

JACOB A. RIIS,
524 N. BEECH STREET,
RICHMOND HILL, BOR. OF QUEENS,

NEW YORK,

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Dear Mrs. Rank

I have been taking a census of all my friends whom I can ask to help me with the work that is nearest my heart these days, and I have included you among them. If for any reason you can not, tell me and we will be friends as before. This is the story:

The Board of managers of my settlement, the Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement at 48 Henry Street have decided to raise the mortgage of \$30,000 that cripples our work and when the debt is paid, give my wife's name to one of the houses. To this work I am now devoting my time and life. We have raised \$7000 already, and

Hope to claim the fulfilment of a
friend's promise that he will put the
whole plant in just class repair at
any cost, once it is freed from debt.
I should like before I die to see this
beautiful mineral raised to her
sweet and wholesome life. I can
think of nothing that would make me
happier.

Will you not give me a hand.
All gifts are welcome, but those from
friends who knew her, or who have a
warm spot in their hearts for her
memory or for me, are doubly and triply
welcome. ~~So~~ I want to see the debt of
money replaced by one of loving gratitude
to friends I know. Please give to Mrs
Rank and all your love my heartiest
good wishes, and believe me always
faithfully,
Jacob H. (Mrs)