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## A CHRISTIAN-JEWISH ENTENTE

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In the liberal and democratic atmosphere in which nearly all Americans live and move and have their being, the blind, unreasoning, racial antagonisms that have nearly destroyed Europe do not thrive. Our estimate of men is not based solely or chiefly upon the accident of their origin. We have come to value individuals for their own desirable qualities or the lack of them—for what they are and do—no matter where they or their fathers were born. But in matters of religion we have not altogether risen to this high standard. Many of us are still divided into blind, hating, warring, religious fanatical factions who see no good in and who will have no fellowship of any kind with those of other factions or faiths.

One of the most senseless antagonisms is that between Jews and Christians. And Christians have contributed to this age-old prejudice quite as much as Jews. Their attitude and conduct toward their brothers of the Jewish faith have often been anything but Christian. Ostracism, hatred and persecution, to say nothing of massacres and "pogroms," are about as far removed from Christianity as anything could be. Under the Stars and Stripes much of this antagonism has been dissipated, but there still exists much religious prejudice, if not hatred, between these two faiths.

Very recently there has gone out from the leaders of Jewish thought in this country a strongly expressed desire for an understanding and some kind of co-operation with the Christian churches, to the end that moral and social standards, which are the same for both Jews and Christians, may better be upheld and their common ideals more completely attained. In pleading for this "Jewish-Christian Entente," Rabbi Edward N. Callisch, president of the Conference of American Rabbis, says: "The throne of Dogmatism, like many other thrones, has been toppled over, and a spirit of religious democracy is making its way into the heart of mankind. Creeds and catechisms may be useful things in their way, but character and conduct are important. There are beautiful ideals common to all religions, and a recognition of this fact leads to a sympathy and appreciation in whose presence polemics and mere theological hair-splitting are a futile waste of time." These words have the right ring.

Many Christians, who hope to see ancient creeds and dogmas overwhelmed by the larger, truer life and spirit of Christ manifested in the life and conduct of His followers, are wondering how this plea for such an entente will be met by the various Christian churches. Judging by the New Testament record, can there be any reasonable doubt how Jesus would meet it? Did he not mingle even with Publicans and sinners in order that He might reach and save them? And yet this plea of our Jewish brethren seems as yet to have aroused but little discussion among Christians.

The Protestant churches seem to be getting together and co-operating more both at home and in the foreign missionary fields. There is even a possibility that the Roman Catholic and Greek churches may coalesce, and in this country there is often harmonious co-operation between the Protestant and Catholic churches for the accomplishment of common ends. Why should not this spirit of co-operation extend to and embrace the Jewish religion from which all Christianity has sprung?

Some may be moved to oppose this Christian-Jewish Entente

because they feel that they can not—that they should not—have any relations whatever with a religion that rejects the Savior and is opposed to Christianity; that they are too intensely Christian to co-operate in such a movement. It would be well for all such to enter upon a little course of self-examination and see if instead of being strongly Christian they are not simply anti-Jewish or even anti-Semitic. It would be well for all such to read their Testaments and try to understand and catch the spirit of the Master. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

As one looks over the history of the Christian world and sees Christian hating and warring against Christian, each so-called Christian nation an armed fortress against its Christian neighbors, he cannot avoid the conclusion that whatever religion the world has had or still has, it has not been, it still is not, the religion of Jesus; not the Christianity that He taught and lived. In this twentieth century in one part of the world religious hatreds are so intense that frequently men who claim to be Christians—Protestants—go out to hunt Catholics and murder them in cold blood, men, women and children. And Catholics retaliate and take a Protestant life for every Catholic who has been killed. Unless one is so blind that he cannot read, so obtuse that he cannot understand the plainest words, he must know that anyone who can kill his brother man, nay, more, who can hate him or desire to wrong him in any way, is about as far from being a Christian as a beast is from being an angel.

When his persecutors sought to take Him and try and crucify Him and one of His followers in the impulse to serve His Master seized his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest, He said: "Put up again thy sword into its place; for all they which take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father and He will presently give me more than twelve legions of Angels?" But he did not ask for these legions. He refused even to descend to controversialism and answered the questions of His persecutors by replying simply: "Thou sayest." In all His life and work He depended not upon any form of force, but upon the power of love and the spiritual, the divine elements within Him. Those who manifest His spirit are His followers, are Christians. Paul says that no others are.

How would Jesus answer this plea for a Christian-Jewish Entente?

The people of Dallas themselves make a very good fire department. They know how to fight fire.

The copyrighted article headed, "A Christian-Jewish Entente," printed on this page, is worth reading. It should especially be read by every Oregon voter.

If the caddies are expected to attend the morning service in church on Sundays it is liable to break up the first round for some of our tired business men.—Exchange.

Now, if the Salem District is as full of prunes this fall as prospects indicate, it will be much more nearly full of prosperity than it has been for the past two years.

## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Women have finally been admitted to membership in the executive and other committees and boards of the southern Baptist convention. This definitely assures the sex of its world-conquering powers. The southern Baptist organization long insisted, with the Apostle Paul, that women should be silent in the church.

some bitter-enders who refuse to stand at ease. One prominent pioneer preacher fairly sobbed his regrets. "We have started on the down grade," he exclaimed, "and the time may come when this convention will be presided over by a woman!" The thought of a woman having charge of the deliberations of a Baptist conference filled him with unalloyed horror. If the chariot of Elijah should come along he would be glad to go before this desecration could become manifest. But the more liberal preachers and laymen were in the majority and there it is in the record, with women admitted to virtually all the rights and privileges of the trouser column. Women have been permitted to pay pew rent and cook chicken for the missionary. But have been expected to wear muzzles at the conference. Now they can march right up to the pulpit and offer a motion to oust the pastor from his perch. And at that, it is hardly safe to ask what the world is coming to. Some petticoat will blunty remark that the world is getting what it had coming to it.

## BACK TO THE PRIMITIVE

An eastern couple are trying this Adam and Eve business. They have gone into the Maine woods naked and penniless and are pledged to remain in the wilds for six months. At the end of that time they are to return to civilization clothed, healthy and with money enough to take them to their home. They are to make their own food and shelter without weapons or implements. They are not even supposed to have matches. It is a fire. They are to go back to the primitive and work their way up to modern living. This sounds like press-agent stuff. But is said to be genuine, and the experiment may prove of interest.

## TWO ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher Columbus died at Valladolid, Spain, May 20, 1506, 14 years after his discovery of new lands beyond the then-known confines of the Atlantic ocean. From the deck of the Santa Maria he sighted the first land in the New World in the Bahama group of islands and so earned the title, discoverer of America.

The revised New Testament was published simultaneously in America, England and Australia in the year 1881, and on the first day, which was May 20, approximately a million issues were sold. For the purity of its translation, however, many scholars and theologians still prefer the old King James edition.

## BISHOP SURPRISED

"I never knew till I got a car," said Bishop Eighty, "that profanity was so prevalent." "Do you hear much of it on the road?" "Why," said the bishop, "nearly everybody I bump into swears dreadfully." — Philadelphia Inquirer.

## BEWARE OF SATAN

Don't fool Satan unless you are a good hand at fighting fire, and even then you're likely to play a losing game. Best thing to do is to keep ten miles ahead of Satan—if you can. — Arkansas Thomas Cat.

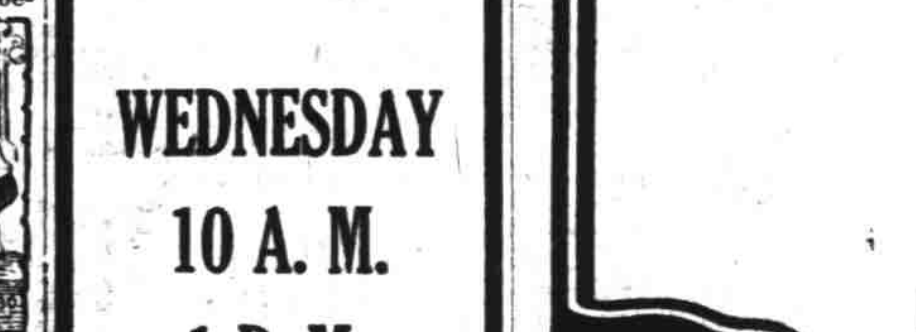
## ROBBING TO MUSIC

A male quartet robbed a group of persons in an Omaha drug store to the music of Sunday-school hymns. As they lined up the crowd they lustily warbled "Bringing in the Sheaves." Now

## THE AUTO FIXER

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## THE SWIMMING CLASS—LESSON II

By JACK GIBON The Man Who Taught One Thousand and One Boys and Girls How to Swim

Almost anywhere, you will find persons too willing to tell you how they learned to swim. "When I was a kid," they will say, "some fellows threw me into water over my head. I had to swim or sink—so I swam."

That is a foolish assertion. They might have managed to float through the instinct of self-preservation, but nobody ever could learn to swim by falling in.

Place yourself comfortably on your piano stool or bench, lying on your stomach so that your body is well balanced. Brace yourself by holding to the stool, and then slowly go through the same leg motions as you would in running or in pedalling a bicycle. Do not raise your legs too high; when one is extended, the heel of the other should be raised to about the knee of the extended leg. Practice that until you can do it perfectly.

Now get off your stool, and stand solidly with legs spread out. The body bent slightly from the waist. Let your arms go through a "windmill exercise," one after the other, describing a circle over the head, coming down directly in front of your nose, and going back as far as possible without strain. The movement should be entirely from the shoulders; the arms should be bent slightly at the elbows and kept stiff in that position. The wrist should be straight and stiff, the fingers closed with the hands slightly cupped. The head and body should remain perfectly still as you swing your arms.

When you have practiced it well, get back on your stool, and try it again. Then join in the leg movement—it will be awkward at first but practice will make it easier. Go through these exercises every morning and every afternoon, until the movements become natural. You will be surprised how easily you can swim when you get in the water.

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A good stroke for the beginner is the variation known as the "trudgeon" or "double overarm" stroke.

Strange as it may seem, the first steps of swimming can be learned best, not in deep water, but on dry land! A piano stool, or a kitchen bench that allows for easy play of arms and legs, makes a first-class "swimming pool" for the beginner.

The first step in swimming is the "kick," used as an auxiliary to the arm movement. There are several forms of "kick," but we will begin with the "scissor kick," so-called because its action is somewhat like that of a pair of scissors. It is a part of the "trudgeon."

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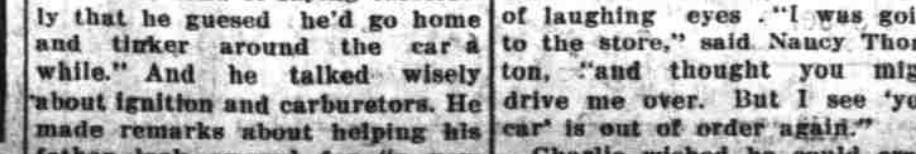
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