

# SECTARIANISM IS WANING, CLAIMED

### Comments and Conclusions On Recent Conference At Cleveland

(The religious editor of the San Jose Mercury, an outstanding writer on subjects connected with religion, furnished the following for the editorial columns of his paper of the present date.)

Signs that the sectarianism which has divided Christians is waning are rapidly multiplying. There has recently been held at Cleveland, Ohio, a church comity conference which was attended by nearly 500 representatives of all the larger and many of the smaller Protestant denominations. At this conference most of the speakers assailed sectarianism. It is reported, however, that "Now and then the old sectarianism broke out, but it was always consciously on the defensive."

Among the noted expressions of opposition to sectarianism at this conference was that of Bishop John M. Moore of the Methodist Church South, who declared: "There is no excuse for sixteen varieties of Methodists or fourteen kinds of Baptists or a dozen brands of Presbyterianism." Dr. Alva Taylor of the Disciples church is quoted as saying, "The kingdom of God means brotherhood; it never means less than brotherhood. We talk about brotherhood within our brotherhoods. What about the brotherhood of Christ across the lines of our brotherhoods? How does it come that we value our churches more than we value brotherhood in Christ? In ten thousand rural communities the only institution left that divides the community is the church that ought to unite the community."

Those who had most to do with the calling of this council, after it was over frankly said that "it was more forward-looking and progressive than they had dared to hope, and indicated a profound and far-reaching change in the attitude and outlook of the Protestant churches of America." The report of the committee appointed to draft the resolutions which the conference adopted, among other things, declared, "We are advancing to a new era in which we will see free religious groups building, not by competitive drift, but by cooperative intention. We are today facing the question whether free churches in a free state can discipline themselves and develop a public mindedness which will temper the denominational consciousness and make of the churches a great, free, co-operative fellowship bent on the bringing in of the kingdom of God." Among the resolutions adopted, the one most in point is as follows: "That only a united church can evangelize the world and promote Christ's spirit throughout the range of human relationship."

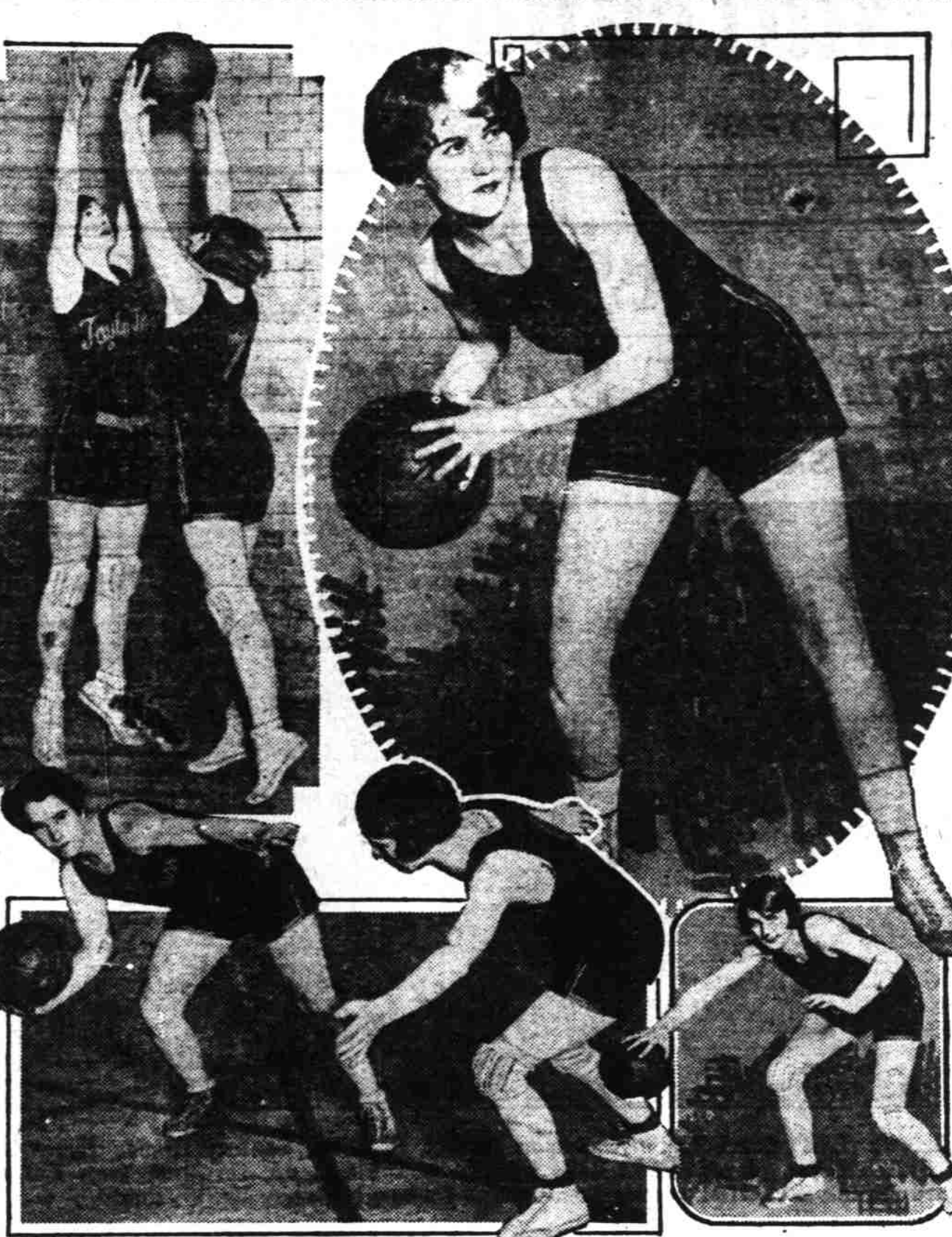
The officers of the Church Peace Union, founded by Andrew Carnegie, of which Chief Justice William Howard Taft is one of the trustees, are leading in this movement and are formulating plans to call a world conference to promote this religious unity and co-operation in the interest of world peace.

It is impossible adequately to estimate what such a unity of the Protestant forces of this country, to say nothing of the world, would mean. Christianity's greatest handicap has long been its sectarian schisms, and since these have come about almost entirely by theological hair-splitting and differences that really do not seriously concern the ethical and religious fundamentals of the message of Jesus to the world, it would seem that the way to bring about this much desired unity is for Christians to cease emphasizing their theologies and unite in magnifying and striving to exemplify the beautiful lesson and spirit of Christ. Charity, love, unselfish service, righteousness, justice, the spiritual quickening and regeneration of men—these are the soul of Christianity. In the light of the Gospels, who will deny this?

It is, perhaps, expecting too much of human nature to ask it to at once wholly abandon the sectarian attitude and outlook. But there can be a spirit of comity— even of union—where sectarian and theological differences are not great, as they are not in many of the Protestant denominations. Two or more sects uniting in one brotherhood will make easier and bring nearer universal Christian brotherhood. But all Christians should bear in mind that these differences are often largely, if not entirely, the result of selfish partisanship which is of the natural man and of the things that the follower of Christ is to resist and with the help of God put out of his life.

Out here on the Pacific coast there is already present a broader and more tolerant spirit than prevails in many parts of our country. This is more widely true than some of us are aware, and gives promise of larger Christian awakening and a new religious development in the near future. Many leading ministers, no doubt expressing the sentiments of the mass of their congregations, are giving voice to this spirit. Dr. Joseph A. Stevenson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of San Jose, for example, in a recent public statement gave expression to these very significant sentiments:

# INTRODUCING UNCLE SAM'S CHAMP GIRL NET TEAM



Here's the new girls' champion basketball team of the United States—the Taylor team of Chicago. The Taylors won their title by beating a Cleveland team, champs of last year. Upper left shows Captain Fabianer and Miss Schafer; lower left, Misses Dulian and Miller; right center, Eleanor Behberg, and lower right, Miss Kruback.

"The terms, fundamentalist and modernist, are used as epithets of opprobrium and should have no place among Christian brethren. Much of the divergence of opinion arises from a misunderstanding of the terms used by others, and much of the hostility is the result of one man attempting to make his understanding the rule by which the other man is to be judged. The truth abides unchangeable, but our understanding of truth and our explanations change from age to age. God has always been the same, but our ideas of God have changed greatly."

And again quote from Dr. Stevenson's statement: "The final test of man's religion is not in his intellectual conceptions, his exactness of definitions, but in the spirit which he possesses. He that hath not the spirit of Christ is none of His." Conversely we may say, "He that hath the spirit of Christ is His." . . . The attitude of christ ought to be the attitude of the church of Christ. The earnest follower of Jesus ought to cultivate a commendable humility; should cherish the idea that perhaps he may be mistaken in some of his opinions; that perhaps his brother may be right, that is his business; not to throw stones at other followers of Jesus, but to exercise sweet reasonableness and charity."

And finally, "The church must from time to time change the emphasis, must change the methods, but must ever be mindful that it is not the church but the gospel that is the power of God. The world needs cheer, courage, kindness, hope, brotherhood and God. It is the supreme business to bring God into the homes and hearts of men. All else that is needful will follow. We will not have a different type of world until we have a different type of men. The Gospel works from within out and makes all things new."

When Christian generally cherish these ideas Christian unity will not be far away.

## GLENDALE YOUTHS BREAK WORLD MARK

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Two world's interscholastic relay records toppled before the flying feet of two Glendale, Cal., high school teams during the annual high school relays held at the Coliseum here today under the auspices of the southern Pacific division of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Led by the winged footed Frank Wykoff who many times has closely approached the world's 100 yard dash mark, a Glendale quartet clipped two-fifths of a second from the quarter mile relay record it established a year ago. The new standard is 42 2-5 seconds. Other members of the record slashing quartet were Rysa Slocum, Dave Zaan and Fulton Beatty.

## PANGBORN REVIEWS SEVERAL LATE BOOKS

### "Red Sky At Morning" Attract Considerable Attention of Readers

By Arden X. Pangborn  
Red Sky at Morning, by Margaret Kennedy, Garden City, Doubleday, Page & Co.  
To one who has read the author's previous book "The Constant Nymph" there is something lacking in "Red Sky at Morning" which for the last couple of weeks has been a constant best seller in all parts of the United States. Though the latter volume probably will enjoy an even greater sale than the first, it will do so more upon the merits of "The Constant Nymph" than upon its own.

Technically "Red Sky at Morning" is quite as good a book as its forerunner; better, perhaps, for its more closely knit and depends less upon incident than upon the inevitable movement of the plot. But it seems trickier than "The Constant Nymph." It is that not too unusual thing, a mere cycle of events.

It opens with the trial of a brilliant poet for murder, and the twin-children and their very Victorian aunt and her two children. I end with a murder committed by the male twin in just the same enigmatic manner that his father had done his killing. In between there is a story of the growing up of the twins, of their hateful boy cousins and their very nice but unattractive girl cousin, the story of the aunt who spent her life nursing laurels on the memory of her husband who has been a third rate poet, but of the kind that always got himself talked about.

Part of the book is wholly delightful. Part of it is sad. Part of it is both. All of it is well written and thoughtful. Standing by itself it is a worthwhile and absorbing book; compared with "The Constant Nymph" it suffers.

Wild, by Carol Denny Hill, New York, John Day.  
Wild, by Carol Denny Hill, New York characters are wild, the story is wild and the author is wild.

Helen, the heroine, is described by the author as in search of culture; if "man" and "culture" are synonymous, then Carol Denny Hill has succeeded admirably in her self-avowed task. Helen thinks of just two things—Helen and drinks. The greatest fault with the book lies in the fact that it is advertised as the story of a typical college girl. Since Mrs. Hill is herself a graduate of the school she writes about, it is entirely possible that the girls of her acquaintance think only of men, but it is a sad fact that the girls of western colleges either do not share such views or keep their ideas too much to themselves.

If Carol Denny Hill could prove that Helen is a typical college girl of the east, there probably would be a sudden exodus of college men from the west.

The Sins of the Fathers, by Felix Hollaender, translated by Sara J. I. Lawson, New York. Payson & Clarke.

Felix Hollaender, in "The Sins of the Fathers" follows the Shavian method of presenting first one side of a picture, and then deliberately refuting his own arguments for the sake of greater emphasis.

In "The Sins of the Fathers," which in German was called "Der Eid Des Stefan Muller," the author wins our sympathies for the old unwritten law, and the right to do murder under its license.

It is from this swift and vivid opening scene that the film "Variety" was made, in which Emil Jennings and Lya de Puji starred. From that prelude the author develops the life of the murderer's son, overshadowed by its tragic childhood, to a successful young manhood, and happy marriage with the girl of his choice. His life is dedicated to the adored memory of his father, whose ideals were felt by the son to be beyond reproach. When he comes face to face with the same problem he does not hesitate.

His father's example is before him, a holy example, to be followed meticulously at any cost. There is only one way—and then inevitably and logically he discovers that the law has changed. How he makes the discovery, and what its effect on his life is, are best left to the reader to find out.

That's New York, by Morris Markey and Johan Bull. New York, Macy-Masius.

Sir Roger de Coverley would have delighted in these fascinating papers of New York; might have written them himself had opportunity been presented. Strictly modern, yet alive with all the color, sensitiveness and feeling of those writers to whom the descriptive essay was an art, this latest volume is one of the most readable of its kind ever published.

There is a reality in the papers which lifts them from the sticky sentimentality that gums up most efforts at portraying our motley metropolises. What do they deal with?—with the death of the Kid Dropper, with Gentleman Gene and with Peaches Browning, with the On-Leongs and the Hip-Sings whose strongholds are in Pell and Mott streets and with the crowds that throng the streets, the baseball parks and fight palaces. "That's New York" is a book of rare charm for the average reader and a book of some literary distinction.

The Haunted Biographer, by Gamaliel Bradford. Seattle. University of Washington Press.

Gamaliel Bradford has attempted a very difficult task in the latest University of Washington chapbook just off the press. Bradford has brought together a number of figures of world prominence from various times in history and has recorded their conversations. The result, far from being ludicrous as one would naturally expect, is a delightful symposium of biography.

There are three sketches, which Bradford terms "Dialogues of the Dead" in the little volume. One of them features Abraham Lincoln, who discourses with Mark Twain and Charles Lamb in the forest of Arden. Another is a discussion between Charles Darwin and William Shakespeare and the third is a dialogue between Mark Twain and Dwight Lyman Moody.

Life and the Student, by Charles Horton Cooley, Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, New York. Alfred A. Knopf.

# What Tooth Paste Best? Dentists Often Queried

If you will read the ads of the different tooth pastes you will notice that one claims to prevent decay by an acid base, another an alkaline base and still another fruit juice base. How foolish it is to expect a tooth paste used in the mouth for five minutes each day to stop the action of germs the other 1335 minutes that will live several minutes in carboic acid. It can't be done. Tooth paste to the teeth is as soap is to the hands; it helps you to clean them better and easier. You have a right to expect clean teeth with safety from a dentifrice if it is properly used at least three times a day. It will not cure diseased conditions of the teeth or gums. The most any dentifrice can do if properly used is to clean your teeth safely and thoroughly. If there is stain or tartar you cannot remove with a brush and tooth paste you should see a dentist because this is the beginning of tooth trouble of a serious nature. Tooth paste is just as efficient as the system of brushing and the abrasive power in it.

In spite of the best care you are able to give your teeth, lime deposits will slowly form on them and some decay will take place. Therefore, it is necessary to visit the dentist at regular intervals. The frequency of these visits should be governed by the needs of the individual, and this should be left to the judgment of the dentist. In a very few cases should these visits be less frequent than twice a year. The dentist should advise you what kind and how to use a dentifrice for your particular case.

If your mouth and teeth are troubling you the worst thing you can do is stay away from a dentist and try to cure yourself with some tooth paste or medicine. If your mouth is naturally healthy the best thing you can do is to visit a good dentist at least twice a year, follow his advice and you can keep it that way.

Dreadful mouth diseases and their effect on the health of the individual are not at all prevalent among normal, clean people who follow the above advice.

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## MARSHFIELD LAST FIVE TO QUALIFY

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Official scorers for the tournament are Victor Carlson, sports editor of the Capital Journal, and George Glass, varsity "W" man. Amory "Slats" Gill, freshmen basketball coach at Oregon State college, will be timer.

Ralph O. Coleman, director of intermural athletics and varsity baseball coach at Oregon State college and Al French, basketball authority of Portland, will alternate at refereeing the games.

Both these men officiated at the tournament last year and are considered two of the best referees on the coast.

A group of prominent young men attending Willamette university who are talented medical men, have been chosen by Coach Keene as "Official Rub Doctors." These gifted swains will massage the players before each tilt. Those chosen are Winslow, Zeller, Ruch, Rogers, Girod, Deets and Eaton.

Those who will act as police during the tournament are Coach Keene, Flock and Versteeg. The remainder of the members of the varsity club will attend to the arranging and publishing of the programs. These will be published immediately after the drawings Wednesday afternoon. Weatherford has charge of equipment and basement.

Miss Alida Currey will have charge of the ladies' rest room at the gymnasium during the tournament.

WAS ORPHEUS MARRIED? CHICAGO.—Floyd B. Johnson, Chicago radio director, says married folks are the best singers. He says they put more heart their efforts and their singing a subtle appeal lacking in tones of unmarried people.

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