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8 out of every 10 ministers receive less than \$20 a week—about half the pay of a mechanic.

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And of these pitifully inadequate salaries, how much do you contribute? Nothing if you are outside the church; an average of less than 3c a day if you are a church member.

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IS RURAL CHURCH ON WAY TO DECAY?

Its Problems Will Grow More Acute, Says a Prominent Sociologist.

Is the rural church passing out of existence?

This is one of the questions raised by the study now being made by experts of the conditions facing Protestant churches in the country districts of the United States. And, on the basis of statistics already gathered, the church leaders are uncertain as to whether they are witnessing the gradual disappearance of the country church.

One-Third Losing Ground.

Here is a sample of the facts which make them doubt the future of the rural church. In 58 representative counties taken from different parts of the United States, surveys showed there were 1850 churches. Sixty-eight per cent of the churches in towns were growing churches, 63 per cent in the villages were growing, while in the country only 46 per cent seemed to be gaining. Of the country churches in the 58 counties, 35 per cent were losing ground, while 11 per cent were dead and abandoned.

Country Will Grow Less Populous.
The problem facing the rural church in America is likely to grow more acute because of the tendency of the population to move into the towns. Dr. Warren H. Wilson, head of the department of rural sociology at Columbia University, New York, and one of the interchurch experts, said in Spokane recently:

"Where there are most Americans, fewest foreigners, and where the bulk of the population is farmers, there we find the fewest members of Christian churches. There are abandoned churches in virtually every county in the United States."

Abandoned Churches Everywhere.

"These abandoned churches are of all denominations. The country church in the United States is ill equipped to meet the needs of its community, and it is because of this similarity of condition, affecting all the churches regardless of denomination, that there is growing up a Christian public opinion as distinguished from sectarian opinion. It is in response to this demand that the Interchurch World Movement has come into being. Some may think it strange that the county interchurch council is to legislate, so to speak, for the Methodist or the Presbyterian or other churches; but when the council, representing the Protestant opinion of the county, sends a resolution to the national board of a church, urging it to follow a certain course in a local community, it is going to be heeded."

LESS THAN ONE-TENTH IN INLAND EMPIRE ARE MEMBERS OF CHURCHES

Less than 10 per cent of the people living in the Inland Empire are members of Protestant churches.

Surveys by the Interchurch World Movement in nine representative counties in this area, give the following figures:

County	Population	Protestant church membership
Garfield (Wash.).....	4,000	16 %
Kootenai (Idaho).....	19,153	12.6%
Douglas (Wash.).....	12,500	8.6%
Benewah (Idaho).....	8,000	3.8%
Boundary (Idaho).....	5,085	3.6%
Ferry (Wash.).....	5,000	3 %
Benton (Wash.).....	9,336	17 %
Franklin (Wash.).....	5,916	10.7%
Columbia (Wash.).....	7,500	18 %

Causes Analyzed.

In analyzing the causes for this condition the leaders in the Interchurch World Movement place a large share of the blame upon the churches. They have neglected, particularly in rural districts, to maintain ministers with sufficient salaries to enable them to devote their whole time to their churches. They have allowed themselves to become, through various circumstances, disconnected from the main current of social life in their communities.

But other important causes are the shifting of population from the rural districts to the towns, the advent of the motor car, which has influenced the farmer and his family to spend their Sundays in recreation instead of worship, and the formidable physical conditions which the rural church in this section of the country faces—a scattered population, which it is difficult to reach.

Funds Based on Exact Facts.

The surveys of counties in the Inland Empire, collecting exact facts so that the churches may adapt their activity to meet realities, are typical of the whole method of the Interchurch World Movement. The program which it sets before itself is based upon statistical data of this sort, gathered from all over the world, and the appropriation which churches make to solve religious problems, whether in Washington or Idaho, or in China or India, are determined by a study of the scientific facts in the case.

The budget of \$336,722,572 which the more than thirty co-operating denominations expect to pledge in the financial campaign, April 25 to May 2 will be spent by the separate denominations to meet these needs at home and abroad.

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