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## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Classification	Missionaries	Churches and Stations	Expenditures
Texas .....	89	199	
Oklahoma .....	20	44	\$ 35,335 00
Mountains .....	114	89	38,425 00
Colored evangelization.....	48	77	18,588 00
Foreign-speaking .....	45	55	18,234 00
Indians .....	33	25	3,881 00
Weak presbyteries.....	50	127	10,564 00
Special evangelists and volunteers.....	28	...	4,605 00
Prison evangelist.....	1	...	1,289 00
Wives of missionaries (estimated).....	200	...	.....
Church erection.....	...	17	3,953 00
Miscellaneous .....	...	...	18,000 00
Expenses .....	...	...	15,573 00
Totals.....	628	633	\$234 582 00

## FOREIGNERS IN VIRGINIA.

**M**ANY Foreigners, mostly Bohemians and Slovaks, within recent years have come to Prince George and adjoining counties in Virginia, to whom our Church is endeavoring to minister. Most of these people are settled permanently, owning small farms, and as they generally have large families, the need of Christian effort among them is both urgent and promising. Nor should the work of the Lord tarry, for upon it depends the future character, socially and religiously, of that fertile region.

For the Roman Catholic element, that Church has established a Mission, built a church, and has a priest in charge. A considerable number call themselves Freethinkers, being members of the National Freethinkers Society, with headquarters at Chicago. This class may well give cause for much anxiety.

The Tabb Street Church of Petersburg, Va., has shown by its acts its vital interest in the strangers in their midst. In that field Rev. J. A. Kohout now labors. The pastor of Tabb Street Church, Rev. Chas. R. Stribling, writes:

"The Presbytery allowed our church to spend its assessment for Presbyterial Home Missions on the building for the Bohemians

in Prince George county. One member of this congregation made its erection possible. The synod of Virginia, gave \$600. The church, costing \$2034.69, was built, painted, and furnished without a dollar of debt, or a public appeal for money. The Bohemians, who are not blessed with much ready money, gave timber and labor.

"On the day of the dedication, the building was packed with Bohemians—probably not a dozen Americans in the congregation. The former pastor, Rev. Frank Uherka, who had worked here most acceptably, was present and acted as interpreter. He is now working at Jessup, Pa. Their present pastor, Rev. J. A. Kohout, whom I admire and love, gives much of his time to his own people, and for this receives little or no remuneration. The Presbytery and the Assembly's Committees jointly employ him to work in Prince George County, and at mission points near Richmond. If you could have seen the tear-stained faces, the earnest tense expression on their countenances, as the congregation listened to the rugged eloquence of one of their elders, your soul would have been moved as mine was.

"As I made my way down the crowded aisle, my hand was grasped by young and old, as they expressed their thanks for what the Presbyterian Church had done for them. Up to that time I had imagined that they were unappreciative, and disposed to demand as their right the assistance of their American brethren. I believe I did them an injustice! What we need is a Bohemian evangelist for his whole time in our Presbytery. For the privilege of a part in this work I will thank my Lord as long as I live. We have difficulties, dissensions and national prejudices to contend with, but there is much to be grateful for.



The Bohemian Presbyterian Church, Near Petersburg, Va.

"I am enclosing Brother Kohout's letter. His rugged eloquence will touch your heart I know."

"In our neighborhood here in Henrico County there are at least fifty families, mostly Slovaks and Bohemians, of various religious beliefs. New families are following right along, and it is probable that before long there will be a large settlement of these people in the neighborhood of Richmond.

In New Kent County, there are at least eight families, with whom I keep in touch by visiting and preaching. Some of them come a long distance to our meetings. I have also been invited to Hanover County, where there is a large settlement of Bohemians, and to Greensville around Emporia, where there are over forty families of Slovaks.

"My countrymen are also in Chesterfield county. The most thickly populated coun-

ties are Prince George and Dinwiddie, where many Bohemians and Slovaks are everywhere to be found, in some localities comprising two-thirds of the population.

"I have also heard of other Bohemian-Slovak settlers in Sussex and Surry counties, and in the neighborhood of Lynchburg and Danville.

"There are likely many of my countrymen scattered in various other counties of Virginia, but the above settlements give us an idea that there are many in this State, and it surely is a matter of great importance that these people be reached with the Gospel, and not left to drift away as many of them did in some of the Northern States, and afterwards became Freethinkers or infidels, because they were not reached in proper time by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Only as Christians will they really be useful and good citizens, and an honor to this grand old State of Virginia."