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heard Ant candies, neither light of the sun. for the Lore foo kiveth them light
and they shall reign forever and ever.- Revelation $22: 4-5$. MISTAKES AND UNTRUTHS
The propaganda spilled for a long time, and now renewed, against the Oregon Growers cooperative association, has been
and is now based largely on mistakes and truths. The Oregon Growers Cooperative association was organized on
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And lt lacked for complete success only three things. First, it lacked sufficient membership; near enough to 100 per cent membership of the men engaged in the lines it under-
took to serve. Second, it lacked the loyal support of a suficiently large number of the numbers it had. Third, it lacked capital. But the last lack would have been supplied if the two first had not been wanting.

It lacked sufficiently near 100 per cent membership through the activities of outsiders who were working against it largely for selfish ends, claiming that they did not believe in the cooperative principle, etc., etc.
It lacked sufficiently near 100 per cent of loyal support of -its members because of petty jealousies and the general distrust through which every organization of the kind must live, or fail to live long. Every one of the many success
cooperatives of California have lived through that period. Prof. C. I. Lewis, who was influential in organizing t is not true that he used the Oregon Agricultural college help in the organization of the association. He stepped o on his own, which he had a right to do.
But short sighted members thought high a salary. It was $\$ 6000$ a year part of the time, if not the time. He went to take a $\$ 12,000$ a year salary, and percentage of the business besides, at Chicago, with the
American Fruit Grower Magazine, and died in that service Such positions as he held here pay in California $\$ 25,000$ in usefulness to the service he would have performed here, he had not lacked the support his efforts deserveda $\$ 25,000$ man, though he was paid only a small portion of that sum by the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, and some of the members could not see how he could earn $\$ 4000$ or $\$ 5000$ or $\$ \$ 000$ a year for them, handling a business running to around $\$ 3,000,000$ a year in volume. His work since has proved that he is more than a $\$ 25,000$ man, and he has served
largely the same men, but in his own business, buying from them only be

And so on down the list
The prune industry needs another Oregon Growers Coop erative association, but one with a near 100 per cent member-
ship of the growers, and a membership that will not be afraid to pay able men adequate salaries, and a membership of people who will stand by them.

If all the angles of the prune industry can be represented, and in a harmonious organization, well and good. But this is a matter needing cooperation from the ground up; from the tree roots up, as the successful cooperatives in California have found out. The citrus fruit cooperative, the largest and most successful in the world, does everything, from furnish ing fertizer and products and distributing dispensers by hun turning many ponds to the soft drink stands of the country Its advertising funds now run into millions of dollars a year If the prune industry of Oregon and western Washington is to be stabilized thoroughly, a leaf will have to be taken
from the book of the citrus fruit cooperative of CaliforniaAnd every angle of it will have to be considered and taken care of. There is room in this effort for the help of the other interests connected with the industry
And big men are needed all along the line; great organ-
izers; unselfish men. And then loyalty clear down to last and smallest grower-
sented by the organization that was built un and was repre Prof. C. I. Lewis, one of the greatest men in his line Oregon ever had.
F Those who give quickly in the Red Cross drive, give doubly. Immediate need is to be relieved. Lives are to be
saved. The good Samaritan spirit does not broach delays or excises, It acts at the moment of need.

## WHAT CHRISTIANITY MEANS

## What does Christianity mean? This is a question difficult

 to answer in the United States, with its scores and scores of sectarian creeds and slants. It is a more difficult question sion fields. In the Near East it means Greek Orthodox and Armenian Gregorian to some; to others Greek nationality; to most it means crusades, religious wars, intrigue and imper filism of "Christian nations," American crime-wave, hherited traditions and loyaltiesnd in the Far East it is apt toTory, selfish and self-centered commercial aggrandizement, and all the other qualities going ww
ploitation of the hated foreigners."
So Christianity has a long way to go, to purge itself and the other socalled "Christian" nations, but more en cially on the mission field

A recent writer has very pertinently asked this question A we can all agree about the Sermon on the Mount, why go
pulling hair about Genesis?" Why do we not all strive emulate the tolerant catholicity of John Wesley? Here is one of his messages to the world: "I will not quarrel with you about any opinions. Only see that your heart is right toward God, that you know and love your neighbor and walk as your Master walked, and 1 desire no more." Why not all of us be honestly striving to rise to the Christian charity of Paul?
"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge Lit us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge o fall in his brother's way." "For the kingdom of God is not Holy Gad drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore wherewith one may edify another,"
When, according to the Gospel record one honest seeker after truth came to the Master, asking what he should do inherit eternal life. He said unto him, "What is written shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with al thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, hast answered right; this do and He said unto \#iim, Thou intimation can be found anywhere in the gospels that anything less than living the truth and manifesting His spirit f righteousness, love and service will lead one to eternal life. There is an interesting item in the current number of th
(Congregational), under the heading The Baptism Plague," as follows: "The Jewish Gazette, pub lished in Yiddish at Vienna, writes with regret of what it
calls 'the baptism plague spreading in Vienna.' It says that ave joined Christian churches, about half of them becoming Catholics. It is reported that in Hungary forty thousand
Jews have been baptized, that in Budapest the Presbyterians alone have received two thousand five hundred, and that in
Ukrainia many Christian congregations, composed exclusively

## It is not a question of the holding of the prune meetings

 or the election of the committee of one hundred. The meet ings are being held. The delegates will be elected. The committen of one hundred will assemble. The question is one continued throughout the whole time for the task, will stabilie the prune industry
There is a market for every Oregon prune. and twice a many as we produce now. It is only a question of full cooper Yes, there must be $\overline{\overline{\text { full cooperation }} \text { in the poultry indus }}$ Bits For Breakfast



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