

### Presbyterian House, New York.

We this week present our readers with a cut of the Presbyterian Church Building, on Fifth Avenue, New York, which is the home of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Church Erection, and some day it is hoped to be the headquarters of the other Boards of Church work, in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

Many years ago a piece of property was purchased at the corner of Reade and Centre streets, New York, for the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. It was the gift of wealthy individuals, and was thought to furnish ample accommodation for an indefinite period; as late as 1870 some surplus room in the lower story was rented for a paint shop. With the reunion of the two great branches of the Church in 1870 and 1871 three of the

legacy of Miss Lenox, \$70,000 from the sale of the Foreign Board's property in Centre street, \$50,000 as a gift of Mr. Kennedy, and the balance—\$80,000—from certain permanent funds of the two Boards.

The Board of Foreign Missions, including the Women's Foreign Mission work, will occupy the eighth floor, and part of the basement. This will bring together all the different parts of Foreign Mission work, and render consultation easy and work economical.

On the seventh floor, Home Missions hold sway, and united on the one flat will be the different departments of Home Mission work; of the Women's Executive Committee, and the editor of the *Home Mission Monthly*. Considering the immense amount of Home Mission literature circulated, and the great work of Home Missions in the Presbyterian Church of the United States, it will



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Church Boards were crowded, with much discomfort, into this inadequate structure; and, as might be expected, it soon became necessary to look for larger accommodations. Meanwhile the Home Mission Board removed for a time to the Stewart Building, on the corner of Reade street and Broadway.

Though this pressing need was greatly increased by the development of Women's Auxiliary Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions, yet no substantial hope of relief appeared till 1897, when the late Robert Lenox Kennedy conceived the plan of securing the Lenox Mission, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twelfth street, for the purpose; and the heirs of the late Miss Henrietta Lenox sold to the Boards this property at the low figure of \$250,000. It was paid for with \$50,000 left to the Board of Home Missions by a

be an immense boon to find all the different departments of Home Mission work within easy access of one another.

The Church Erection Board has its quarters in the building, and bye and bye, when anyone desiring to do Presbyterian Church business in New York, will be likely to find all the different departments under one roof.

On the whole, the Presbyterian Church is to be congratulated on the foresight which has planned and secured this noble structure. It has been pushed forward with astonishing rapidity and is a magnificent building. It is imposing and yet plain and simple in every part, and seems to be absolutely fireproof. It has a very large renting capacity and promises, at a time not distant, to house the Board free of all expense.