The Hartford Creed of Americanization
For Americans.

WE BELIEVE in America and American methods—
chief of which is freedom of action under the law, not
coercion.

WE BELIEVE in the foreign-born; in their worth as
shown in our industrial life, and in their loyalty to
America in government service.

WE BELIEVE that true Americanization can be
based only on mutual understanding, and that respon-
sibility rests upon the native-born to retain and interpret
American traditions, as well as upon the foreign-born to
acquire them.

WE BELIEVE that English should be learned - with
due allowance for age and circumstance - yet that loy-
alty to America is not a matter of tongue.

WE BELIEVE that citizenship should be acquired,—
but voluntariness from understanding of America, rather
than from compulsion by law or economic pressure: that in teaching responsibilities of citizenship to the
foreign born, — the needs of those of native birth
should not be neglected.

WE BELIEVE in home-rule: in active cooperation of
all agencies in Hartford; in the slow processes of
education of the broadest type; and that permanent
results of value can come only from intelligence and
good will.

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tion Groups of Hartford.

Copies may be had from the Mayor's Americanization Com-
mittee.

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