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AMERICANIZATION AS A MEANS TO
REDEEM OUR SPIRITUAL PATRIOTISM

WHILE the Americanization movement has come to be regarded as of greater importance to the nation's well-being and security than any other patriotic activity, having for its purpose the development of a dependable and intelligent citizenship among the millions of foreign-born people who have made America their home, public opinion should put its stamp of disapproval on those who attempt to use the movement for selfish ends. Intelligent Americans everywhere who are listening with misgivings to the many novel ideas of Americanization that are being advanced by the untrained proponents of the movement, are finding encouragement in the knowledge that trained minds of native and foreign birth have developed definite standards and plans of teaching whereby the immigrant is being enabled to cross the divide in possession of all his native virtues, culturally and spiritually, and trained to use them for his intellectual, material and spiritual advancement, for the good of himself, his fellowmen and his adopted country. In this movement there is no room for the self-seeker. It can only be carried forward by those who have dedicated themselves to the service of our country, those who have grasped the importance of intelligently training the mind of the adult immigrant and bringing him into that closer communion of civic fellowship upon which depends America's ability to resist the secret and sinister borings from within and to combat the alien isms that have made alarming inroads during recent years.

The soul of the early America characterizes this movement. It contains that wholesome spirituality which in the beginning was stamped upon our social and political relations and reflected in our concern for equal rights and justice. It contains that redeeming spark of the divine that created this invincible power for human emancipation which all the world knows by the name—America!

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