 6                       | 201,400          | 16                       | 149,440          | 16                 | 4,582              |
| Wooster                 | 10                       | 2,955             | 8                        | 346,000          | 2                       | 12,500           | 10                       | 58,340           | 10                 | 2,549              |
| Zanesville              | 15                       | 2,326             | 14                       | 244,000          |                         |                  | 15                       | 29,330           | 13                 | 1,269              |
| Zoar                    | 9                        | 2,179             | 9                        | 153,000          | 2                       | 4,000            | 6                        | 37,981           | 6                  | 1,422              |
| Unassociated            | 2                        | 184               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 137                |
| Oklahoma:               |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Western Oklahoma Indian | 11                       | 1,683             | 11                       | 42,200           | 2                       | 2,300            | 10                       | 4,829            | 8                  | 610                |
| Oregon:                 |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Central                 | 11                       | 1,895             | 11                       | 93,750           |                         |                  | 10                       | 17,970           | 8                  | 999                |
| Deschutes               | 4                        | 477               | 4                        | 50,575           | 1                       | 15,070           | 4                        | 11,189           | 4                  | 418                |
| German                  | 8                        | 1,419             | 7                        | 63,900           |                         |                  | 8                        | 35,573           | 8                  | 1,353              |
| Grande Ronde            | 8                        | 961               | 8                        | 79,450           | 5                       | 9,100            | 7                        | 23,724           | 7                  | 886                |
| Rogue River             | 8                        | 1,063             | 7                        | 102,900          | 2                       | 29,200           | 8                        | 16,306           | 8                  | 925                |
| Swedish                 | 5                        | 474               | 4                        | 78,500           | 1                       | 26,500           | 5                        | 31,039           | 4                  | 398                |
| Umatilla                | 8                        | 905               | 8                        | 31,700           | 3                       | 3,700            | 8                        | 12,627           | 8                  | 841                |
| Umpqua                  | 16                       | 2,619             | 16                       | 111,250          | 5                       | 16,775           | 16                       | 58,457           | 16                 | 2,152              |
| West Willamette         | 10                       | 2,114             | 10                       | 173,200          | 2                       | 33,750           | 10                       | 68,283           | 9                  | 1,630              |
| Willamette              | 27                       | 7,018             | 25                       | 777,330          | 11                      | 90,100           | 27                       | 198,456          | 27                 | 5,941              |

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| ASSOCIATION           | of                    |                   | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Total number churches | Number of members | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Pennsylvania:         |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Abington              | 28                    | 7,935             | 27                       | \$926,500        | 5                       | \$42,950         | 28                       | \$126,524        | 28                 | 6,198              |
| Allegheny River       | 10                    | 888               | 9                        | 111,500          | 2                       | 2,500            | 10                       | 20,479           | 7                  | 795                |
| Beaver                | 18                    | 4,503             | 18                       | 414,000          | 7                       | 24,675           | 17                       | 88,393           | 17                 | 3,357              |
| Bradford              | 15                    | 1,110             | 15                       | 71,350           | 2                       | 1,800            | 14                       | 15,987           | 14                 | 1,057              |
| Bridgewater           | 17                    | 1,337             | 15                       | 68,000           |                         |                  | 17                       | 17,160           | 15                 | 1,125              |
| Broome and Tioga      | 2                     | 103               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 90                 |
| Central Union         | 32                    | 6,453             | 32                       | 1,081,375        | 6                       | 57,100           | 31                       | 166,317          | 32                 | 5,913              |
| Centre                | 31                    | 4,568             | 31                       | 756,300          | 7                       | 89,350           | 31                       | 112,721          | 28                 | 4,122              |
| Chemung River         | 2                     | 647               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 500                |
| Clarion               | 23                    | 2,816             | 22                       | 329,000          | 2                       | 10,300           | 23                       | 58,543           | 23                 | 2,864              |
| Clearfield            | 19                    | 2,622             | 19                       | 418,300          | 6                       | 22,250           | 19                       | 40,349           | 19                 | 3,590              |
| Deposit               | 1                     | 29                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 21                 |
| French Creek          | 21                    | 3,245             | 21                       | 303,900          | 2                       | 4,275            | 21                       | 67,967           | 21                 | 2,859              |
| Harrisburg            | 11                    | 1,633             | 11                       | 378,000          | 5                       | 46,600           | 11                       | 39,892           | 11                 | 1,478              |
| Indiana               | 14                    | 1,093             | 13                       | 66,100           | 2                       | 9,100            | 14                       | 18,294           | 13                 | 1,289              |
| Monongahela           | 29                    | 5,006             | 29                       | 501,500          | 3                       | 5,400            | 28                       | 84,047           | 26                 | 4,521              |
| North Philadelphia    | 38                    | 8,576             | 37                       | 1,555,540        | 13                      | 144,032          | 38                       | 259,223          | 38                 | 9,096              |
| Northumberland        | 41                    | 7,278             | 39                       | 989,885          | 12                      | 55,270           | 39                       | 160,124          | 37                 | 6,585              |
| Oil Creek             | 27                    | 5,227             | 27                       | 1,048,200        | 12                      | 264,410          | 26                       | 167,653          | 24                 | 4,843              |
| Pan Handle            | 2                     | 160               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 2                  | 160                |
| Philadelphia          | 72                    | 21,025            | 70                       | 6,194,000        | 39                      | 573,300          | 71                       | 879,481          | 71                 | 19,641             |
| Pittsburgh            | 82                    | 18,368            | 78                       | 3,639,565        | 37                      | 372,300          | 82                       | 751,645          | 79                 | 14,667             |
| Reading               | 24                    | 3,946             | 24                       | 1,025,750        | 9                       | 130,625          | 24                       | 126,263          | 24                 | 3,638              |
| Riverside             | 15                    | 2,908             | 13                       | 507,000          | 5                       | 11,550           | 14                       | 68,132           | 13                 | 2,684              |
| Ten Mile              | 20                    | 2,881             | 20                       | 152,000          |                         |                  | 20                       | 29,377           | 19                 | 1,887              |
| Tioga                 | 34                    | 2,560             | 33                       | 181,750          | 2                       | 3,250            | 33                       | 39,896           | 32                 | 2,469              |
| Wayne                 | 18                    | 1,091             | 16                       | 72,500           | 1                       | 5,936            | 17                       | 17,904           | 15                 | 879                |
| Welsh                 | 15                    | 3,299             | 15                       | 479,000          | 4                       | 50,600           | 15                       | 111,144          | 15                 | 3,097              |
| Wyoming               | 23                    | 3,187             | 21                       | 487,600          | 4                       | 45,860           | 20                       | 129,185          | 19                 | 3,205              |
| Unassociated          | 6                     | 455               | 5                        | 57,900           | 2                       | 1,000            | 6                        | 11,093           | 6                  | 605                |
| Rhode Island:         |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Narragansett          | 27                    | 2,981             | 27                       | 285,400          | 1                       | 3,000            | 26                       | 59,430           | 24                 | 1,873              |
| Providence            | 20                    | 5,169             | 19                       | 1,078,000        | 4                       | 68,380           | 20                       | 172,271          | 20                 | 3,814              |
| Roger Williams        | 19                    | 2,780             | 19                       | 337,500          | 1                       | 3,000            | 19                       | 71,494           | 19                 | 2,912              |
| Warren                | 28                    | 7,749             | 24                       | 1,328,835        | 5                       | 55,150           | 28                       | 237,157          | 28                 | 6,443              |
| Unassociated          | 6                     | 151               |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  | 6                        | 1,969            | 3                  | 126                |
| South Dakota:         |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Black Hills           | 15                    | 851               | 13                       | 124,000          | 5                       | 8,692            | 14                       | 22,240           | 12                 | 730                |
| Central               | 11                    | 1,176             | 11                       | 121,400          | 2                       | 5,350            | 11                       | 29,692           | 11                 | 1,102              |
| Danish-Norwegian      | 6                     | 373               | 6                        | 53,800           | 1                       | 100              | 5                        | 14,685           | 5                  | 390                |
| German                | 17                    | 2,193             | 16                       | 196,500          | 3                       | 11,800           | 17                       | 56,535           | 17                 | 2,377              |
| Northern              | 7                     | 611               | 7                        | 125,500          | 1                       | 10,600           | 7                        | 31,623           | 7                  | 618                |
| Northwestern          | 5                     | 187               | 4                        | 9,900            | 2                       | 1,050            | 5                        | 3,372            | 5                  | 301                |
| Rosebud               | 7                     | 456               | 6                        | 22,600           | 2                       | 550              | 7                        | 11,186           | 7                  | 689                |
| Southern              | 16                    | 2,645             | 16                       | 389,638          | 4                       | 11,985           | 15                       | 100,840          | 14                 | 1,979              |
| Swedish               | 9                     | 787               | 9                        | 96,700           | 1                       | 4,000            | 9                        | 20,287           | 9                  | 902                |
| Utah:                 |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Utah State Convention | 11                    | 1,121             | 11                       | 336,946          | 5                       | 84,775           | 11                       | 33,240           | 10                 | 1,093              |
| Vermont:              |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Addison               | 7                     | 631               | 6                        | 123,950          |                         |                  | 7                        | 29,626           | 6                  | 383                |
| Berkshire             | 1                     | 38                |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |                         |                  |                          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 25                 |
| Danville              | 11                    | 1,054             | 11                       | 170,000          | 2                       | 31,600           | 11                       | 23,929           | 10                 | 875                |
| Lamoille              | 14                    | 1,579             | 14                       | 151,500          | 1                       | 1,375            | 14                       | 35,977           | 10                 | 919                |
| Shaftsbury            | 17                    | 2,638             | 17                       | 387,000          |                         |                  | 17                       | 54,775           | 16                 | 1,292              |
| Vermont Central       | 11                    | 901               | 11                       | 89,800           | 1                       | 3,400            | 10                       | 19,312           | 9                  | 652                |
| Windham               | 13                    | 1,466             | 13                       | 129,400          |                         |                  | 13                       | 31,177           | 13                 | 1,006              |
| Woodstock             | 13                    | 1,319             | 13                       | 211,000          | 1                       | 14,000           | 13                       | 37,844           | 11                 | 966                |
| Washington:           |                       |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Bellingham Bay        | 14                    | 1,631             | 14                       | 143,300          | 3                       | 16,300           | 13                       | 33,403           | 14                 | 1,714              |
| Comas Prairie         | 3                     | 192               | 3                        | 11,000           | 2                       | 1,589            | 3                        | 1,746            | 3                  | 215                |
| Cowlitz               | 13                    | 1,341             | 13                       | 153,200          | 4                       | 6,400            | 13                       | 41,925           | 13                 | 1,595              |
| German                | 5                     | 449               | 5                        | 35,100           | 1                       | 1,500            | 5                        | 13,231           | 4                  | 450                |
| Mount Pleasant        | 5                     | 717               | 4                        | 109,000          | 1                       | 2,000            | 5                        | 17,069           | 5                  | 609                |

<sup>1</sup> Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

**TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued**

| ASSOCIATION                      | Total number of churches | Number of members | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES |                  | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR |                  | SUNDAY SCHOOLS     |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                  |                          |                   | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting      | Amount           | Churches reporting       | Amount           | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Washington—Continued.            |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Norwegian-Danish Conference..... | 3                        | 246               | 3                        | \$41,000         | 1                       | \$500            | 3                        | \$10,874         | 3                  | 210                |
| Palouse.....                     | 7                        | 757               | 7                        | 42,000           | 1                       | 1,200            | 7                        | 11,894           | 7                  | 784                |
| Puget Sound.....                 | 15                       | 3,634             | 12                       | 569,385          | 5                       | 199,350          | 15                       | 120,661          | 15                 | 2,904              |
| Seattle.....                     | 30                       | 6,057             | 28                       | 810,000          | 8                       | 59,200           | 30                       | 167,784          | 30                 | 6,438              |
| Spokane.....                     | 18                       | 2,466             | 18                       | 240,500          | 4                       | 4,057            | 17                       | 48,241           | 17                 | 2,458              |
| Swedish Conference.....          | 17                       | 2,007             | 17                       | 304,700          | 5                       | 14,800           | 17                       | 66,964           | 16                 | 1,773              |
| Wenatchee District.....          | 5                        | 588               | 4                        | 39,000           | 3                       | 1,500            | 4                        | 7,272            | 5                  | 656                |
| Yakima Valley.....               | 10                       | 1,414             | 10                       | 113,500          | 5                       | 5,181            | 10                       | 23,862           | 10                 | 1,319              |
| West Virginia:                   |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Broad Run.....                   | 35                       | 3,662             | 35                       | 276,200          | 2                       | 15,500           | 33                       | 42,433           | 33                 | 2,754              |
| Coal River.....                  | 27                       | 2,094             | 26                       | 66,700           | 2                       | 200              | 24                       | 19,134           | 22                 | 1,973              |
| Eastern.....                     | 15                       | 676               | 14                       | 37,500           | 1                       | 2,500            | 14                       | 4,889            | 12                 | 616                |
| Elk Valley.....                  | 44                       | 2,738             | 35                       | 118,700          | 3                       | 6,725            | 38                       | 18,065           | 35                 | 2,632              |
| Fairmont.....                    | 9                        | 1,955             | 9                        | 108,700          | 2                       | 10,400           | 9                        | 26,848           | 9                  | 1,458              |
| Good Hope.....                   | 24                       | 1,752             | 24                       | 52,500           | ---                     | ---              | 22                       | 6,972            | 21                 | 1,162              |
| Goshen.....                      | 17                       | 1,729             | 17                       | 215,200          | 1                       | 28,500           | 16                       | 29,156           | 14                 | 1,191              |
| Greenbrier.....                  | 43                       | 5,104             | 43                       | 266,300          | 3                       | 24,050           | 42                       | 44,200           | 29                 | 2,853              |
| Guyandotte.....                  | 42                       | 8,237             | 42                       | 739,600          | 8                       | 82,510           | 41                       | 115,620          | 41                 | 7,384              |
| Harmony.....                     | 27                       | 2,138             | 21                       | 96,800           | 1                       | 10,000           | 22                       | 16,506           | 17                 | 1,279              |
| Harrisville.....                 | 24                       | 1,425             | 22                       | 60,500           | 1                       | 500              | 20                       | 7,228            | 16                 | 895                |
| Hopewell.....                    | 51                       | 3,842             | 48                       | 120,950          | 3                       | 2,930            | 51                       | 20,547           | 44                 | 3,433              |
| Judson.....                      | 38                       | 4,224             | 36                       | 193,450          | 1                       | 5,000            | 35                       | 38,116           | 34                 | 2,846              |
| Kanawha Valley.....              | 45                       | 7,210             | 38                       | 1,144,840        | 9                       | 403,094          | 42                       | 140,288          | 40                 | 7,526              |
| Mount Pisgah.....                | 31                       | 2,775             | 27                       | 74,235           | 1                       | 340              | 29                       | 14,289           | 21                 | 1,315              |
| Panhandle.....                   | 11                       | 2,469             | 11                       | 182,000          | 2                       | 14,600           | 11                       | 35,833           | 11                 | 2,109              |
| Parkersburg.....                 | 33                       | 3,952             | 31                       | 267,700          | 1                       | 2,500            | 28                       | 51,576           | 25                 | 2,905              |
| Raleigh.....                     | 53                       | 4,762             | 40                       | 388,050          | 8                       | 51,932           | 50                       | 202,289          | 41                 | 4,468              |
| Rock Castle.....                 | 36                       | 2,923             | 25                       | 203,393          | 5                       | 29,450           | 32                       | 29,727           | 17                 | 1,387              |
| Teay's Valley.....               | 32                       | 3,761             | 31                       | 194,000          | 4                       | 40,130           | 31                       | 40,016           | 31                 | 3,086              |
| Ten Mile.....                    | 1                        | 136               | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                     | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 149                |
| Twelve Pole.....                 | 32                       | 3,925             | 28                       | 247,000          | 5                       | 37,780           | 31                       | 36,529           | 25                 | 2,673              |
| Union.....                       | 25                       | 5,339             | 25                       | 277,200          | 3                       | 16,140           | 24                       | 88,788           | 23                 | 3,370              |
| Unassociated.....                | 1                        | 106               | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                     | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 104                |
| Wisconsin:                       |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Barron.....                      | 9                        | 524               | 9                        | 36,000           | 2                       | 900              | 9                        | 9,011            | 8                  | 578                |
| Central.....                     | 10                       | 1,151             | 9                        | 96,800           | 2                       | 975              | 10                       | 19,361           | 9                  | 867                |
| Eau Claire.....                  | 13                       | 1,068             | 13                       | 138,100          | 2                       | 859              | 12                       | 23,782           | 12                 | 944                |
| Green Bay.....                   | 14                       | 1,620             | 14                       | 212,000          | 2                       | 16,300           | 14                       | 31,335           | 13                 | 1,257              |
| Janesville.....                  | 7                        | 1,588             | 7                        | 195,500          | 2                       | 16,000           | 6                        | 28,877           | 6                  | 868                |
| La Crosse.....                   | 13                       | 1,207             | 13                       | 124,000          | 3                       | 2,900            | 13                       | 27,160           | 12                 | 872                |
| Lafayette.....                   | 7                        | 416               | 7                        | 63,800           | 1                       | 2,300            | 7                        | 10,642           | 4                  | 282                |
| Lincoln.....                     | 4                        | 560               | 4                        | 70,000           | 2                       | 3,400            | 4                        | 10,365           | 4                  | 625                |
| Madison.....                     | 15                       | 1,772             | 15                       | 168,000          | 3                       | 7,800            | 15                       | 41,325           | 14                 | 1,224              |
| Milwaukee.....                   | 19                       | 4,185             | 19                       | 713,800          | 5                       | 10,400           | 19                       | 137,518          | 19                 | 3,311              |
| Northern Wisconsin.....          | 1                        | 171               | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                     | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ---                      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1                  | 163                |
| Swedish.....                     | 22                       | 1,542             | 21                       | 206,850          | 5                       | 33,400           | 20                       | 37,908           | 17                 | 1,585              |
| Walworth.....                    | 18                       | 2,370             | 17                       | 607,500          | 5                       | 13,600           | 18                       | 70,626           | 18                 | 1,950              |
| Winnebago.....                   | 15                       | 1,863             | 15                       | 310,000          | 2                       | 5,900            | 15                       | 51,342           | 14                 | 1,293              |
| Unassociated.....                | 3                        | 59                | 3                        | 6,200            | ---                     | ---              | 3                        | 1,656            | 3                  | 54                 |
| Wyoming:                         |                          |                   |                          |                  |                         |                  |                          |                  |                    |                    |
| Big Horn.....                    | 11                       | 830               | 9                        | 30,500           | 4                       | 7,500            | 9                        | 15,066           | 9                  | 943                |
| Central.....                     | 9                        | 781               | 9                        | 74,500           | 2                       | 4,000            | 8                        | 21,461           | 9                  | 889                |
| Northeastern.....                | 5                        | 622               | 3                        | 41,500           | 1                       | 4,200            | 4                        | 10,756           | 4                  | 435                |
| Southern.....                    | 11                       | 1,226             | 9                        | 126,175          | 3                       | 10,500           | 8                        | 27,470           | 10                 | 1,271              |
| Combinations <sup>2</sup> .....  | ---                      | ---               | 39                       | 1,488,950        | 11                      | 198,600          | 27                       | 234,243          | ---                | ---                |

<sup>1</sup> Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

<sup>2</sup> The figures for value and expenditures represent data for associations in southern California, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>

## DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY

After the withdrawal of the Southern churches, the Baptist churches of the North continued to grow. The intense controversies of the eighteenth century and the early part of the nineteenth century were no longer manifest. Educational institutions developed and there came to be a general unity of purpose and of life. The individualism which distinguished earlier times gradually gave place to a closer associationalism. Various organizations which had already proved their value elsewhere were adopted into the denominational life, all tending toward mutual church action. The Young People's Union rallied the forces of the young people, both for church life and general denominational activity. The Baptist Congress was formed for the consideration of matters affecting the general welfare of the churches. The American Baptist Missionary Union (since 1910 known as American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), which had fallen heir to the foreign work of the general convention, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, The American Baptist Publication Society, and other organizations, were carried on with energy.

The chief change in denominational methods of late years was the organization of the Northern Baptist Convention, at Washington, D. C., in 1907. This is a strictly delegated body from the Baptist churches of the North and West, and the three great denominational societies, including the separate societies of women, have placed themselves under its direction. They report each year to the convention, and a single committee prepares a budget for the following year, based on the estimates of the societies, which is apportioned according to States, associations, and churches. Beginning with 1926, The American Baptist Publication Society, by its own act, has not shared in the distributable receipts obtained in this way, but has financed its missionary and benevolent work from the receipts of its business and from direct gifts by churches and individuals. Organic union of the societies is beset with legal difficulties, but the method just described secures the chief advantages of organic union. The result has been to consolidate agencies, eliminate useless expenditures, prevent overlapping of missionary work, and in general to secure a unity, economy, and efficiency that were before sadly lacking. Increasingly satisfactory results along these lines have been observable from year to year, especially in the line of compactness of organization.

In common with other denominations, the Baptist churches have felt the influence of the trend toward denominational union and fellowship. Questions have arisen in regard to a closer affiliation with the Disciples and with the Free Baptists. As yet the former movement has not developed, but arrangements with the Free Baptists for unity of administration along certain lines of missionary work have developed until there is at present a complete union of the two bodies in their denominational life.<sup>2</sup> The convention is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and of the Advisory Committee on a World Conference on Questions of Faith and Order, initiated by the Protestant Episcopal Church. With the entrance of the United States into the World War, the convention worked efficiently for the Army and Navy through the chaplain service and through the Red Cross.

Following the five-year program inaugurated in 1918 for the purpose of stimulating greater interest in education, in missions, and in evangelism, and

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<sup>1</sup> This statement, which is substantially the same as that published in Part II of the Report on Religious Bodies, 1916, has been revised by Rev. Daniel G. Stevens, Ph. D., book editor, The American Baptist Publication Society, and approved by him in its present form.

<sup>2</sup> See Free Will Baptists, p. 158.

involving the raising of some millions of dollars, the convention has continued its unified endeavor to promote the whole task of the denomination on foreign fields and at home.

#### DOCTRINE AND ORGANIZATION

The doctrine and polity of the Northern Baptist churches have been set forth in the statement on Baptists.<sup>3</sup> In general, the Northern churches are held to be less rigidly Calvinistic in their doctrine than the Southern churches. They, however, interchange membership and ministry on terms of perfect equality. In the Northern Convention, the dividing line between the white and Negro churches is not as sharply drawn as in the Southern. In the census of 1916 there were 142 colored churches included with the Northern Baptist Convention; these churches and some others, because of their membership in colored associations, are included in 1926 with the Negro Baptists.

#### WORK

The home missionary work of the Northern Baptist churches is carried on through various organizations. First in order of establishment is the American Baptist Publication Society, which, although not confined in its operations to the northern churches, is classed with the Northern Convention as its headquarters are in the North. This society has three departments—publishing, missionary (Bible and field), and religious education. The missionary department employs religious education directors, chapel-car, and chapel-car-auto missionaries and colporteurs, and distributes Bibles and other literature. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, organized in 1832, employs general missionaries and pastors among people both of English and foreign tongues in the United States, Mexico, Porto Rico, and Cuba, aids city missions, builds meeting-houses, maintains schools for Negroes and Indians, and promotes general evangelism. Third in order is the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, originally organized in 1877, and consolidated in 1909 with the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Society of Michigan, with headquarters in Chicago. Its object is primarily the employment of women missionaries, mainly among foreigners, Negroes, and Indians, and the maintenance of training schools for workers.

The report for 1926 shows the following figures for these different organizations: American Baptist Publication Society—agents, 110; Sunday schools organized, 84; churches organized, 24; receipts in the General Field Department, \$663,332; American Baptist Home Mission Society—agents (including missionary teachers), approximately 800; churches aided, approximately 500 (including Latin North America); receipts, \$1,163,484; Church Edifice Department—churches aided, 40; Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society—agents, 250; receipts, \$273,414; total for the national societies—agents, 1,160; churches aided, 540; receipts, \$2,100,230. If to this last total there be added \$1,034,141, reported for State mission work, the grand total will be \$3,134,371.

The foreign missionary work is carried on by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, organized in Philadelphia in 1814 as the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions. In 1846 the name was changed to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and again in 1910 the name was changed, becoming American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In cooperation with this society is the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which is a continuation of the two former societies, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the West. The fields occu-

<sup>3</sup> See Baptists, p. 82.



pied are India (including Burma and Assam), China, Japan, Africa, and the Philippine Islands. In Europe the work is carried on in Sweden, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Russia, but is confined almost entirely to assistance in the training of ministers and in the current expenses of local churches. American missionaries are not sent out, and the whole work is on a different basis from that in Asia and Africa. The statistics for the work in Asia, Africa, and the Philippines for the year 1926 show 5 countries occupied; 125 stations where there are resident missionaries; 800 American missionaries; 8,510 native helpers; 2,163 churches, with 258,352 members; 3,672 schools, with 140,256 scholars; 95 hospitals and dispensaries, treating 590,052 patients; property having an estimated value of \$2,015,000; and endowments amounting approximately to \$1,625,292. The total income, \$1,386,877, was derived as follows: General donations in the United States, \$1,075,254; specific donations (nearly all from American sources), \$135,478; legacies, \$120,000; and annuity agreements matured, \$56,145. In addition to this total there was received from income on permanent investments, \$393,016, and from sale of property, rents, interest, etc., \$22,785, making a grand total available for the work of the society of \$1,802,678. The Woman's Society received a total income of \$491,145.

The society cooperates with the work of Baptists in 11 European countries. The European work was carried on by 2,036 ordained and unordained workers, and the report shows 1,277 organized churches, with 160,321 members; 2,546 Sunday schools, with a membership of 148,103; and 8 theological seminaries, with 167 students. Figures showing contributions by the churches in the countries of Europe were not available.

The educational work, under the care of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, is represented by 64 colleges, academies, etc., with 30,860 pupils. Included in this number are 10 theological seminaries, reporting 117 teachers, 1,249 students, property valued at \$2,292,600, and endowments of \$4,683,000. The remaining 54 schools are colleges and academies. The total value of the property of the 64 schools is \$54,594,900, and of the endowments, \$84,121,800. The total income reported for the support of these schools in 1926 was \$13,303,077. The schools for Negroes in the Southern States maintained in whole or in part by the Northern Baptist Convention, under the care of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, numbered 13, with a total enrollment in 1926 of 293 teachers and 4,903 pupils. The society supports one Indian school in the United States, with 17 teachers and 398 pupils, and cares for 8 schools for foreign-speaking peoples in the United States, Cuba, Porto Rico, Haiti, Mexico, and Nicaragua, enrolling 85 teachers and 963 pupils.

The philanthropic institutions either controlled by or identified with the Northern Baptist churches are 36 in number, including 5 hospitals, 14 orphanages, and 17 homes for the aged. No estimate is available as to the number of inmates. The value of property owned by these institutions is estimated at \$4,635,000.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America is a fraternal organization for all Baptist Young People's societies, and reports approximately 5,000 Baptist Young People's Unions, with 130,000 members and 1,800 Christian Endeavor Societies with 65,000 members.

The publication interests of the Northern Baptist churches are extensive. The principal organization is the American Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters in Philadelphia, which, in addition to the customary publication of about 50 religious books each year, issues regularly 69 Sunday-school papers and other publications, with an annual circulation in excess of 43,117,764 copies. This society maintains branches and agencies in the principal cities of the United

States, as well as in Toronto, Canada. The total receipts of the society for the year ending April 30, 1926, for all departments, were \$1,801,346, an increase of \$377,933 over those of 1917. In addition to the work done by The American Baptist Publication Society, the German Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, publishes seven papers and periodicals, and reports for the year sales amounting to \$69,184. The Swedish Baptists of the North also maintain a publication society, with headquarters at Chicago, and a limited publication work is also done by Hungarian, Rumanian, Polish, Italian, and Slovak Baptist organizations.

Other organizations identified with the churches are the American Baptist Historical Society, organized in 1853, with headquarters at Philadelphia; the Backus Historical Society, organized in the same year, with headquarters at Boston, Mass.; and the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention (organized in 1920), which succeeds the American Baptist Education Society (organized in 1888), having for its object the assistance of Baptist educational institutions. The General Convention of the Baptists of North America, organized in 1905, has held no session since 1911 and no meeting of the executive committee has been held since 1917.

The general missionary and benevolent work of the Free Baptist churches, which are now united with the Northern Baptist Convention, is included in the reports of the different departments as noted above.