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THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK  
IN THE  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, RICHMOND AND THE BRONX  
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN 1900 AND 1911

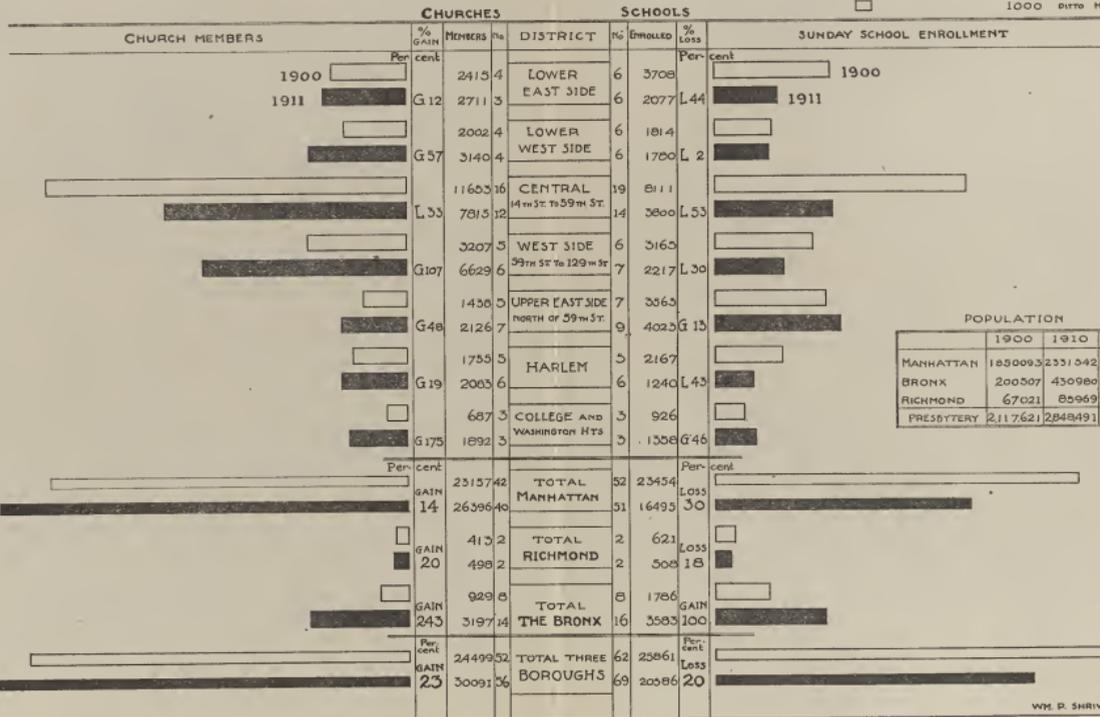
1900

1911

SCALE

1000 MEMBERS OR SCHOLARS

1000 DITTO MANHATTAN, ETC.



POPULATION

|            | 1900      | 1910      | GAIN    |
|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| MANHATTAN  | 1830093   | 2331542   | 26. %   |
| BRONX      | 200507    | 430980    | 114.9 % |
| RICHMOND   | 67021     | 85969     | 28.3 %  |
| PRESBYTERY | 2,117,621 | 2,848,491 | 34.5 %  |

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## Introduction

### The Occasion of the Report

#### I.

ON October 30, 1911, at the suggestion of the Moderator's Council, a conference was called by the Moderator of Presbytery, consisting of representatives of the different interests concerned with the Home Mission work of Presbytery, to consider the preparation of some general plan for prosecuting the church's work within the bounds of Presbytery, which could be commended to the churches with the authority of Presbytery as a whole.

At this conference were present the following persons: Mr. Van Norden and Mr. Yereance, representing the Trustees of Presbytery; Dr. Wilton Merle Smith and Dr. Jesse F. Forbes, representing the Church Extension Committee; Dr. William Adams Brown and Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, representing the Home Missions Committee; Dr. David G. Wylie and Dr. J. C. Palmer, representing the Sunday School Committee; Dr. Anson P. Atterbury, representing the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and Mr. Henry W. Jessup, representing the Consolidated Committee. Dr. Alexander was chosen Moderator, and Dr. Forbes Secretary.

After a full and frank discussion, in which most of those present took part, a special committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. William Adams Brown, Dr. Jesse F. Forbes and Rev. William P. Shriver, to collate the facts concerning the work now being done by the churches and committees of Presbytery, and to report these to a future meeting to be called by the Chairman, together with a statement of the needs of the several agencies for the future.

#### II.

THE committee was directed in particular to include in their report the following matters:

- a. What the local churches are doing through their affiliated churches and other missionary and benevolent enterprises;
- b. What the Church Extension Committee is doing;
- c. What the Home Missions Committee is doing in connection with the Home Board and the Synodical Committee on Home Missions;
- d. What are the immediate needs of these bodies;

*e.* What further work could wisely be undertaken if funds were forthcoming ;

*f.* What plans, if any, can be suggested for increasing the efficiency of the Home Mission work of Presbytery as a whole.

In pursuance of these instructions the sub-committee made a careful study of the field, using all the sources of information available, and on February 19th, submitted to the full committee the following report and recommendations which, after discussion at this and subsequent meetings, were unanimously adopted and ordered submitted to Presbytery for its approval at its meeting on April 8, 1912.

The report covers the following points :

- I. A general survey of the field as a whole ;
- II. A study of the Home Mission work of Presbytery in detail ;
- III. Recommendations for the future.

It is accompanied by a number of statistical tables, for the preparation of which, as well as for much of the detailed information included in the report, the committee is indebted to Mr. Shriver. Mr. Shriver has also prepared the map, which graphically illustrates the present distribution of Presbyterian agencies.

In view of the method of the preparation of this report it has not been possible completely to unify the statistical material. The general standpoint of the report is that of January 1, 1912. The statistics of church membership and Sunday School enrolment are those reported to the General Assembly, March 31, 1911. The statement of the Trustees of Presbytery is that of March 31, 1911; that of the Home Missions Committee, of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912; that of the Church Extension Committee deals with the conditions which obtained in the early part of 1912.

## I.

### General Survey of the Field

#### I.

**T**HE Presbytery of New York includes three of the five Boroughs of New York City, viz.: Richmond (Staten Island), Manhattan and the Bronx, an area of 120 square miles. It includes also the American Church in Montreal and certain representatives from the foreign field. In what follows reference to the Presbytery will include only the work within the limits of the three boroughs mentioned, with their population in 1910 of 2,848,491, being about 60 per cent. of the total population of the Greater City (4,766,883).

#### II.

**W**ITHIN this area Presbyterianism is represented by 56 churches and 13 additional missions and chapels, making 69 centres in all. These 69 centres report, March 31, 1911, a total of 30,091 church members and 20,586 Sunday School scholars, as compared with 24,499 church members and 25,861 Sunday School scholars in 1900. During the same period the number of centres increased from 62 to 69.

We append as Exhibit 1 a map, showing the geographical distribution of these 69 centres, the three boroughs having been divided, for convenience, into nine districts, as follows:

1. The lower East Side, south of Fourteenth Street and east of Broadway.
2. The lower West Side, south of Fourteenth Street and west of Broadway.
3. The Central, Fourteenth to Fifty-ninth Street, across the Island.
4. The West Side, Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Street.
5. The upper East Side, north of Fifty-ninth Street to the River.
6. Harlem.
7. College and Washington Heights, north of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Street.
8. Richmond.
9. The Bronx.

### III.

A COMPARISON of the present situation with the condition in 1900 shows that during the last eleven years the following changes have taken place:

a. *In the location of churches.*

South of Fourteenth Street the Presbyterian Church has maintained all its centers. One notable change has been the merging of the Fourteenth Street congregation with the Thirteenth Street Church in the new Greenwich Church, the old site at Fourteenth Street being immediately occupied by the Labor Temple.

In the Central District the most important changes have been the following:

1. The sale of the North Church and its union with the Washington Heights Church.

2. The sale of the Fourth Avenue Church property for \$660,000 and its removal to 114th Street and Broadway.

3. The sale of the West Church property for \$1,100,000, and its removal to and union with the Park Church on the west side.

In Harlem the Northminster Church has been established and a new building erected for the Harlem Church. The Morningside Church has been thoroughly renovated and equipped with a new church house. In the Bronx it is encouraging to know that in the last eleven years six new churches have been organized. Where eleven years ago there were eight centres of Presbyterian influence in the Bronx, there are to-day sixteen.

b. *In Church Membership.* In estimating the gains in church membership it must be borne in mind that during the ten years from 1900 to 1910 the population of the three boroughs increased 730,870, or 35 per cent., an amount more than equivalent to the entire population of Boston. During the eleven years from 1900 to 1911, the Presbyterian churches report a gain of 5,592 members, or an increase of only 23 per cent., as compared with an increase in population of 35 per cent. It appears, therefore, that the Presbyterian Church has not kept pace with the growth of the city. In 1900 there was one Presbyterian church member to every 86 of the population. In 1911 there was approximately one in 95.

The gain in church membership has been distributed over the entire city, with the exception of the Central District, which records a loss of four organized churches and 3,838 church members. Part of this apparent loss would appear to be due to the 903 members of the West Church and the 1,171 members of the Fourth Avenue Church, who have been transferred to the upper West Side. Whether the whole of these 2,000 have actually been added to the active mem-

bership of the West Side churches may be doubted. During this period of eleven years the Bronx shows a gain of six new organizations and 2,268 members.

*c. Sunday Schools.* But it is the showing made in the Sunday Schools which is most striking, and which may well occasion the gravest concern, for during the eleven years under review, while the population of Presbytery increased over one-third, the Sunday Schools of Presbytery report a loss of 5,275 scholars, or over 20 per cent. In Manhattan to-day there are 7,000 less scholars in our Presbyterian churches than eleven years ago, a loss of 30 per cent.

#### IV.

**N**O doubt there are reasons which explain this great falling off. The rapid inroads made by business upon what were formerly the residential districts on Manhattan Island; the increased cost of living, making it impossible for persons of moderate means to bring up their children in the city, with the result that a considerable portion of the natural constituency of our Presbyterian churches has been forced into the suburbs; the rapid growth of a foreign-speaking population, as indicated in the statistical tables:—all these help to explain the serious state of affairs to which we have just called attention and render the work of evangelical Protestantism within the bounds of the Presbytery increasingly difficult. It becomes all the more important, therefore, to consider with care what we are doing to meet the present crisis, and what more we ought still to do.

#### V.

**A**T the present time there are no less than four committees of Presbytery which are responsible for Home Mission and Church Extension work within the bounds of the Presbytery. These are: The Church Extension Committee, incorporated; the Home Missions Committee, the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Associations, and the Committee on Chinese Work. In addition, seven churches extend coöperation to affiliated churches and missions, and at least two important institutional churches secure additional coöperation from other sources. Besides this, the Trustees of Presbytery have an interest in the property of 21 active churches, 11 of which are receiving Home Mission aid. Thus no less than five agencies of Presbytery and nine different churches are factors carrying on Home Mission work in this city. Recently, through the Home Missions Committee of Presbytery, the Home Board has entered New York City and is to-day making generous contributions both of

money and of service. Assistance is also received from Synod's Committee on Home Missions and from the Woman's Presbyterian Society.

Through these different agencies there is raised and expended for the work of Home Missions in the Presbytery of New York at the present time a sum that amounts to over \$180,000 a year. The details of this expenditure may be found in the tables appended to this report, but a brief summary is here introduced, which summarizes at a glance the number of churches aided and the source of the aid given. Seven independent churches aid ten affiliated churches and missions with a total approximating \$96,000; the Church Extension Committee aids fourteen, with a total of \$32,400; the Home Missions Committee aids sixteen, with a total of \$41,000; the Chinese Committee aids one, with a total of \$3,000; the Sunday School Committee aids two, with a total of \$400; two institutional churches raise independently \$9,000.

Not only is this amount impressive in its sum total, but in its implications. It appears from the above statistics that 35 different churches and missions, no less than one-half of all our Presbyterian enterprises in the three boroughs, look to outside sources for maintenance in forwarding their work. It is safe to say that without such coöperation from outside sources, at least thirty of these churches or missions would be rendered practically ineffective, if not wholly impossible. It would be difficult to show more impressively in a single sentence the vital importance of Home Mission work as at present carried on within the bounds of Presbytery.

Up to this time all these different bodies and churches have been prosecuting their work independently. There has been no systematic coöperation, no carefully mapped out plan of campaign for the Presbytery as a whole, and appeals have been issued quite independently of any common object. In view of the magnitude of the interests involved, the extent and difficulty of the work, the mere statement of the present situation would seem to make clear and urgent the immediate necessity of bringing about some closer coördination of all agencies for the development of a plan of campaign, and a general budget to be presented to the churches with the authority of Presbytery. As a first step toward such a plan, the following facts concerning the present working of the individual units are briefly presented:

## II.

### The Work of Presbytery in Detail

#### I.

##### AFFILIATED CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.

**F**IRST in the catalogue of the Home Missionary enterprises of Presbytery must be placed those affiliated churches and missions which owe their support to and are under the control of individual churches. There are ten such centres maintained by seven churches, namely: Christ Church, and the Church of the Covenant, by the Brick Church; the John Hall Memorial Chapel, and Alexander Chapel, by the Fifth Avenue Church; Emmanuel Chapel, and Bethlehem Chapel, with its Italian Mission, maintained by the University Place Church; Mizpah Chapel, and its Parish House, maintained by the Central Church; the Church of the Good Shepherd, maintained by the West Park Church; Madison Square Church House, maintained by the Madison Square Church; and Good-will Chapel, maintained by the Madison Avenue Church. To this list should be added the new church on Washington Heights, presently to be erected by the West Park Church on land taken over from the Church Extension Committee. Adams Memorial Church, until recently affiliated with the Madison Square Church, has been transferred to the care of the Church Extension Committee.

The total expenditure upon these ten churches by the affiliated churches through direct appropriations and other contributions aggregates more than \$95,000 a year, one-half of the sum total expended in Home Mission work by the entire Presbytery. Included in their number are some of the most important and effective organizations in New York Presbyterianism. It is evident, therefore, that in estimating what is being done by New York Presbyterians for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in their own city, these should be given the first place. The advantages of this method, where it can be carried out, are so obvious as to need no argument.

#### II.

##### THE TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY.

**T**HE next factor to be taken into account is the Trustees of Presbytery. This body, which is the legal representative of Presbytery for the holding of property, except in so far as that right is specially vested in the Church Extension Committee,

holds ecclesiastical mortgages on ten of the churches of Presbytery, to an amount of \$327,125; and further owns, either wholly or in part, eleven other churches, at a total of \$814,130. To this may be added the West Twenty-third Street Church, valued at \$300,000, and Zion Church, valued at \$20,000. Against these various properties there are mortgages aggregating \$206,000.

It thus appears that the Trustees of Presbytery have an interest in 22 churches, of which 21 are active properties, at a total of \$1,461,255, subject to mortgages of \$206,000, giving a total holding of \$1,255,255, including ecclesiastical mortgages.

The relation of the Trustees to the Home Mission interests of Presbytery is threefold: *a* They hold title to no less than 9 churches which are receiving aid from the Home Missions Committee or the Church Extension Committee, viz.: Sea and Land, and its Neighborhood House, the John Huss (Bohemian), East Harlem, Old Woodstock, Saint Nicholas, Northminster, Bethany, Chinese and Saint James churches, besides the West Twenty-third Street Church.

*b* They have from time to time coöperated with these committees by keeping the several properties in question in proper repair, or making extensions necessary for the effectiveness of their work, as, for example, at Bethany, Old Woodstock, etc.

*c* Through the sale of such properties as may in the judgment of Presbytery have become unavailable, as, for example, Zion Church, they may from time to time become possessed of funds which may be used in other portions of the city. It would seem, therefore, that any comprehensive plan for an advance in Home Missionary enterprise should include the Trustees as one of its integral factors.

### III.

#### THE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

**T**HE present Church Extension Committee was founded in the year 1900 as an incorporated body for the following purposes, as described in its charter:

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

"The particular objects for which said corporation is formed are as follows, viz.: The planting of new churches, the granting of support to such churches, all matters pertaining to Presbyterian work of extending the Church in New York City and the sustaining of such existing churches as may by their own consent and with the approval of the Presbytery of New York be included by this corporation from

time to time in its plan of church extension, and to receive and disburse, as this corporation has been designated and empowered to do by the Presbytery of New York, all funds collected for Presbyterian Church Extension and Sustentation as aforesaid, within the bounds of said Presbytery."

During the eleven years of its existence it has received, either through contributions from churches or from individuals, more than \$1,500,000, distributed as follows:

|  |              |            |
|--|--------------|------------|
| 1900 .....   | \$21,798.68  |            |
| 1901 .....   | 13,369.81    |            |
| 1902 .....   | 10,804.39    |            |
| 1903 .....   | 78,537.30    |            |
| 1904 .....   | 29,096.68    |            |
| 1905 .....   | 16,987.44    |            |
| 1906 .....   | 74,148.88    |            |
| 1907 .....   | 99,132.10    |            |
| 1908 .....   | 15,714.60    |            |
| 1909 .....   | 54,118.27    |            |
| 1910 General Sources .....   | \$ 71,304.11 |            |
| Kennedy Fund .....   | 514,172.77   |            |
|  | <hr/>        | 585,476.88 |
| 1911 General Sources .....   | \$ 15,992.86 |            |
| Kennedy Fund .....   | 259,226.37   |            |
|  | <hr/>        | 275,219.23 |
| 1912 For purchase and maintenance of<br>Adams Memorial Church..... |              | 100,000.00 |

To this must be added from the Kennedy Fund \$1,000,000 in securities.

While it has not been possible to make a detailed analysis of these receipts, it would appear that a comparatively small amount of this large sum has been received through the regular collections of the churches. The major part has been gained through gifts of individuals as the result of private solicitation. The large sums which have passed through the hands of the committee have been used for three purposes: First, for building new churches or adding to the existing buildings; secondly, for paying off mortgages; thirdly, for maintenance.

The following churches have been built either in whole or in part by the Committee:

|  | <i>Total Cost</i> |
|--|-------------------|
| Hunt's Point .....                       | \$ 12,000         |
| Bedford Park .....                       | 27,000            |
| Williamsbridge .....                     | 25,000            |
| St. Nicholas Avenue.....                 | 163,000           |
| Northminster .....                       | 95,000            |
| University Heights .....                 | 28,000            |
| Woodstock .....                          | 155,000           |
| Van Nest .....                           | 33,000            |
| Home Street .....                        | 38,000            |
| Holy Trinity .....                       | 42,000            |
| Olmstead Avenue .....                    | 52,000            |
| Olmstead Avenue, Lots and Parsonage..... | 20,000            |

The following churches have been aided to an amount aggregating \$202,850:

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| New York .....                   | \$ 55,000 |
| Harlem .....                     | 45,000    |
| Morningside (Parish House).....  | 30,000    |
| Faith (Parish House).....        | 41,500    |
| Sea and Land (Parish House)..... | 10,000    |
| Greenwich (Parish House).....    | 6,000     |
| St. James .....                  | 3,300     |
| Williamsbridge .....             | 2,000     |
| Morrisania .....                 | 10,000    |

Further grants have been made as follows:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Completion of University Heights Church.....  | \$ 50,000 |
| Morrisania Church House.....                  | 20,000    |
| Church of the Ascension, Lots and Building... | 70,000    |
| Woodlawn Heights, for Lots.....               | 8,230     |
| Purchase of Labor Temple.....                 | 200,000   |

At the present time (1912) no less than thirteen different churches are in receipt of regular sums from the Committee aggregating in all \$22,400.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Adams Memorial .....   | \$2,100  |
| Harlem .....           | 400      |
| Olmstead Avenue .....  | 1,200    |
| Williamsbridge .....   | 500      |
| Van Nest .....         | 1,500    |
| West 23rd Street.....  | 3,600    |
| Hunt's Point .....     | 1,900    |
| St. Nicholas .....     | 1,500    |
| Woodlawn Heights ..... | 1,000    |
| Bethany .....          | 1,200    |
| Northminster .....     | 2,300    |
| Home Street .....      | 1,000    |
| Sea and Land.....      | 4,200    |
|                        | <hr/>    |
|                        | \$22,400 |

In addition, the Committee pays \$10,000 annually for the rent of the Labor Temple, being the interest at 5% on the \$200,000 reserved for the purchase of the building under the option secured from the Fourteenth Street Church.

This does not include insurance or repairs on various properties owned by the Church Extension Committee.

During the early years of its existence it was the policy of the Church Extension Committee to confine its activity, as far as possible, to the erection of new buildings, rather than to their maintenance; and, further, in its choice of objects, to give preference to those centres which gave promise of ultimate self-support. Later, however, this policy has necessarily been modified, as the result, in the first place, of

the responsibility of the Committee for the effective use of the resources which it had created; and in the second place, of the changing conditions in New York City which render self-support increasingly difficult for many of our churches. In addition to this, the great increase in the resources of the Committee, through the Kennedy bequest, have rendered necessary a larger conception of its functions and its responsibility.

Up to the present time the Committee has expended \$650,000 of the Kennedy bequest, leaving \$1,150,000 still unexpended.

It is the intention of the Committee to retain this as a permanent investment, relying upon new gifts from the churches and from individuals to supplement this income where a new advance is needed.

At the present time the available income of the Church Extension Committee from its invested funds is in the neighborhood of \$52,000 annually. Of this about \$5,000 is required for salaries and office expenses; \$10,000 for the rent of the Labor Temple; \$22,400 is used for sustentation, leaving available for other purposes about \$15,000. With the growth of the city and the increasing inroads of business and immigration, it is evident that the demands upon the Committee for sustentation must increase. It is evident, therefore, that if the Church Extension Committee is to continue its original function of occupying new fields and housing growing congregations, it must look to the churches and to individuals for increased gifts.

For the coming year, in addition to \$10,000 for the Labor Temple, at least \$25,000 will be needed for sustentation. Besides this, no less than \$145,000 is immediately needed for church erection, \$15,000 to complete the Italian Church of the Ascension, \$30,000 to erect a Neighborhood House for the John Huss Bohemian Church on land already in the possession of the Trustees, \$50,000 each for the congregations of Woodlawn and Van Nest.

#### IV.

#### THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

**I**N the division of interests of the Presbytery of New York the Home Missions Committee has a threefold function. In the first place it serves as a medium of communication between the Board of Home Missions and the churches; secondly, it fulfils a like office with reference to Synod's Permanent Committee on Home Missions. In addition, it is entrusted with the important responsibility of extending and supervising Presbytery's work among the Immigrant populations of the city.

This arrangement is a comparatively recent one. Originally the Home Missions Committee had no direct responsibility for work in the city. Like the Foreign Missions Committee, its duties were confined

to bringing the needs of the Home Board to the attention of the churches. Recently, however, the rapid growth of the immigrant population in New York City, together with the changed conditions resulting therefrom, rendered the need of some more aggressive work apparent, and accordingly in 1907 an arrangement was entered into with the Home Board, by which it undertook the responsibility for work among the immigrants in New York City, under the general direction of the Committee, contributing from its funds the amount which was expended for this purpose, and furnishing through its Superintendent of the Department of Immigration the trained leadership which was necessary. From 1907 to 1910 Mr. Stelzle acted as Superintendent, under the direction of the Committee. His place was taken in 1910 by the present Superintendent, Mr. Shriver. During the six years in question the appropriations of the Board have rapidly increased from \$4,845 in 1907 to \$29,014 in the current year (1911-12). These figures do not include the cost of the Labor Temple, inaugurated two years ago, which, if added, would bring the appropriations of the Home Board for the year to more than \$40,000.

The arrangement thus briefly outlined is of interest not simply for its own sake, but because of the principles involved. There are three different ways in which the Home Mission work is now being conducted in our great cities. In some cases, as, for example, in the Presbyteries of Chicago and of Pittsburgh, the Presbytery assumes all responsibility for the work through its Home Missions Committee or Church Extension Committee, raising and disbursing its own funds and turning over to the Home Board for work in the country at large such percentage as may be decided upon. In the second case the unit is the Synodical Committee of Home Missions working through various Home Missions Committees of Presbytery, gathering all the funds contributed for work in the State into its own treasury and disbursing them again through the Synodical Committee. This is the method which is followed in the Synod of New York, with the exception of a few Presbyteries, including our own. It is true that the Presbytery of New York has entered into the synodical plan so far as to make an annual contribution of some \$3,000 to Synod's Committee, drawing from this fund appropriations varying in amount from \$600 to \$1,000. But the sums in question are so small a proportion of the total amount expended for Home Missions within the Presbytery of New York that for our present purpose they are almost negligible. As has been already stated, the great bulk of the Home Mission work within our bounds is carried on according to the third plan, in which the Home Board supplies the supervision and funds, under the general direction of the Home Missions Committee of Presbytery.

The advantages of this plan, from the point of view of the Presbytery, are obvious. It increases the resources of Presbytery and puts at its disposal highly trained and efficient workers. The danger of the plan is, however, that unless it is carefully supervised and related to the work of Presbytery as a whole, the effect will be for Presbytery to put off the responsibility of its own work upon the Home Board and fail to do its share in raising the funds which are necessary for its effective prosecution. It is encouraging to note that the contributions of the churches to the Home Board for Evangelization, which, since, 1907, have shown a steady decrease, have begun to increase, rising from \$31,943 in 1909 to \$35,267 in 1912. In this last year the Women's Societies, also, have contributed to the Woman's Board for School Work, \$16,948, making the total contributions of New York Presbytery to the Board of Home Missions for 1912, \$52,215. This amount would further have been increased by the delayed contribution of \$5,000, noted below:

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending<br>March 31st. | FOR THE HOME BOARD                                       |  | GRANTS TO PRESBYTERY          |                      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | Churches, Y.P.S.,<br>S. S., Etc., for<br>Evangelization. | Societies, Y.P.S.,<br>S. S., Etc., for<br>School Work. | For Immigra-<br>tion<br>Work. | For Labor<br>Temple. |
| 1907                                 | \$32,973   | \$19,157   | \$4,845                       |                      |
| 1908                                 | 32,414   | 18,537   | 8,193                         |                      |
| 1909                                 | 31,943   | 18,078   | 10,540                        |                      |
| 1910                                 | *34,078  | 14,382   | 14,891                        |                      |
| 1911                                 | *32,481  | 16,061   | 27,058                        | \$13,345             |
| 1912                                 | †35,267  | 16,948   | 29,015                        | 11,757               |
|                                      | \$199,756  | \$103,063  | \$94,542                      | \$25,102             |

\* \$5,000 of this sum is an individual contribution.

† Does not include a gift of \$5,000 received too late to be credited in this fiscal year.

At the present time (the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912) sixteen different enterprises receive the coöperation of the Home Missions Committee. All of these, with two exceptions, employ a foreign language in connection with their ministry. Italian is used by eight, Hungarian by three, Bohemian by two, Ruthenian and Chinese by one each. These sixteen different enterprises are carried on at fourteen different centres, widely distributed, from Staten Island to The Bronx. They are of three different kinds: First, independent churches; secondly, independent enterprises not yet organized into churches; and thirdly, work carried on in coöperation with existing churches. The appended table gives details as to the nature of these enterprises and the amount of their support. For the current year (1911-12) the appropriation from the Home Board amounted to \$29,015, exclusive of the Labor Temple, for which the Board has expended \$11,757. In addition, grants for

\$675 were received from Synod's Committee for Throgg's Neck and the Chinese Mission. Even this sum does not represent what will be necessary for the adequate maintenance of our immigration work, if it is to develop as it should. Allowing for reasonable expansion, the Home Missions Committee reports as its budget for the coming year, beginning April 1, 1912, \$30,000. The coming of Mr. Day to the Labor Temple, while greatly increasing the efficiency of the work, has also increased the expense. It is clear, therefore, that if the Presbytery is to take care of its own work, and at the same time bear its share in the work of the State and the country at large, our contributions for Home Missions must be very largely increased.

## V.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE Sunday School Committee has three separate duties assigned to it by Presbytery:

1. The establishing of new Sunday Schools.
2. The supervision of the existing Sunday Schools.
3. The supervision of the Young People's Societies.

Since its organization in 1872, the Sunday School Committee has established the following fourteen schools, out of most of which churches have grown, as shown by the asterisk:

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *West End                  | *Lenox (St. Nicholas)          |
| *Woodstock                 | Mizpah                         |
| Kingsbridge                | *Bedford Park                  |
| *Williamsbridge            | Chinese in Mott St.            |
| Intervale Ave.             | Van Nest (to be organized)     |
| *Home St.                  | Hunt's Point (to be organized) |
| *Unionport (Olmstead Ave.) | Manhattanville                 |
|                            | *University Heights            |

It has also supported entirely for varying periods of time Camp Mission, Bethesda, Mount Tabor and Puritans' Chapel. The records of the Committee for the past 35 years show that during that period it has raised and expended in its work \$81,684.58. Its income has been received from churches, Sabbath Schools, individuals, and Young People's Societies. It was its custom in former years to issue an annual appeal to the churches, but in recent years no such appeal has been made. The receipts of the Committee during the past five years have been as follows:

|      |            |     |         |                            |
|------|------------|-----|---------|----------------------------|
| 1907 | \$3,938.07 | ... | \$3,000 | Gift from Ch. Ext. Com.    |
| 1908 | 1,098.16   |     |         |                            |
| 1909 | 3,061.52   | ... | 1,850   | Payment from Ch. Ext. Com. |
| 1910 | 902.15     |     |         |                            |
| 1911 | 923.87     |     |         |                            |

The chief expenditures of the Committee during the same period have been as follows (exclusive of insurance, etc.):

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Puritan Chapel (1905).....                | \$ 925.91 |
| Van Nest (1905; 1906; 1907).....          | 1,455.56  |
| Intervale (1907; 1908).....               | 213.75    |
| Home Street (1908; 1909).....             | 2,483.85  |
| Hunt's Point (1909; 1910; 1911).....      | 5,138.53  |
| Unionport (a grant).....                  | 39.27     |
| First Union (1911).....                   | 37.50     |
| S. S. Rally, etc. (1908; 1909; 1910)..... | 191.40    |

On April 1, 1911, the Committee turned over to the Church Extension Committee its work at Hunt's Point. Since that time it has assumed the salary of a Sunday School visitor at the First Union Presbyterian Church. It reports a balance on hand January 1, 1912, of \$1,326.09.\*

In its original intention the Sunday School Committee served as the pioneer agent of Presbytery for the discovery and the occupation of new fields. Under the present arrangement this responsibility has been largely assumed by the Church Extension Committee, and it is a fair question whether some redefinition of function might not wisely be had which, while not depriving the Sunday School Committee of the right to initiate new work, would assign to it as its more immediate responsibility the maintenance of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies in fields already occupied. There is a wide field here waiting to be occupied. If the Committee could command the services of a trained man to undertake the work, its usefulness to the Church would be greatly increased.

## VI. OTHER AGENCIES.

**B**ESIDES the committees, to which reference has been made, Presbytery receives the coöperation of the Woman's Presbyterian Committee, through the appointment and maintenance of visitors in connection with the work of the Home Missions Committee. Two such visitors are now under commission—one in the Hungarian work, and one at the Church of the Ascension (Italian).

Mention should also be made of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and of the Consolidated Committee, a committee consisting of representatives of the Home and Foreign Missions Committees, the Missionary Department of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, and the Presbyterian Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jessup. Both of these committees have for

\* During the Summer of 1912 the Committee employed a visitor, to canvass three promising fields.

their function the inauguration of a systematic campaign of education, which shall have for its result the organization of missionary committees in every church and the introduction of a scheme of systematic beneficence which involves the every-member canvass.

Last but not least in the list of agencies which touch the Home Mission problem is the Moderator's Council, which, while taking no initiative in the matters covered by this report, fulfils an important function as an advisory body to which the individual churches or committees may go for counsel in connection with those larger problems which are too difficult or too delicate to be handled alone.

### III.

## Summary and Recommendations

### I.

FROM the facts thus briefly passed in review it appears that a large amount of faithful and efficient work is being done for Home Missions within the bounds of our Presbytery, but without a clear understanding on the part of the individuals and committees concerned as to the exact limits of their responsibility and with no single agency responsible for the adoption and prosecution of a policy for Presbytery as a whole.

1. This lack of definite understanding appears, among others, at the following points:

a. To what extent is New York responsible for work in Home Missions outside its own borders, *e.g.*, in the State and the country at large?

b. What principles should govern the apportionment of Home Mission funds for the Presbytery, *e.g.*, (1) for sustentation; (2) for exceptional work; (3) for new work; (4) for housing, etc.

c. What is the exact responsibility of each of the existing committees for its part of the administration of the above work?

d. What are the sources and what the methods by which the support of the churches should be secured?

2. In view of this situation, it would seem highly desirable that some body should be constituted by Presbytery charged with the power to consider the situation as a whole, to devise a policy covering these and similar points, and to suggest such changes, if any, in the existing organizations of Presbytery as shall make it possible to carry them into effect.

It would be the function of such a committee, if constituted, to organize the resources of Presbytery as a whole, so as to deal in the most effective way with the problems of Home Missions in New York, with a view to securing similar effective organization and coöperation with all Protestant bodies. More particularly it should seek (1) to conserve the positions held and to provide for their adequate maintenance; (2) to occupy new fields where unoccupied; (3) to secure such flexibility of organization that changes in the character of the problem should be met by corresponding changes in organization.

## II.

**I**N carrying out this policy, the following principles might well be controlling:

1. The assumption by strong churches, so far as practicable, of responsibility for weaker churches along the lines now so successfully followed by the churches to which reference has already been made.

2. The development of parish centres in which a number of individual units are associated in a larger group, as is now done in the case of the American Parish on the Upper East Side; and, where this is not practicable, the development of such a neighborhood spirit that no enterprise affecting any particular district of the city shall be entered upon by any individual church or committee without previous consultation with the other Presbyterian bodies working within the district.

3. The fixing of the limits of responsibility of the existing committees of Presbytery and their correlation with the central committee as parts of a single effective working organization.

4. The initiation and maintenance by Committees of Presbytery of work among exceptional populations and in centres of extreme difficulty, and their coöperation with existing agencies, when such exist, with a view to strengthening their resources.

5. Provision for the proper housing (*a*) of existing agencies; (*b*) of new enterprises.

6. The development of a centre, or centres, of organized Presbyterian activity, including a resident home for parish visitors and any other similar interests, the necessity for which may in time appear.

7. A systematic propaganda to secure support for this policy through (*a*) literature, (*b*) the education of local churches in systematic beneficence, (*c*) the coöperation of the Boards of the Church, (*d*) the interesting of suburban churches, (*e*) special campaigns for special objects.

8. The progressive coöperation with other Christian bodies either along parish or problem lines. A beginning of such coöperation has already been made in the case of the Dutch Reformed Church.

9. The extension of such a systematic plan to include Greater New York through coöperation with the Home Missionary agencies of the Presbytery of Brooklyn and the Presbytery of Nassau (Queens).

The Committee recognizes the difficulty of carrying out at once so comprehensive a plan. Only a beginning can now be made, but it is well to plan for the more distant future and to look at the nearer problems in their larger relations. Three methods of approach seem possible:

1. The creation of entirely new machinery through a complete reorganization of the Committees of Presbytery ;

2. The assignment to some one Committee of Presbytery, such as the Church Extension Committee, in addition to its present duties, of the general task of supervision which has thus been outlined ;

3. The creation of a new committee similar to the present Committee of Conference, in which the existing agencies shall be represented, whose function it shall be to correlate their work and to secure the support of all the units in Presbytery in the prosecution of a single consistent policy. The latter method has obvious advantages over the two former. It is always important to conserve, as far as possible, the results of experience, and it is believed that with slight adaptation our existing machinery can be so modified as to secure the desired results.

Such a committee might wisely include one or more representatives of the Church Extension Committee, the Home Missions Committee, the Sunday School Committee, the Trustees, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The Moderator's Council should be represented by the Moderator, who should act as Chairman of the Committee *ex officio*.

### III.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN view of these facts, the Committee recommends to the Presbytery the creation of a permanent Committee, to be called the "Conference Committee of Presbytery," which shall include the representatives of the various agencies connected with Home Missions within the bounds of this Presbytery, whose duty it shall be :

a. To draft a policy for the Home Mission work of Presbytery ;

b. To consider the functions of the existing Committees of Presbytery and to recommend to Presbytery such changes as will promote their greatest possible efficiency ;

c. To keep in touch with the general situation of the Presbytery and to make such recommendations, either to Presbytery as a whole or to its constituent committees, as shall seem expedient in the carrying out of the policy agreed upon ;

d. To prepare a budget, to be submitted annually to Presbytery for their approval, and to take such steps as may be necessary to raise the amount ;

e. To cooperate with other Christian bodies along the lines suggested in this report.

## IV.

### Action of Presbytery Approving Committee's Report

#### I.

**A**T its meeting on April 8th, 1912, Presbytery, after hearing statements from members of the Committee, unanimously adopted the recommendations of the report and ordered it printed for distribution to the churches.

Pursuant to this action of Presbytery, the Conference Committee convened on April 29th, at the call of the Moderator, Dr. Work. The suggestions of the former Committee, on page 22 of this report, were adopted by the new Committee, as a statement of its policy.

Sub-committees were appointed:

- a. To define the relation of the Conference Committee to its Constituent Committees, and
- b. To draw up a budget for the coming year.

#### II.

**A**T a subsequent meeting, held June 7th, 1912, the report of these sub-committees was presented, and, after discussion, the following was adopted as the budget to be recommended to Presbytery for the ensuing year:

First, that the churches be asked to give

- a. To the Church Extension Committee for sustentation through church offerings, \$10,000.
- b. To the Home Board, \$45,000, of which \$30,000 will be expended for work in immigrant communities, under the direction of the Home Missions Committee.
- c. To the Synodical Home Missions Committee, \$3,000, of which \$1,000 will be expended in the city.
- d. To the Sunday School Committee, \$3,000.

In addition, the Committee cordially commends to the generous friends who have so loyally lent their support in the past the appeal of the Church Extension Committee for \$115,000 to complete the Church of the Ascension, to provide a Neighborhood House for the Bohemian Church, and to house the growing congregations at Woodlawn and Van Nest.

IN presenting this report to the churches, the Committee earnestly desires their coöperation in the new effort that is being made to advance God's kingdom within our own bounds, and prays that the steps which have been taken toward securing a more unified and efficient administration of the resources of Presbytery, may be but a sign of that inner unity of spirit which shall make us effective instruments in realizing the purpose of our common Lord and Master.

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## The Conference Committee of the Presbytery of New York

June 6th, 1912

THE MODERATOR, REV. EDGAR W. WORK, D.D. (*ex-officio*)

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NOTE.—For detailed statements of the work of the Church Extension Committee and the Sunday School Committee, see the body of the report.

### III.

## Foreign-born Population of New York\*

THE release from Washington of the nationalities of the foreign-born whites in New York in 1910, coupled with reference figures on file in the population research bureau of the New York Federation of Churches, permits me to present some interesting contrasts between the ethnic make-up of Greater New York in 1855 and 1910. The figures of 1855 are from the State census of that year, and are minute in every particular, except that there is no way of estimating the nationalities in 1855 of the portion of Westchester County annexed to New York at the time of consolidation. The following table shows an increase in every nationality in New York between 1855 and 1910, though the table shows a decrease in Germans and Irish since 1900.

The comparative populations of New York in 1855 and 1910 are as follows:

| Nation.             | 1855.   | 1910.     | Increase,<br>1855-1910. |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Canada .....        | 4,784   | 26,800    | 22,016                  |
| England .....       | 37,518  | 78,100    | 40,582                  |
| Scotland .....      | 11,598  | 26,000    | 14,402                  |
| Wales .....         | 1,335   | 1,700     | 365                     |
| Norway .....        | 362     | 22,200    | 21,838                  |
| Sweden .....        | 782     | 34,900    | 34,118                  |
| Denmark .....       | 461     | 7,900     | 7,439                   |
| Switzerland .....   | 1,193   | 10,400    | 9,207                   |
| Germany .....       | 121,303 | 279,200   | 157,897                 |
| France .....        | 7,554   | 18,200    | 10,646                  |
| Ireland .....       | 241,995 | 252,500   | 10,505                  |
| Italy .....         | 1,078   | 344,400   | 339,322                 |
| Greece .....        | ....    | 8,000     | 8,000                   |
| Austria .....       | 393     | 192,200   | 191,807                 |
| Hungary .....       | ....    | 73,300    | 73,300                  |
| Russia .....        | 1,290   | 478,200   | 476,910                 |
| Finland .....       | 170     | 7,400     | 7,230                   |
| Roumania .....      | ....    | 32,100    | 32,100                  |
| Rest of Europe..... | 2,021   | 14,800    | 12,779                  |
| All others.....     | 17,215  | 22,600    | 5,385                   |
| Totals .....        | 451,052 | 1,926,900 | 1,475,848               |

Some of the facts of high social significance in this table are as follows:

1. Greater New York in 1855 was 49.68 per cent. foreign born; in 1910, 40.42 per cent.

2. The population of Greater New York in 1855—907,775—was less than half the number of foreign born living in New York in 1910, the latter's numbers being, in 1910, 1,926,900.

3. Every nationality in New York has made substantial gains since 1855, with the exception of the Irish, which, between 1900 and 1910, fell off to the extent of 22,573 persons, and were only 10,505 more in 1910 than in 1855. Although the Germans, from 1900 to 1910, decreased to the extent of 44,998 persons, there were 157,897 more of them in New York in 1910 than in 1855, while of Irish there were, as above stated, only 10,505 more. Canadians increased fivefold; English, Scotch and French, over 100 per cent.; Norwegians, sixtyfold; Swedes, over fortyfold; Danes, fifteenfold; Swiss, nine times.

4. The increases of New York's foreign born from Canada and Northwestern Europe, from 1855 to 1910, numbered 329,015, but from 1900 to 1910 losses from Germany and Ireland were so large as to leave a net loss, 1900 to 1910, of 21,775 persons from Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Germany and France.

5. Between 1855 and 1910 New York added to itself from Southern and Eastern Europe, from Asia and Africa, Central and South America and Atlantic and Pacific islands 1,146,833 persons, and of this total 687,757 persons, or 59.9 per cent., were added to New York's population in the ten years 1900 to 1910. The Austrians in New York in 1855 numbered less than 400 persons; in 1910 they numbered 192,200. There were no Hungarians tabulated in the study of the population of 1855; there were 73,300 in the federal census of 1910. In Greater New York in 1855 there were only 1,290 Russian-born people. In 1910 there were 478,200, of whom 297,772 were added in the ten years 1900 to 1910.

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\* The figures in this memorandum, being based on preliminary statements, are subject to correction.

6. Of the whole population of Greater New York in 1855 Canada and Northwestern Europe supplied 47.2 per cent.; in 1900, 22.6 per cent., and in 1910 only 15.8 per cent.

TABLE NO. 2.

| Nation.             | Foreign-                           | New York                            | Per Cent.                     |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                     | born in U. S.<br>1910.<br>Persons. | increase,<br>1900-1910<br>Per Cent. | of whole<br>in N. Y.<br>1910. |
| Canada .....        | 1,198,000                          | 23.2                                | 2.3                           |
| England .....       | 1,221,400                          | 17.3                                | 8.9                           |
| Scotland .....      |                                    |                                     | 9.8                           |
| Wales .....         |                                    |                                     | 2.                            |
| Norway .....        |                                    |                                     | 5.5                           |
| Sweden .....        | 1,250,500                          | 43.5                                | 5.2                           |
| Denmark .....       |                                    |                                     | 4.3                           |
| Holland .....       | 120,000                            | ....                                | *                             |
| Switzerland .....   | 124,800                            | 24.3                                | 8.3                           |
| Germany .....       | 2,499,200                          | †13.9                               | 11.1                          |
| France .....        | 117,100                            | 23.5                                | 15.5                          |
| Ireland .....       | 1,351,400                          | †8.2                                | 18.6                          |
| Italy .....         | 1,341,800                          | 134.1                               | 25.3                          |
| Greece .....        | 101,100                            | 511.2                               | 7.9                           |
| Mexico .....        | 218,800                            | ....                                | ...                           |
| Austria .....       | 1,658,700                          | 117.6                               | 16.1                          |
| Hungary .....       |                                    |                                     | 15.6                          |
| Russia .....        |                                    |                                     | 30.3                          |
| Finland .....       | 1,706,900                          | 163.7                               | 5.7                           |
| Roumania .....      |                                    |                                     | 205.7                         |
| Rest of Europe..... | 286,300                            | 110.9                               | 16.3                          |
| All others.....     | 146,500                            | 108.6                               | 15.4                          |

\* Included in Rest of Europe. † Loss.

Table 2 shows the nativity of the foreign born throughout the whole of the United States; in column parallel thereto, percentage of increase of New York City and the percentage of the whole of each foreign nationality in New York City.

This table shows that 30.3 per cent. of the Russians in the United States were in New York City in 1910; 25.3 per cent. of the Italians, 16.1 per cent. of the Austrians, 15.6 per cent. of the Hungarians, 18.6 per cent. of the Irish, 15.5 per cent. of the French, 11.1 per cent. of the Germans, while all other nationalities had less than 10 per cent. of their whole number in the United States within the limits of New York City. In 1910 14.4 per cent. of all the foreign born in the United States lived in New York City, though the city in that year held only 5.18 per cent. of the population of the nation.

The table further shows that, in terms of percentage the Greeks have had the largest increase in New York since 1900, 511.2 per cent. The increase of Russians and Finns, however, was nearly one-third of the whole population of New York as in 1855.

WALTER LAIDLAW, *Executive Secretary.*

The New York Federation of Churches, New York, Jan. 3, 1912.

## IV.

# Home Missions in the Presbytery of New York

A TABLE SHOWING THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR HOME  
MISSIONS (MAINTENANCE) IN THE PRESBYTERY,  
AND ITS DISTRIBUTION.

COMPILED APRIL 1, 1912.

|      |   |           |
|------|---|-----------|
| I.   | AFFILIATED:<br>Seven churches aid ten affiliated churches and chapels,<br>spring of 1912 .....  | \$95,330  |
| II.  | THE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE:<br>Extends its coöperation, for maintenance, to fourteen<br>churches and chapels, spring of 1912.....   | 32,400    |
| III. | THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE:<br>In the year ending March 31, 1912, extended<br>coöperation to fourteen churches and missions,<br>at which a foreign language is employed, via<br>The Board of Home Missions for..... \$29,015<br>For Labor Temple, from Home Board..... 11,757 | 41,447    |
|      | Total from Home Board..... \$40,772<br>To two churches, via Synod's Committee..... 675  | 41,447    |
| IV.  | THE CHINESE COMMITTEE:<br>For the First Chinese Church.....   | 3,000     |
| V.   | THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE:<br>For two chapels.....  | 400       |
| VI.  | TWO INSTITUTIONAL CHURCHES:<br>Secure additional coöperation from various sources on<br>their own account for.....  | 9,180     |
| VII. | THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY:<br>Through the Woman's Board of Home Missions, for<br>two foreign-speaking visitors .....  | 1,200     |
|      | TOTAL:<br>Distributed among thirty-six different churches and<br>chapels in the Presbytery.....   | \$182,957 |

## V.

# The Trustees of Presbytery

TABLE SHOWING CHURCH PROPERTIES OWNED WHOLLY OR IN PART, ECCLESIASTICAL MORTGAGES, ETC.

FROM REPORT OF MARCH 31, 1911.

|   |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Ecclesiastical Mortgages on Ten Churches:  |           |             |
| 1. First Union .....  | \$13,800  |             |
| 2. Park (Chapel) .....  | 5,000     |             |
| 3. French Evangelical .....   | 10,000    |             |
| 4. Harlem .....   | 62,000    |             |
| 5. New York .....   | 71,775    |             |
| 6. Puritans .....   | 75,000    |             |
| 7. Seventh .....  | 15,000    |             |
| Hatfield House, adjoining.....  | 19,000    |             |
| 8. Bedford Park .....   | 10,000    |             |
| 9. St. James .....  | 39,000    |             |
| 10. Morrisania .....  | 6,550     |             |
|   |           | \$327,125   |
| 2. Eleven Churches, owned wholly or in part:  |           |             |
| 1. Sea and Land.....  | \$100,000 |             |
| Sea and Land Parish House.....  | 43,000    |             |
| 2. John Hus (Bohemian).....   | 60,000    |             |
| Lot adjoining .....   | 7,500     |             |
| 3. East Harlem .....  | 60,000    |             |
| 4. Old Woodstock .....  | 10,000    |             |
| 5. New Woodstock .....  | 140,000   |             |
| 6. Morningside .....  | 110,000   |             |
| 7. Faith .....  | 80,000    |             |
| 8. St. Nicholas .....   | 43,250    |             |
| 9. Northminster .....   | 55,280    |             |
| 10. Bethany (cost us).....  | 70,000    |             |
| 11. Chinese Mission .....   | 35,000    |             |
| Maple Grove Cemetery Lot.....   | 100       |             |
|   |           | \$14,130    |
|   |           | \$1,141,255 |
| 3. To this may be added:  |           |             |
| By Presbytery's action, 17th March, 1908, dissolving<br>Westminster Church, West 23rd Street..... |           | 300,000     |
| 4. Also   |           |             |
| Zion Church .....   |           | 20,000      |
|   |           | \$1,461,255 |
| 5. The above subject to Mortgages as follows:   |           |             |
| Sea and Land.....   | \$60,000  |             |
| Morningside .....   | 25,000    |             |
| Zion .....  | 6,000     |             |
| Bethany .....   | 35,000    |             |
| Chinese .....   | 20,000    |             |
|   |           | \$146,000   |
| West 23rd Street.....   | 60,000    |             |
|   |           | 206,000     |
| TOTAL:  |           |             |
| Net .....   |           | \$1,255,255 |
| (For complete Report of Trustees of Presbytery see Hand Book of Presbytery.)                      |           |             |

## VI.

## Affiliated Churches and Chapels

TABLE SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES  
FOR AFFILIATED CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.

SPRING, 1912.

|    |  |          |          |
|----|--|----------|----------|
| 1. | BRICK CHURCH:  |          |          |
|    | For *Christ Church and Church of the Covenant.....                                     |          | \$27,970 |
| 2. | FIFTH AVENUE CHURCH:   |          |          |
|    | For John Hall Memorial Chapel and Associa-<br>tion House .....                         | \$20,000 |          |
|    | For Alexander Chapel.....  | 7,000    |          |
|    |  |          | 27,000   |
| 3. | MADISON SQUARE CHURCH:   |          |          |
|    | For Madison Square Church House.....   |          | 15,000   |
| 4. | UNIVERSITY PLACE CHURCH:   |          |          |
|    | For Emmanuel Chapel, Bethlehem Chapel and Memorial<br>House .....                      |          | 17,500   |
| 5. | CENTRAL CHURCH:  |          |          |
|    | For Mizpah Chapel.....   |          | 3,805    |
| 6. | WEST PARK CHURCH:  |          |          |
|    | For Church of the Good Shepherd: [West Park;<br>Affiliated, on Heights—Projected]..... |          | 4,055    |
| 7. | MADISON AVENUE CHURCH:   |          |          |
|    | For Good Will Chapel (no separate fund).   |          |          |
|    | Total .....  |          | \$95,330 |

\* Organized churches.

## VII.

### Home Missions Committee

TABLE SHOWING ENTERPRISES RECEIVING THE COÖPERATION  
OF THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE, IN THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1912

FROM THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| I. THE AMERICAN PARISH: Upper East Side:  |            |             |
| 1. Church of the Ascension (Italian).....   | \$3,190.03 |             |
| 2. Church of the Holy Trinity (Italian)....   | 3,068.09   |             |
| 3. East Harlem Church (English, Magyar,<br>Italian, Swedish) .....  | 5,043.30   |             |
| 4. First Magyar Church (At East Harlem<br>Church) .....   |            |             |
| 5. Friendship Neighborhood House (English,<br>Magyar, Italian) .....  | 904.56     |             |
|   |            | \$12,205.98 |
| II. HOPE CHAPEL: Lower East Side:   |            |             |
| 6. Hope Chapel: General .....   | 7,603.78   |             |
| 7. Hope Chapel: Ruthenian Department ...  | 1,200.00   |             |
|   |            | 8,803.78    |
| III. BOHEMIAN WORK:   |            |             |
| 8. John Hus Church: Neighborhood Work..   | 650.00     |             |
| 9. Bohemian Brethren Church.....  | 1,200.00   |             |
|   |            | 1,850.00    |
| IV. HUNGARIAN (MAGYAR) WORK:  |            |             |
| 10. Fourteenth Street Magyar Congregation..   | 1,065.00   |             |
|   |            | 1,065.00    |
| (See also First Magyar Church, above.)  |            |             |
| V. FOUR ITALIAN DEPARTMENTS:  |            |             |
| In coöperation with organized churches.   |            |             |
| 11. Church of the Sea and Land.....   | 1,200.00   |             |
| 12. Spring Street Church.....   | 720.00     |             |
| 13. Calvary Church, Staten Island.....  | 720.00     |             |
| 14. John Hall Memorial Chapel.....  | 720.00     |             |
|   |            | 3,360.00    |
| (For other Italian work, see American Parish, above.)   |            |             |
| VI. DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS:   |            |             |
| 15. Seven Schools: Hope, Sea and Land,<br>Labor Temple, John Hus, East Harlem,<br>Holy Trinity, Northminster and Super-<br>intendence ..... | 1,586.94   | 1,586.94    |
| VII. CONTINGENT FUND:   |            |             |
|   | 143.26     | 143.26      |
|   |            | \$29,014.96 |
| VIII. FOR (16) LABOR TEMPLE:  |            |             |
| From Board of Home Missions.....  |            | 11,757.46   |
|   |            | \$40,772.42 |
| FROM SYNOD'S COMMITTEE TO OCTOBER 31, 1911.   |            |             |
| IX. FOR TWO CHURCHES:   |            |             |
| 17. First Chinese Church.....   | \$375.00   |             |
| 18. Throggs Neck Church, Bronx.....   | 300.00     | 675.00      |
|   |            | \$41,447.42 |

## VIII.

### The Board of Home Missions

A table showing the contributions of the Presbytery for evangelization and school work in the last six years, together with a statement of the amounts expended by the Home Board within the bounds of the Presbytery for work among foreign-speaking people, etc.

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending<br>March 31st. | FOR THE HOME BOARD   |  | GRANTS TO PRESBYTERY          |                      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | From the<br>Churches, Y.P.S.,<br>S. S., Etc., for<br>Evangelization. | From Women's<br>Societies, Y.P.S.,<br>S. S., Etc., for<br>School Work. | For Immigra-<br>tion<br>Work. | For Labor<br>Temple. |
| 1907                                 | \$32,973   | \$19,157   | \$4,845                       |                      |
| 1908                                 | 32,414   | 18,537   | 8,193                         |                      |
| 1909                                 | 31,943   | 18,078   | 10,540                        |                      |
| 1910                                 | *34,678  | 14,282   | 14,891                        |                      |
| 1911                                 | *32,481  | 16,061   | 27,058                        | \$13,845             |
| 1912                                 | †35,267  | 16,948   | 29,015                        | 11,757               |
|                                      | <hr/> \$199,756  | <hr/> \$103,063  | <hr/> \$94,542                | <hr/> \$25,102       |

\* \$5,000 of this sum is an individual contribution.

† Does not include a gift of \$5,000 received too late to be credited in this fiscal year.

## IX.

### Real Estate and Buildings

THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS OF THE CHURCHES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, IN THE THREE BOROUGHES, DISTRIBUTED BY DISTRICTS.

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| II. SOUTH OF 14TH STREET, East of Broadway.....  | \$638,000    |
| III. SOUTH OF 14TH STREET, West of Broadway..... | 2,040,000    |
| IV. CENTRAL, 14th Street to 59th Street.....     | 7,989,000    |
| V. UPPER EAST SIDE, North of 59th Street.....    | 1,027,000    |
| VI. WEST SIDE, 59th Street to 159th Street.....  | 2,290,000    |
| VII. HARLEM .....                                | 680,000      |
| VIII. COLLEGE AND WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.....        | 610,000      |
|  | <hr/>        |
| TOTAL FOR MANHATTAN (Approximate).....           | \$15,274,000 |
| I. STATEN ISLAND .....                           | 105,000      |
| IX. THE BRONX .....                              | 807,000      |
|  | <hr/>        |
| TOTAL FOR THREE BOROUGHES (Approximate).....     | \$16,186,000 |

## X.

## The Presbytery of New York

DISTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES AND MISSIONS, JANUARY 1, 1912

\*Unorganized

(STATISTICS OF MARCH 31, 1911)

ABBREVIATIONS: C. Ex., Church Extension Committee. H. M., Home Mission Committee. Af. Affiliated Church

| No. on Map | NAME   | LOCATION                         | Organized      | Members | Sunday School | HOME MISSIONS Cooperation Extended by     |
|------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---|
| I.         | STATEN ISLAND (Richmond):                            |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 1          | Calvary.....   | West New Brighton.....           | 1872           | 296     | 258           | H. M. (Ital.)                             |
| 2          | First Edgewater.....                                 | Stapleton.....                   | .....          | 202     | 250           |   |
|            |  |                                  |                | 498     | 508           |   |
| II.        | MANHATTAN:<br><i>South of 14th St.; E. of B'way.</i> |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 3          | Sea and Land.....                                    | Market and Henry Sts. ....       | (1817)<br>1864 | 440     | 478           | { C. Ex.<br>H. M. (Ital.)                 |
| 4          | Seventh.....   | Broome and Ridge Sts.....        | 1818           |         |               |   |
| 5          | Hope Chapel.....                                     | 339 East 4th St.....             | *.....         | 50      | 200           | H. M.<br>Af. Univ. Place.<br>C. Ex. H. M. |
| 6          | Emmanuel.....  | 727 East 6th St.....             | *.....         | 1094    | 1257          |   |
| 7          | Labor Temple.....                                    | 2nd Ave. and 14th St.....        | *.....         | .....   | .....         |   |
| [69]       | German Second (Inactive)...                          | 435 E. Houston St.....           | 1882           | 189     | .....         |   |
|            |  |                                  |                | 2711    | 2077          |   |
| III.       | <i>South of 14th St., West of B'way.</i>             |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 8          | Spring St.....                                       | 246 Spring St.....               | (1811)<br>1825 | 529     | 292           | H. M. (Ital.)                             |
| 9          | Alexander Chapel.....                                | 7 King St.....                   | *.....         |         |               |   |
| 10         | Bethlehem Chapel and Memorial House.....             | 196 Bleecker St.....             | *.....         | .....   | 236           | Af.: Univ. Place.                         |
| 11         | University Place.....                                | Univ. Place, cor. 10th St....    | 1845           | 1120    | 347           |   |
| 12         | Old First.....                                       | Fifth Ave. and 11th St.....      | 1716           | 815     | 360           |   |
| 13         | Greenwich.....                                       | 13th St., nr. 6th Ave.....       | (1846)<br>1910 | 676     | 269           |   |
|            |  |                                  |                |         |               | 3140                                      |
| IV.        | <i>Central: 14th St. to 60th St.</i>                 |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 14         | French Evangelical.....                              | 126 West 16th St.....            | 1853           | 243     | 154           |   |
| 15         | West 23rd St.....                                    | 210 West 23rd St.....            | 1908           | 170     | 98            | C. Ex.                                    |
| 16         | Madison Square.....                                  | Madison Ave. and 24th St....     | 1853           | 711     | 85            |   |
| 17         | Adams Memorial.....                                  | 207 East 30th St.....            | 1886           | 454     | 700           | C. Ex.                                    |
| 18         | Madison Sq. Church House.....                        | 432 Third Ave.....               | *.....         | .....   | .....         | Af.: Madison Sq.                          |
| 19         | First Chinese.....                                   | 223 East 31st St.....            | 1910           | 33      | 230           | Chin. Co. H. M.                           |
| 20         | Church of the Covenant.....                          | 310 East 42d St.....             | 1893           | 507     | 342           | Af.: Brick.                               |
| 21         | Brick.....   | Fifth Ave. and 37th St.....      | 1767           | 1023    | 207           |   |
| 22         | Christ.....  | 334 West 36th St.....            | 1883           | 623     | 1019          | Af.: Brick.                               |
| 23         | Faith.....   | 350 West 48th St.....            | 1883           | 600     | 324           |   |
| 24         | St. James (Colored).....                             | 51st St., bet. 8th and 9th Avs.  | 1895           | 400     | 114           |   |
| 25         | Central.....   | 212 West 57th St.....            | 1821           | 1226    | 154           |   |
| 26         | Mirpah Chapel and Parish House.....                  | 420 West 57th St.....            | *.....         | .....   | 272           | Af.: Central.                             |
| 27         | Fifth Ave.....                                       | Fifth Ave. and 65th St.....      | 1808           | 1825    | 101           |   |
|            |  |                                  |                | 7815    | 3800          |   |
| V.         | <i>Upper East Side: North of 50th St.</i>            |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 28         | John Hall Memorial and Association House.....        | 342 East 63rd St.....            | *.....         | 456     | 1054          | Af.: Fifth Ave.                           |
| 29         | Madison Ave.....                                     | Madison Ave. and 73rd St....     | 1839           | 934     | 1224          |   |
| 30         | John Hus (Bohemian).....                             | 347 East 74th St.....            | 1877           | 161     | 838           | H. M.                                     |
| 31         | Good Will Chapel.....                                | 225 East 80th St.....            | *.....         | .....   | 296           | Af.: Madison Ave.                         |
| 32         | First Union.....                                     | Lexington Ave. and 66th St....   | 1846           | 190     | 147           |   |
| 33         | Church of the Ascension.....                         | 106th St. nr First Ave.....      | 1909           | 234     | 267           | H. M. (Ital.)                             |
| 34         | East Harlem.....                                     | 233 East 116th St.....           | 1887           | 73      | 122           | H. M. (Ital.)                             |
| 35         | First Magyar.....                                    | 233 East 116th St.....           | 1906           | 78      | 75            | H. M.                                     |
| 36         | Friendship N'borhood House.....                      | 441 East 118th St.....           | *.....         | .....   | .....         | H. M.                                     |
|            |  |                                  |                | 2126    | 4023          |   |
| VI.        | <i>West Side: 50th St. to 120th St.</i>              |                                  |                |         |               |   |
| 37         | Church of the Good Shepherd                          | 152 West 66th St.....            | *.....         | .....   | 229           | Af.: West Park                            |
| 38         | Rutgers.....   | Broadway and 73rd St.....        | Note           | 433     | 303           |   |
| 39         | West-Park.....                                       | Amsterdam Ave. and 66th St....   | 1911           | { 903   | 44            |   |
|            |  |                                  |                | { 493   | 140           |   |
| 40         | Fourth.....  | West End Ave. and 91st St....    | Note           | 786     | 235           |   |
| 41         | Scotch.....  | Central Pk. West and 96th St.... | 1756           | 345     | 331           |   |
| 42         | West End.....  | Amsterdam Ave. & 105th St....    | 1888           | 2045    | 868           |   |
| 43         | Broadway.....  | Broadway and 114th St.....       | 1826           | 1121    | 67            |   |
|            |  |                                  |                | 6629    | 2217          |   |

\*Unorganized

ABBREVIATIONS: C. Ex., Church Extension Committee. H. M., Home Mission Committee. Af. A. Affiliated Church

| No. on Map                                   | NAME                         | LOCATION                       | Organized | Members | Sunday School | Home Missions Cooperation Extended by |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>VII. Harlem.</b>                          |                              |                                |           |         |               |                                       |
| 44   | Northminster.....            | 141 West 115th St.....         | 1905      | 348     | 200           | C. Ex.                                |
| 45   | Morningside.....             | Morningside Ave. & 122d St.    | 1894      | 164     | 213           |                                       |
| 46   | Harlem.....                  | Mt. Morris Park & 122d St.     | 1844      | 656     | 298           | C. Ex.                                |
| 47   | New York.....                | Seventh Ave. and 128th St.     | (1831)    | 326     | 264           |                                       |
| 48   | Church of the Puritans.....  | 130th St. nr. 5th Ave.....     | 1872      | 501     | 200           |                                       |
| 49   | Mt. Tabor (Colored).....     | 57 West 134th St.....          | 1889      | 88      | 65            |                                       |
|  |                              |                                |           | 2083    | 1240          |                                       |
| <b>VIII. College and Washington Heights:</b> |                              |                                |           |         |               |                                       |
| 50   | St. Nicholas Ave.....        | St. Nicholas Ave. & 141st St.  | 1891      | 723     | 565           | C. Ex.                                |
| 51   | North.....                   | 155th St. nr. Broadway.....    | 1829      | 1083    | 685           |                                       |
| 52   | Mt. Washington.....          | Broadway cor. Dyckman St.      | 1846      | 86      | 108           |                                       |
| [71]   | West-Park Affiliated.....    | Wadsworth Ave. and 174th St.   | *.....    | .....   | .....         | Af.                                   |
|  |                              |                                |           | 1892    | 1358          |                                       |
| <b>IX. BRONX:</b>                            |                              |                                |           |         |               |                                       |
| 53   | Bethany.....                 | East 137th St. nr. Willis Ave. | 1873      | 565     | 553           | C. Ex.                                |
| 54   | Church of the Holy Trinity.. | Morris Ave. and 153rd St....   | 1907      | 102     | 82            | H. M. (Ital.)                         |
| 55   | Morrisania.....              | Washington Ave. nr. 167th St.  | 1866      | 533     | 444           |                                       |
| 56   | Bohemian Brethren.....       | 589 East 165th St.....         | 1906      | 51      | 69            | H. M.                                 |
| 57   | Woodstock.....               | Prospect Ave. and 165th St.    | 1890      | 294     | 314           |                                       |
| 58   | Hunt's Point.....            | *.....                         | .....     | .....   | 138           | C. Ex.                                |
| 59   | Home Street.....             | Home St. & West Farms Rd.      | .....     | 119     | 305           | C. Ex.                                |
| 60   | Van Nest.....                | *.....                         | .....     | .....   | 259           | C. Ex.                                |
| 61   | Olmstead Ave.....            | Olmstead and Newbold Aves.     | 1910      | 101     | 126           | C. Ex.                                |
| 62   | Throgg's Neck.....           | Westchester, Bronx.....        | 1855      | 116     | 126           | H. M.                                 |
| 63   | Tremont.....                 | Washington Ave. nr. 174th St.  | 1854      | 273     | 192           |                                       |
| 64   | Beck Memorial.....           | 980 East 180th St.....         | 1814      | 283     | 313           |                                       |
| 65   | University Heights.....      | University Heights.....        | 1900      | 159     | 196           |                                       |
| 66   | Bedford Park.....            | Bainbridge Ave. & 200th St.    | 1900      | 293     | 197           |                                       |
| 67   | Williamsbridge.....          | White P's Ave. & 225th St.     | 1900      | 170     | 173           | C. Ex.                                |
| 68   | Riverdale.....               | Riverdale-on-Hudson.....       | 1863      | 138     | 96            |                                       |
| [70]   | Woodlawn Heights.....        | *.....                         | .....     | .....   | .....         | C. Ex.                                |
|  |                              |                                |           | 3197    | 3583          |                                       |

RECAPITULATION.

|  | Members       | Sunday School |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>MANHATTAN:</b>                                |               |               |
| II. South of 14th Street: East of Broadway.....  | 2,711         | 2,077         |
| III. South of 14th Street: West of Broadway..... | 3,140         | 1,780         |
| IV. Central: 14th Street to 59th Street.....     | 7,815         | 3,800         |
| V. Upper East Side: North of 59th Street.....    | 2,126         | 4,023         |
| VI. West Side: 59th Street to 129th Street.....  | 6,629         | 2,217         |
| VII. HARLEM.....                                 | 2,083         | 1,240         |
| VIII. College and Washington Heights.....        | 1,892         | 1,358         |
| <b>TOTAL FOR MANHATTAN.....</b>                  | <b>26,396</b> | <b>16,495</b> |
| I. STATEN ISLAND.....                            | 498           | 508           |
| IX. BRONX.....                                   | 3,197         | 3,583         |
| <b>TOTAL, THREE BOROUGH, NEW YORK.....</b>       | <b>30,091</b> | <b>20,586</b> |
| X. MONTREAL.....                                 | 1,525         | 650           |
| <b>TOTAL, PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.....</b>        | <b>31,616</b> | <b>21,236</b> |

NOTE.—For date see Hand-Book of Presbytery 1903-04, pages 13-15.









