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THE SECTARIAN SPIRIT

ulated the religious life and development of the world. Per
haps this sectarian activity has been in the past the only religious activity, for which men were prepared. We Amer-
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and takes a firmer hold on men where there is full religious and takes a firmer hold on men where there is full religious
freedqm. But some of us have yet to learn that this religious freedom is for our differing brother as well as for ourselves that we can be sure of the right to freely worship God ac-
cotding tot the dictates of our consciences only by seeing cording tot the dictates of our consciences only by seeing
to it that our brother has the same right. The poles are not farther apart than religious freedom and fanatical sec
tarianism, which in the last few months has claimed nearl four hundred human lives as its harvest in one country o
Europe, and has massacred thousands recently in Asia Minor There is no more revolting manifestation of human selfish ness and depravity than fanatical sectarianism, and it is ful
y as revolting in Christian as in Mohammedan and very much less justified by the Christian's faith and professions With the broader knowledge and greater enlightenmen Which have recently come to the world, many are seeing est minds that this sectarian spirit has done and is still do
ing great injury to the cause of Christ and is tending keep the world in religious darkness and sin; that unles Christianity is to consist only of a lot of comparativel hese hair-splitting divisions and their resulting dissension and jealousies. Instead of looking for and emphasizing thei
differences, which have generally come about through' lack of spiritual development and discernment, men of all denom nations should be searching for and making the most o afforts to garious Christian denominations there should efforts to get together, even to coalesce, so that a solid an
united army may face the common enemy, sin. This con iction has prompted the recent world-wide efforts at church union. Let us hope that these efforts may continue unt
Christianity shall mean something more to the world tha large numbers of confusing, antagonistic and contendin Surely the life and teachings of Jesus are broad enough and pure and beautiful enough to make a platform upon is what all denominations, what all the world, needs. Many are coming, to see that the first step towards realizing, to
wards actualizing this Christianity of Jesus is to forge he hair-splitting creed-mongers of both the past and the peace, and humanity. This spirit really present will end a strife, hatreds and schism and will bring the kingdom
which He revealed, to every heart that attains it


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