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Polish YMCA, Poznan

The Poznan Y.

A few years ago a group of young working men asked the National Council of the Polish YMCA to organize them into a YMCA and help them develop this movement in Poznan. This we did. The first small quarters were soon outgrown and the rooms pictured here were secured. There are six rooms, used for social and educational purposes. All physical work has to be done outside on vacant lots. A group of business-men are beginning to take interest in the work, and it is growing quietly under very difficult conditions, enrolling about 150 members last season. Poznan people living abroad might like to send these young men a word of greeting. The address is Polska YMCA, Mate Garbary 2, Poznan, Poland.

Sir George Williams

The Polish YMCA greets the English YMCA on the anniversary of the birthday of the founder, October 11. As one of the newer YMCA movements we salute the memory of the founder of the oldest. It was the privilege of the president of the Warsaw YMCA and myself to lay a wreath of flowers and the Polish colors on Sir George's grave in St. Paul's last year.

Fitting Memorial

Warsaw has recently erected a monument to Madam Curie-Sklodowska, discoverer, with her husband, of radium. The statue beautifully represents both the person and the character of this great Polish scientist; simple, modest, thoughtful.

Gordon-Bennett Cup

Poland has again won the Gordon-Bennett International Balloon Race, the third time in succession, and this year the Poles won both first and second places, against 10 other competitors from America, France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland. Thus Poland maintains its front rank place in European aviation.

P O Z N A N, HEART OF OLD POLAND



Poznan's 16th Century City Hall Photo by R. E. Ulatowski

We devote this number chiefly to Poznan, where we have a small new YMCA located in the humble building shown in one of the pictures.

Poznan is in two ways the most Polish of all the larger Polish cities. It is in the very heart of the area in which arose the original kingdom of Poland whose first two rulers are represented below, and its population is almost entirely of Polish blood. It is a splendid city, as the pictures adequately reveal, and has a population moving from the 250,000 mark up to 300,000.

The photographs of Poznan are supplied us by the Tourist Division of the Ministry of Communications.



Poland's Earliest Rulers

Mieczyslaw I, 963-992 Boleslaw I, 992-1025

From their tomb in the Poznan Cathedral. Boleslaw is of interest to our British readers as his sister was the mother of King Canute of England.

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Two Scientific Books

Two important publications have been issued by the Baltic Institute for a review of which there is not room in this issue, a new scientific quarterly called "Baltic Countries" and a 400 page illustrated book called "The Cassubian Civilization", a scientific treatise of rare value. The Cassubians are the branch of the Polish race occupying the northern end of the so-called Polish Corridor.



Municipal Theatre, Poznan

Photo by R. E. Ulatowski



Poznan Fair, Main Buildings

Photo by R. E. Ulatowski

Poland's New Motor-ship

As I write, Poland's fine new motor-ship "Pilsudski", is on the way to America on its first trip. It will be joined next March by a sister ship, the "Batory", and these two will maintain excellent 8½ day service between New York and Poland's modern port Gdynia.

The "Pilsudski" is 521 feet long, has a displacement of 15,000 tons, and a speed of 18 knots; a beautiful and fully up-to-date ship. She carries 360 tourist passengers in 195 cabins and 402 third-class passengers in 123 cabins. The cost of the ship was about \$3,500,000.

On this maiden trip to America "Pilsudski" carries a number of Polish leaders, among them Mr. Adam Koc, vice-minister of the treasury, Mr. Stefan Starzynski, president of the city of Warsaw, and, among other YMCA leaders, Dr. George Nowak, vice-director of the Bank of National Economy and chairman of the physical committee of the Warsaw YMCA. Mr. J. C. Clark of New York, a secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA is making the trip to study the "Pilsudski" as an excursion ship for American groups visiting Europe. President Starzynski is an old YMCA member and Minister Koc a valued friend of our movement.

To old maritime nations like England and America the launching of two 15,000 ton ships will not appear to be a great event. To Poland these are events of profound significance. They indicate her larger entrance into the maritime life of the world, symbolize in a real way her access to and use of the sea, mark the beginning of a new era in her place among commercial nations, and open a new and attractive door to Poland to those seeking travel abroad at moderate expense. A new postage stamp heralds the new ship. The stamp is not so important; the ship is a matter of moment. To the Poles it is a new window toward the west, an avenue of communication, a carrier of commerce and friends, and a symbol of the growing life of the New Poland.



The New Polish Motor-ship "Pilsudski"



The New "M. S. Pilsudski" stamp

