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## A Message from the Immigrants' Friend.

August 29, 1912.

My dear Mr. Sprunger:

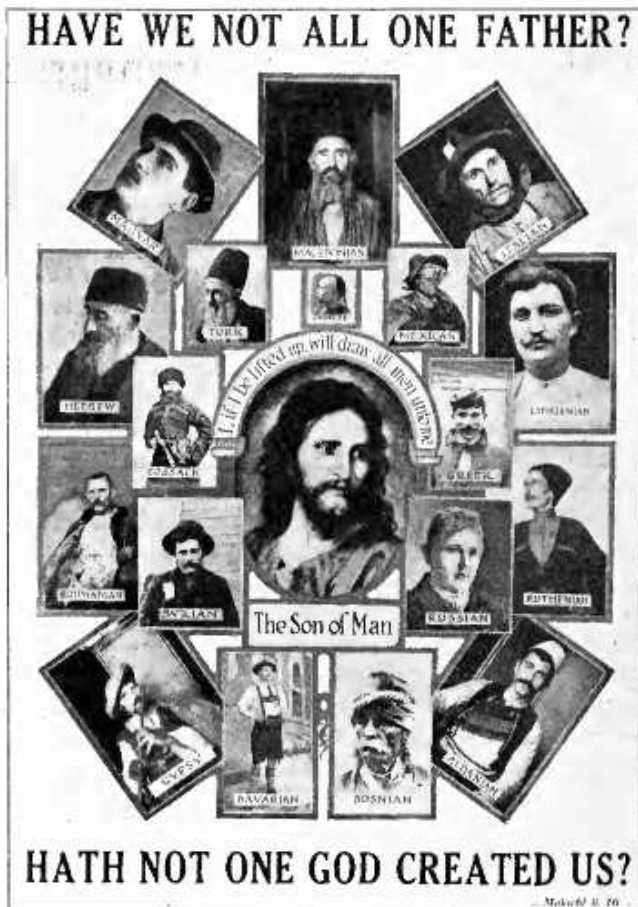
I have this minute received your letter. California will know how to meet her immigration question when it comes with the Canal, for her people are open-hearted and open-handed always. The strangers come not only to help till your acres and add to your wealth. They come to help make your State great as well as golden. They will if you will let them. Then be their neighbors. They will work for you. Work with them in turn. Open your schools wide for their children and for as many of their elders as you can get in at night. Let each school-house be a social and civic center where they are made welcome. Do not ask them to forget the old home. He makes but a poor husband who shuts the door on his old mother when he takes a wife. Let them keep the old love. Make the house big enough and bright enough to foster the new. Fence out the slum with utmost rigor. Enlist the new voter for every good cause. The enemy is waiting to enlist him for the bad as often as you miss your chance. Being fellow citizens, pull together, and you will find the new-comer breaking easy to the double harness. Just be neighbors. It is all as simple as that.

Faithfully yours,

JACOB A. RIIS.

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We have just learned that Jacob Riis is coming to California in the spring on what will probably be his last lecture tour this far West. His famous lectures, "The Battle with the Slums," and "My Neighbor," would be especially appropriate in this section of the country at this time. Special terms could no doubt be secured if any of the California Associations would plan to put these lectures on in the spring. Mr. Riis' manager is Prof. Geo. Thompson, High School, Alameda, California.



### OUR FIELD.

Three million people are leaving Europe each year for foreign ports. Nearly 1,000,000 land in North America at 21 different ports of entry. Of this number 750,000 are men between the ages of 15 and 45. These people are representatives of practically every race, seeking for the first time to place foot upon the soil of that country of which they have heard so much but know so little. "We want," said Dr. Roberts, "to saturate them with the American spirit, American ideas, and make them one with this country. The molding process is going on and we want to give the foreigner a chance, show him the beauties and the virtues of our country."





September 2, 1912.

Mr. J. E. Sprunger,  
715 South Hope Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Sprunger:

In answer to your letter concerning copy for "California Men." As Chairman of the Pacific Coast Immigration Study League I recently visited Eastern Cities and especially the Immigration Department at Washington. After conferences with many officials I outlined the following Immigration Policy for the Pacific Coast:

1. Enlargement of scope of Federal Division of Information and establishment of Branch Offices.
2. Formation in each State of State Land and Immigration Bureaus.
3. Passage of uniform State Laws governing protection of Immigrants.
4. State and Federal aid in placing immigrants and others on prepared farms, with instruction by experts.
5. Co-operation of Coast States in distribution of immigrants over a wide area.
6. Adult education in citizenship by Public Schools.
7. Public recognition of new citizens on citizenship days.

Governor Johnson recently appointed a State Immigration Commission whose duty it will be to prepare laws for the protection and distribution of the multitude of immigrants expected after 1915 and all other methods which will save the cities from congestion and the consequent poverty and crime. This Commission consists of Robert Watchorn and Dana W. Bartlett, of Los Angeles; Simon Lubin, of Sacramento; Robert Newton Lynch and Miss Katherine Felton, of San Francisco.

"Reception," "Protection," "Distribution," "Education," are great words when applied to our Immigration Problem and call for co-operation of officials and citizens' organizations alike. There will always be the need of the personal touch of the man with the large heart, and the Y. M. C. A. ought to be a training school for this sort of work. Men ought to be put into training at once for the social work in the steerage and at the various Immigration Stations. Much depends upon the first impressions. This is a man's job and calls for men.

Fraternally,

DANA W. BARTLETT.

## PREPARATION LOOKING TO INCREASED IMMIGRATION

Robert Newton Lynch,

Vice-President & Manager, California Development Board

The California Development Board began some year and a half ago an active investigation of the problems of Immigration as they bear, and may be expected to bear, upon this State. It has, since that time, followed a consistent course of collecting data, arousing general interest in the importance of the subject, and emphasizing the need for intelligent comprehension of our problems, that we, as a State, may make adequate preparation for the solving of them.

Nothing so fundamentally underlies an initial approach to the whole matter, and is so necessary to the development of any plans that may be undertaken, as an accurate and complete knowledge of California. It will doubtless surprise many people to be informed that such a comprehensive mass of information is not at the present time available. Much information can be secured from scattered sources; much that vitally relates to our resources and development has never been studied and reported upon in a systematic fashion.

The California Development Board conceives the assembling of such complete data on all California to be the best immediate service which it can render the cause of preparation for the immigrant, and has therefore entered upon the task of collecting it. It involves the study of isolated material already in existence, and, also, the sending of representatives into the different sections of the State to make personal investigations. The result,—not to be attained in a few weeks, or even months, but by systematic and consecutive effort extending through years,—will be a thorough knowledge of the agricultural resources, with all the mass of related data on crops, soils, climatic conditions, markets; an acquaintance with land values and opportunities for investment, with labor needs and supply, with social conditions, with the personnel of the different sections. Certain data of a technical nature can be gotten only through the survey of experts, and it is hoped that by awakening the interest of the State and Federal Governments in the bearing which this investigation has upon the larger aspects of Immigration, it will be possible to initiate such surveys.

The relation between information and the distribution of immigration is obvious. At the present time the Board receives many requests for information on California from societies in the East which are interested in promoting distribution. Nothing can do so much to prevent the consummation of misleading real estate deals as reliable information on the whole country, open to the public for the asking.

Whatever methods may be ultimately decided upon as best for dealing with our immigration in this State, or whatever body becomes responsible for their carrying out, a fundamental of all action must remain a knowledge of the State,—not general, and therefore inapplicable to the specific need of the individual, but intimate and complete by small areas, by crops, by land values, by social features, by nationalities. This, as a first essential to our preparation for the immigrant, the Board is now working upon.

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Dr. Edward A. Stierer will make another lecture tour on the Pacific Coast next spring. His dates are being taken very rapidly. For dates, correspond with J. E. Sprunger, State Secretary.



#### Paul Tapper, an Immigrant Boy.

The boy in the extreme left of the picture is Paul Tapper, a little blue-eyed, flaxen-haired German boy, who, on the floor of the Tacoma Convention, said: "I came to America after hearing of the opportunity to get along better. There were eleven children in our family and I am one of the oldest. We are poor and they need my help. Four months ago I could not speak a word of English. I came to the Y. M. C. A. to learn to speak English correctly, for with that I know my chances will be much better. My father and mother and brothers and sisters are in Germany yet. I am in America alone. I thank the Y. M. C. A. for helping me."

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What do you see in Jimmy, the newsboy on the cover page, and Paul Tapper, both immigrant boys? Only a little Slavonian and a little "Dutchman," or the possibility of a Jacob Riis? A Dr. Steiner? A President Baer? Material for the human rubbish heap, or the possibility for noble American citizens?