

## BELIEF AND MORALS.

According to a recent census bulletin, in Canada .16 per cent. of the people are pagans; also .36 per cent. of the population lay claim to no religion.

Allowing the population as 7,200,000, Canada would have 11,520 pagans, and 25,920 people with no religion. In all, therefore, there are but 37,440 people in the Dominion of Canada who are either without any belief, or "in heathen darkness dwelling" as the old hymn puts it. When it is remembered that for ten years an average of close to a hundred thousand people of all kinds and conditions have been arriving in Canada, and that included in this number are people from Russia, India, the Orient, and Southern Europe. It is extraordinary that this number is so small.

Comparisons with other nations such as France and Italy show that Canada's proportion of believers in some established system of religion is remarkably large, probably larger, proportionately than any other great country in the world.