

EAST-SIDE COMEONS.

No. 5.

The largest religious school in America - No sectarian propoganda nor politics - What might be, unless averted.

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On reading our corporate title, strangers can not tell that the Educational Alliance is a Jewish institution, conducted by Jews, primarily in the interests of their faith. But it never has been, nor is it sectarian.

Altho it has no dormitories nor does it serve meals, it offers a home for the adherents of all creeds. Regardless of their religious and political affiliations, ours is an open door to the masses. That is one reason why the word "Hebrew" or "Jewish" does not appear in its name. Many Gentiles have here found help. They might not have come had the title been restricted. We are training all sorts and conditions of men to become good citizens.

We Americanize the multitudes - but never at the sacrifice of their individuality. Every phase of social service is utilized. Altho no special efforts were made along this line, it is a fact that we have the largest religious school in the United States. Even non-religionists concede the value to the citizen, and to the state of religious instruction. And if we can not accomplish all we should like, the religious bent here given, especially to youthful minds, is a large asset. If those instructed do not always show by their fruits the value of our instruction, the question is, How much worse would they be in its absence? Have you given this any thought? Altho our city has one of the finest of the world's fire departments, many fires occur. Is that any reason for abandoning a fire department



which costs millions yearly to maintain?

Religious instruction and training ~~have~~ been given to all ages from seven to seventy years! Suppose it were permanently abandoned, what do you think the effects would be?

Our work is entirely free from political entanglements. Never has the Alliance been the seat of sectarian propaganda. Judged merely by its freedom from those objections, and the further fact that its religious side has brought great comfort to many newly-arrived immigrants long after their arrival, it emphatically justifies your giving all possible financial aid.

Do you ask, Why do they not stay at home? We answer, It is too late to discuss that. The fact is they are here. Is it not our duty to help? Is there no obligation resting upon us to fit them for usefulness and prevent their becoming a charge on the public? If this be not done, what will become of them? We should like you to view this work thro your own spectrum while you are here. You will find this a pleasant place for several hours of profitable enjoyment. Pope wrote, "The proper study of mankind is man." Had he been here, perhaps he would have added "and I advise you to go for that study to the Educational Alliance, where you will find abundant material."

You will notice that what you see is wholly harmonious. Every part of the building, from basement to roof garden, is alive with activity. Perhaps we should say seethes with it. You see no wheels revolving without belts. All are "direct connected", doing good work. You are here at a good time, 4 to 8 p.m. That is when the public school children and youth here learn those useful things not included in the city's curriculum.



Needed today.

\$15,000. to pay a mortgage on Annex 109 East Broadway.  
Funds to add several stories to the Educational Alliance Building.  
\$150,000. additional for our Endowment Fund.

Contributions invited.

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The Educational Alliance

East Broadway & Jefferson St.

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