

UNITED JEWISH CHARITIES.

The first meeting of the Board of Governors in the new home of the United Jewish Charities took place last Thursday afternoon; many and earnest were the words of praise for the good taste shown by the Building Committee, in their choice of a building, and the improvements superintended by them. This magnificent building, besides being the center of all charitable work among our Jewish poor, will also be the home of the Kindergarten, Kitchen Garden, and Technical School for Boys Associations.

The house is a double one with a wide hall in the center. To the left as you enter is the waiting room for applicants, which adjoins the office of the Superintendent and Clerk. To the right is a handsome room, having the depth of the building opening out through long windows upon a fine veranda, which overlooks an extensive garden. This room is intended for the use of the Kindergarten, the garden to be arranged in flower beds, to be under the care of the children, individually. This school will open its summer session in a week or ten days.

Back of the office are the dining room and kitchen of the Kitchen Garden Association.—Three rooms on the second floor, and three bath rooms are also intended for the use of this Association. On the second floor are also the rooms for the Industrial School for Boys.

The Kitchen Garden has under its care two hundred children all eager to take possession of their new quarters. On the third floor are the Janitor's rooms, store rooms, etc.

While it is the aim of the United Jewish Charities to care for the bodily comfort of their brethren in distress, it is still more their purpose to raise them above their plane to that of self-dependence. To further this purpose are erected the ten standing committees of the Board who will look after every phase of this work, bringing to the solution of this problem, the best thoughts of the best minds of the age.

The by no means least important part of this work falls upon the Visiting Committee, which through its Circles of 84 Friendly Visitors, will bring its influence into the homes of all in distress, and through friendly interest and womanly tact, learn where to apply the balm of deep sympathy, by what road to lead the downcast and helpless to the light of the day.

By this Union of the eight Federated Associations a wonderful power for good can be directed into the most fruitful channels, and thus can most readily be reached the aim for which each labored so bravely.

In the Fall, when every thing is in smooth working order, it is proposed to hold a reception in the building 731 W. 6th Street when every one interested in this most perplexing of all social problems may see how the solution is attempted by the Jewish people of Cincinnati.

The following circular with the application blanks, was mailed to every Jewish family in the city, and it is hoped, will succeed in their purpose, that is, the referring of every applicant for charity to the office of the institution for proper investigation and relief:

THE UNITED JEWISH CHARITIES OF
CINCINNATI.

No. 731 West Sixth Street.

Telephone 7423.

CINCINNATI, JULY 1st, 1896.

The union of our various Jewish relief-giving associations inaugurates a new era in the administration of charity in our city. The work of the United Jewish Charities, however, can be made effective only with the co-operation of the people. It is our aim to discourage pauperism, and to make the poor self-respecting.

A community can have as many paupers as it is willing to pay for and support. If any person apply at your door for aid, do not give him money, but send him to our office with one of the enclosed cards, which are to be used according to instructions plainly printed thereon. The case will be fully investigated and, and if worthy, relief will be given; if unworthy, the imposture will be disclosed. House-to-house begging will thus be abolished.

We have sufficient relief-giving societies to meet every case of need. By their union, the over-lapping of charity ceases. Our societies will work hand-in-hand; they are the working organs of the body, whereof the United Charities is the head.

The object of this circular is to make the appeal to every Jew of our city to work with us, to use our office as his bureau of information concerning the poor, to aid us in meeting and solving the problem of poverty, and by united effort to help the poor to help themselves. We count on your co-operation. Work with us. Use our office force to make investigation. Thus will philanthropic effort be directed into the right channel and the worthy poor be really helped.

B. BETTMANN, Pres't.

HANNAH MARKS, Sec'y.