

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

compelled to attend the public schools, where they obtain a knowledge of the English language, their presence might well give us cause for alarm. In a few centres large-hearted Canadian citizens have taken a direct interest in these people, and good results have been obtained. The All Peoples' Mission, Winnipeg, has done much towards the work of assimilation, and too much credit cannot be given the earnest and self-sacrificing workers of that excellent institution. This Mission represents the effort of the Methodist Church to meet the special needs of the immigrant population of the city. It is supported by contributions from the city churches; by grants from the General Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society; by special donations from individuals, churches, and societies, and by collections taken in the Mission meetings. Their aim, as outlined in Woodsworth's "Strangers within our Gates," is well worth the earnest consideration of all who are interested in interpreting Canadian life to our immigrant citizens. It runs thus: "Our aim is to bridge the gulf between our well-to-do, church-going Canadian citizens and the immigrant peoples, often alien in language, race, religion, and social life and ideals. Our policy is flexible, and is the practical working out of our watchwords:

- "1. First things first.
- "2. Thy Kingdom come.
- "3. Lord, open our eyes.