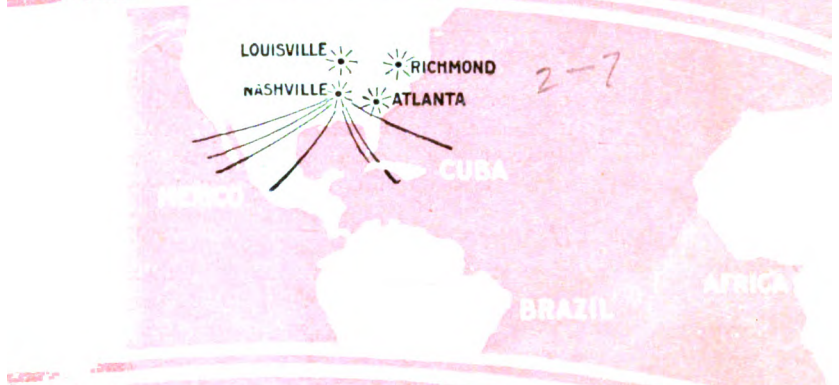


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NOT long ago during a meeting of New Orleans Presbytery, at a recess for lunch, there chanced to be standing together four men, ministers, chatting with one another, all able to converse in the English language, but speaking with the accents of the German, the Italian, the French, and the Magyar tongues. The incident illustrated the fact that in this Presbytery our Church comes nearer doing a polyglot work than anywhere else in all its extent. Besides the regular American work and that among the negroes, representatives of our Church may be found among the Germans, French, Italians, Spanish, Hungarians, Syrians, and Chinese, besides one church connected with the Seamen's Bethel, where the transients of several other nationalities are ministered to.

The two German churches of the Presbytery are self-supporting, and have services in both the German and English languages. Pastor Louis Voss and Theo. F. Hahn also aid materially in other and Home Mission work. Among the French, who form the larger part of the population of the parishes (counties) outside the city of New Orleans, Revs. P. Ph. Broil, M. R. Paradis, Pierre Danis, and W. H. Leith have been the evangelists. Rev. Edmond LaVergne is also a Frenchman and uses that language when needful, but is at present doing only English work. For the Italians, a mission house, with schools and industrial training, is maintained in the heart of the city, with another mission in a thickly populated Italian quarter in a distant part of the city, while a most promising work is conducted also at Lutcher, forty miles above New Orleans. Rev. Christopher Russo and Mrs. Mary Cosentino have been the active workers. They recently joined forces by marriage, but the work goes on as before. As opportunity offers, Rev. Theo. F. Hahn holds services in Spanish in the Bethel Church or in the Syrian rooms near the Spanish quarter. The Hungarian colony is near Hammond. This organization, the

Arphadon Church, is under the charge of Rev. A. Csontos, who was ordained during the past year. The Syrian work is in a Sunday school and day school conducted under the auspices of the First Church. For the Chinese Mission, the Presbytery owns a valuable piece of property, with assembly rooms, school rooms, etc., where teaching on week days and Sundays and religious services are offered. The Chinese themselves help to sustain this work. Miss Anna W. Creevy is in charge all the time, while Mr. William Frantz, of the Canal Street session, is superintendent.

That this is a great Home Mission field, with foreign and home work so closely interlocked that they can hardly be separated, and in a region which is almost as much Romanized as Mexico or Brazil or Cuba, may be seen from the following facts:

New Orleans Presbytery covers seventeen of Louisiana's sixty large parishes. The population of these seventeen is 679,500, or two-fifths of the population of the entire State. All but four of the parishes east of the Mississippi are in this Presbytery, which touches with the Texas border. In three of the seventeen parishes there is not a Protestant church of any kind; in three others, six in all, there is not a Presbyterian church; three others have one small Presbyterian church each; eight others, two or more each.

In this whole territory our Church is looked to more than any other for steady, successful Protestant work. It outnumbered the Methodists by about two or three to one, and the Baptists about four or five to one. But the Church needs vastly more than it possesses to accomplish its work and to enter the doors which are wide open. Houses of worship for its Italian and French members and adherents are almost imperative necessities just now. With the Roman Catholics numbering fully forty-five times as many adherents as our Church, one may easily see how much we must do to compass the work.

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