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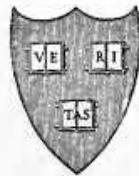
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TO HERBERT HOOVER

The enormous losses in human happiness and in money which have resulted from lack of city plans which take into account the conditions of modern life need little proof. The lack of adequate open spaces, of playgrounds and parks, the congestion of streets, the misery of tenement life and its repercussions upon each new generation, are an untold charge against our American life. Our cities do not produce their full contribution to the sinews of American life and national character. The moral and social issues can be solved only by a new conception of city building.

From Mr. Hoover's address at the meeting of May 10, 1922, called by the Russell Sage Foundation, on the Plan of New York and its Environs



PREFACE

THE considerable demand for collected current information on city planning and zoning, particularly from cities and towns initiating work in this field, has been brought to the attention of the writer by the numerous inquiries about city planning received at the Harvard University School of Landscape Architecture, the National Conference on City Planning, and the Division of Building and Housing of the Department of Commerce, from municipal officials, plan commissions, engineers, landscape architects, architects, real estate boards, lawyers, chambers of commerce, civic improvement societies, students, and interested citizens. It has seemed worth while to compile in book form the information necessary to answer the greater number of these inquiries.

The first part of the book is directed more especially to those just beginning their studies in this field, who may desire to know what city planning is and what it does for a city, what books and magazines to read about it, what organizations are backing it, what funds are being appropriated for it, and how, having come to believe in it themselves, to launch a campaign for the education of others. In these pages, perhaps the beginner may gain an idea why the citizens of St. Louis recently passed bond issues totalling \$87,000,000 to carry out the public works laid out on their city plan, and why over three hundred cities and towns have appointed commissions to work on phases of city planning and zoning.

From the shorter and longer lists of references included in the *Manual*, libraries and plan commissions may select what they wish to buy for their shelves, and from the extensive bibliography, the city official may find precedent or parallel for his problems, and the student a guide to matter for his essay or an outline for systematic reading. In fact, the second or bibliographical portion of the book is probably the most comprehensive list of references on the subject available.

In 1915, the National Conference on City Planning published a *Classified Selected List of References on City Planning*, by the writer, arranged in the same fashion as the bibliography in this present book — following the outline classification published in 1913 as *City Planning, a Comprehensive Analysis*, by Professor J. S. Pray and the writer. Such of the references in the 1915 List as have not been superseded by later articles or books have been retained in the *Manual*, but these have proved to be only a small proportion of the more than two thousand references comprised in the present bibliography, in view of the tremendous

growth of interest and activity in the field during the last eight years. In the case of subjects recently come to public attention, such as aerial mapping, a longer list of references has been given than to subjects more completely epitomized in the standard American reference books on city planning, of which *The Planning of the Modern City*, by Mr. Nelson P. Lewis, and *The Law of City Planning and Zoning*, by Frank B. Williams, Esq., should be mentioned as undoubtedly the most important. In the case of some subjects in less developed portions of the field, the references given are inadequate because of the dearth of printed information. In all cases there has been an attempt to give references of practical value, with cross references to names of American cities illustrating the subject in question, and to give not only a variety of sources, but also especially sets of periodicals available in libraries of smaller cities.

The Table of Contents is expected to serve as an index to the various features of the first part of the book, but a full subject index has been provided as a key to the bibliography. It has been suggested that selected headings from this index might well be used as a "subject heading list" for an office library on city planning. The outline of the bibliography, which precedes the references, is condensed from the Pray and Kimball 1913 classification scheme before mentioned, and thoroughly revised to accord with recent progress in the subject. Where the sequential classification numbers vary from those in the 1913 scheme, this may usually be counted a matter of revision or addition, although in a few cases new numbers have been used for greater convenience in arranging the bibliography.

In order to make the price of the book as low as possible, no author index to the bibliography has been included. It was felt by those members of the National Conference on City Planning who were consulted that the author index would be of little use as compared with the subject index, and that therefore the extra expense entailed would not be justified. Since the authors' names are printed in black type, the reader who desires the writings of a particular author on given subjects should have no difficulty in finding these. The reader sufficiently interested in the whole subject to be desirous of finding out how many articles by an author have been included in the entire *Manual* will have no recourse but to run his eye through the black names on all the pages, thereby, perhaps, learning something else as well for his pains.

Acknowledgment is gratefully made to the many people concerned in city planning and allied work who have given information for various sections of this *Manual*, and especially to Professor George C. Whipple and Professor James Ford of Harvard University, Flavel Shurtleff, Esq., Secretary of the National Conference on City Planning, Dr. John M. Gries, Chief of the Division of Build-

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T. K.

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