

WHITTIER HOUSE
172-174 AND 178 GRAND STREET
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

January 5, 1917.

Mrs. E. Henry Harriman,
New York,
My dear Mrs. Harriman,

You do not know and ~~have~~ probably have never even heard of me or of Whittier House, but doubtless you do know something about forlorn lower Jersey City. Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell once told me that she always supposed Jersey City was the Pennsylvania Railway station, a place to go in and come out of as soon as possible. However, for the last twenty three years I have been living here in the only settlement there is in Jersey City and for many years it was the only one in the State. To carry on any philanthropic or humanitarian work in New Jersey is peculiarly hard and struggling. It is doubly so if this work chances to be located in Jersey City. New Jersey is interested in New York and Philadelphia. Jersey City devotes itself so largely to petty politics that it knows little of its own needs and besides would much rather work and give in New York. Were Whittier House to be suddenly transplanted to New York, New Jersey and Jersey City would be intensely interested and would hasten to its relief. For these reasons we must appeal to New York kindness and generosity to help us. We want to raise \$10,000 for our twenty third anniversary in May. We want to pay off an indebtedness of \$2500, also to secure a summer camp at Pomona on which we are yet to pay \$5000. During these years we have grown from a \$10 bill and no house to four houses including our camp, to sending from our Diet Kitchen daily, eight hundred bottles of soup into homes for sick mothers and babies. We are helping to Americanize foreigners and for all this varied work money is needed. Am I interesting you sufficiently for you to have me call and talk with you, or to send you references and give you data of our work and standing. ?

Trusting to your generosity to help us,