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Born in Cincinnati and raised in Rochester, N. Y., **LILLIAN WALD** (1867-1940) “lived the life of a stylish young lady,” but before very long came to “feel the need of serious, definite work.” That feeling led her to New York City’s immigrant-populated Lower East Side and to the pioneering life of a public health nurse. The Visiting Nurses Service she established on Henry Street with the support of philanthropists like Jacob H. Schiff was known all over America by 1913. The Henry Street effort had by then also become famous as a settlement house emphasizing vocational guidance and training. Jacob Riis, a leading journalist of the time, saw Miss Wald’s Henry Street Settlement as symbolizing the rebirth of “the whole crooked, suffering, once-forgotten East Side.”