

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

January 11, 1917.

Mr. Jacob Schiff,
New York,
My dear Mr. Schiff,

Knowing of you and of your exceedingly generous interest in all good work whether it be for racial purposes or not, I am presuming to make an appeal to your sympathies in behalf of our settlement work in lower Jersey City. To be sure you are doubtless more interested in the New York settlements than you can or will be in a New Jersey one, but this holds equally true of our New Jersey citizens. They are all more interested in New York and its needs than in the needs of New Jersey and particularly of the forlorn and much laughed at Jersey City. Yet in proportion to its size, Jersey City has its needs as equally great as those of New York. New Jersey gives to the New York settlements in money, in influence, in sympathy, and even gives ground for summer camp purposes but fails to recognize the demanding needs of settlements within its own borders. Consequently if we would live and do our large work we must in turn be helped by New York. We have the usual activities of a settlement clubs, classes, all nationalities and all creeds. As a settlement we are strictly undenominational, inter racial and inter creed, if I may use the expression. Last year we estimated that of the 3000 coming here, 80% of them were Jewish. We have three houses, one of them our Diet Kitchen has been sending out daily for sick babies in the tenements, about 800 bottles of prepared soups. We have a camp in the country on which we owe \$5000. We are carrying a debt of about three thousand. I am trying to raise \$10,000 for our twenty third anniversary, the middle of May. This work was started on a ten dollar bill, with three articles of furniture. We want to clear ourselves of the debt, pay for the camp and have a little for repairs. We wish you would kindly help us.

Yours very sincerely,