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# Report of Polish Section to the Socialist Party National Convention

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To the Socialist Party National Convention, 1912:

My report will be very brief, consisting only of figures, as they are more convincing and reliable.

## **General.**

Four years ago, in December 1908, the Polish Section of the Socialist Party was organized, with 28 branches and 400 members. But only a year ago, in April 1911, the Polish Translator-Secretary's office was established. Therefore, I can give my report only for the period since then.

On December 31, 1911, the Polish Section was composed of 115 branches with a membership of 1,450 in good standing. The total membership was 2,130 members. During the year of 1911 there were 59 new branches organized and 25 branches dissolved. The net gain in the membership for the last year was 105 per cent.

From January 1 to March 31, 1912, there were 17 new branches organized and two dissolved, leaving 130 branches with a membership of 2,000 in good standing. The total membership was 2,460 members.

## **Dues Stamps.**

My first monthly report of the sale of dues stamps was made for the month of April 1911, the amount of which was \$31.40, representing 628 members in good standing. The above sum was paid to the National Office and \$25.06 paid to several different state offices, as our branches, all of them, belong to their respective

state organizations. Since that time a steady growth can be noticed up to the present time. Each month broke the record for the previous one. In March 1912, the sale of dues stamps to the Polish branches amounted to \$78.15 paid to the National Office and \$63.07 paid to the State and County offices. This does not include the Polish branches in the States of New Jersey and New York, as the Polish branches in these two states secure their dues stamps directly from the locals, because these state and country organizations compel them to do so for reasons unknown to us. As there are 31 Polish branches in these two states, the Polish section represents altogether 130 branches and 2,000 members in good standing. The total membership is 2,460.

## **Agitation and Organization.**

During the last year two speakers were in the field, one for five months and the other for three months. Since January 1, 1912, one organizer was in the field for two months and on April 9th another lecturer was sent out on a lecture tour, which will continue until July 8th.

## **Press and Literature.**

The Polish Section publishes one daily paper, *Dziennik Ludowy*, and one weekly, *Bicz Boży*. During the year 1911 there was literature sold and distributed to the amount of \$1,285.

The above does not include subscriptions secured for our papers.

In conclusion I wish to say that the prospects for the future are bright and in not a very distant time the Polish Section will bring into the Socialist Party a large portion of the Polish people living in this country.

Respectfully submitted,

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