

JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

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IT IS well known that there are more Jews in the United States than in any other country. It is also well known that the Jewish population of this country is rapidly increasing through immigration from various parts of Europe, particularly from Russia.

This immigration is being promoted by Jews in the free countries of Europe who wish to help their unfortunate brethren in Russia to find a refuge in America. It is being promoted also by their kinsmen in the United States, and the Jews of Duluth are doing their share.

It is said that so much money has been taken from the banks of the East Side of New York for the purpose of helping Russian Jews to come to this country that the banks have been compelled to take precautions such as are taken only when a run is imminent. The Jews of America are giving a remarkable exhibition of generosity and unselfishness in helping their co-religionists in Russia to escape the terrors of Russian oppression.

With some people this great influx of foreigners might be a source of danger to the United States. Not so with the Jews. The Jewish leaders know well the dangers that arise from congestion in the cities and have organized agencies for distributing the newcomers to those parts of the country where they can care for themselves and become good American citizens. In this work the Jews are setting a splendid example.

It is not the large number of foreigners coming to America that is a source of danger. It is the failure to see that they are properly distributed to those sections of the country where they are needed.

The Jews are intelligent and progressive. They are a desirable element known around the world for their habits of thrift and peaceable natures.

It is seldom that a Jew is found in prison. He is rarely an inmate of the poorhouse. These facts alone commend him to this country for citizenship. There are plenty of others which make the Jews a desirable element.

The persecuted of all nations have ever turned to the United States for deliverance, and it is here that Russian refugees will find protection and freedom. Their trials have been many.