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DR. COHN ON PROTESTANTISM

Rabbi Says Root Principle is Liberty and Progress.

GOAL AND CRY "BACK TO JESUS"

Revolutionary Force is Felt in Its Appeal from Outward Authority to Autonomy and Independence of Individual.

Dr. Frederik Cohn, rabbi of Temple Israel, gave the second address of his winter series last night, discoursing upon "Protestantism." He pursued in this the same sympathetic and objective method of treatment as in his first address, that on "Catholicism."

"Protestantism," said Dr. Cohn, "as its name implies, was a protest against the authority and dogma, the institutions and practices of the Roman Catholic church. The movement arose within the church itself. Luther, Calvin and Zwingli, the first great reformers, were sons of the church. Luther was a priest and an Augustinian monk. Calvin had taken orders. The movement had been long preparing. Before the sixteenth century there were efforts on the part of popes and councils to reform the church in head and in members. The renaissance and the rise and spread of humanism constituted a great intellectual awakening. The discovery of America and the invention of printing broadened man's outlook and gave a great impetus to the propagating of new ideas. Men's minds were prepared when in 1517 Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door at Wittenberg and later defied the power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy by burning the pope's bull. All Europe broke into a religious conflagration. The result was that Catholicism was rent in twain and Christianity divided into Catholic and Protestant. Protestantism was a return from ecclesiastical tradition to the authority of scripture—it took twelve centuries for this return to be brought about. Luther appealed from an infallible church to an infallible book—the Bible. Biblical Christianity took the place of church-made Christianity.

"The doctrine of justification by faith altogether supplanted the doctrine of justification by works. Christianity became Paulianism instead of Petrine. It was shameless peddling of salvation by the scandalous Tetzels that had aroused Luther. Moreover his mind had long been brooding over the difference between the Christianity as he saw it practiced around him and the teaching of the Bible, a copy of which he had read in the monastery of Erfurt. Emphasis was henceforth laid upon the spirit as over against the form, upon the inner life in contrast with the outer rite.

"Here is the great revolutionary principle in Protestantism—its appeal from outward authority to the autonomy and independence of the individual. It is true that Protestantism erected an authority of its own in the pages of a literally inspired, divinely infallible bible, but it brought to the interpretation of this bible the principle of private judgment, which is the principle of liberty, if individualism, the guaranty of the priest and fullest development of unlimited progress.

"One consequence of this principle was, of course, the rise and multiplication of sects. Hence the many denominations

The CRIME of the AGE

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within Protestantism, from the more orthodox Lutheran and Episcopalian via the intermediary Presbyterian and Congregational, Baptist and Methodist, to the more liberal and even radical Universalist and Unitarian, as well as such sects as Christian Scientists, Mormons, etc. cetera.

Root Principle Here.

"But the root-principle of Protestantism is that of progress, over against the self-acknowledged, unchanged, unchangeable and unchangeable character, for instance, of the Roman Catholic church. Hence the so-called Protestant nations, such as England, Germany and particularly America, are progressive nations, characterized by the greatest amount of freedom of thought, productive energy, political initiative and independence and religious liberty.

"The four Protestant centuries, as we may call them (from 1517 to the present time, we shall soon be celebrating the quarter century of Protestantism) have been centuries of pre-eminence progress. The sixteenth century witnessed the reformation itself and the great movements, political and religious, that were a direct result of the acts of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and the other great reformers. The seventeenth century witnessed the rise of Puritanism in England, which has meant so much for liberty and the spread of democracy throughout the world.

"America, with its institutions of civil and religious liberty, was one of the grand results of the victory of Cromwell and the Puritans over Stuart's divinely-ordained monarch and despotism. The eighteenth century saw the world-wide upheaval of the French revolution, for the influence was not confined to France, as spread the seeds of liberty, equality and fraternity to every nation of Europe, and furnished a heaven that is still potent in the uplifting of peoples and the molding of the ideas of freedom, justice and humanity and the rights of man. The nineteenth century was the great century of science and of the rise of the great transforming, philosophical principle of evolution, which has revolutionized our whole view of life and given the mightiest impetus to forward looking efforts of all times. The twentieth century bids fair to be known as a social century with its preoccupation intellectually, politically, and latterly, religiously, with the all-absorbing question of the social improvement and social welfare of mankind. All these movements have been due primarily to Protestantism, to the forces and energies released by the Protestant principle and the Protestant spirit, and would have been impossible without it.

"What, it may be asked, is the goal of Protestantism?" "Protestantism has exhibited endless progress. It has latent within it the germs of unlimited development, as John Robinson said to the Pilgrims when they left Holland: 'New light will break from the word of God.' Christianity in Protestantism has run the whole gamut from Roman Catholicism to Unitarianism. The process will not stop there. There will be further development. Already we hear the cry in the churches on the part of ministers and theologians of the most varied denominations, 'Back to Jesus!' As the cry once was, 'Away from the church, back to Scriptures,' so the cry today is 'Away from man-made creeds to the words and teachings of Jesus. Henceforth away from the theological Christ to the historical Jesus.' Back to Jesus, back to the moral and religious teachings of whom all Christendom reveres as the foremost of mankind.

"Back to Jesus. When Christianity shall have done that it shall have returned to the ethical monotheism of Jesus, the Jew, which has always been the distinctive feature of the religion of the Jew, the people of Jesus. Jesus was a Jew in religion as well as in race. He prayed as Jews do and have ever done, to the Father, Who is in heaven. His creed, like the Jew's, was expressed in the one sentence, 'Here, oh, Israel, is our God, the Lord is one. Religion meant to Him, as it did to the Jews, to love God with all one's heart and soul and might and to love one's neighbor as one's self.' Ethics and morality consisted for Him, as for the

Jews, in the keeping of the commandments.

"Back to Jesus means back to the ethical monotheism of Judaism. The goal of Protestantism, as of all Christianity, of all religion, is the goal of history, as Tennyson described it: 'That God which ever lives and loves, One God, one law, one element, And one far off divine event, To which the whole creation moves.'

Court House Finished and Settlement Made With Contractors

Final settlement with Caldwell & Drake, contractors who built the court house, was effected yesterday by the county commissioners, when issuance of a warrant for \$131,000 was authorized.

The court house was to have been a \$1,000,000 structure, but a balance of \$9,962 remains in the building fund, with but one bill remaining unpaid. This is a claim which the estate of the late Dan Shupe, superintendent of the building, filed for services rendered by him.

John Latenser, architect, received the congratulations of county officials, who said that probably never before in the history of public buildings in the United States has so large a structure been erected within the original estimate of cost.

A balance of \$131,000 remained from the fund which the commissioners had withheld to insure completion of the north approaches of the court house, according to contract.

Bryan Will Talk at Lincoln on Date He First Planned

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20.—Secretary of State W. J. Bryan, who three weeks ago accepted an invitation to speak at the annual banquet of the Lincoln Commercial club January 8 and was later compelled to cancel the date, tonight wired the secretary of the club that he had found it possible to come and will speak as first arranged. The subject of his address will be "The New Era."

The plan of President Wilson to leave soon for the south made it possible for Mr. Bryan to defer Washington engagements and come west as originally intended.

Nebraska Guards to Revive the Drills

At the last meeting of company A, Nebraska National Guards, the officers discussed plans for interesting the members in various phases of work, and hit upon the idea of reviving the competitive drills, which, in years gone by, have proved popular among the men. These drills, however, are to be conducted upon an entirely different basis than heretofore. Although the gold medal, won over a year ago by Lieutenant W. A. Fellers, will be brought to light, a number of unique prizes have been secured through donations from Omaha merchants and institutions.

The plans and arrangements for this series of competitive drills, which begin Monday night, have been left entirely to the members of the company, who report on his work among the merchants of Omaha proved encouraging.

COMMERCE STUDENTS ARE ENTERTAINED

The Social Culture club and the Junior Commercial club joined forces in entertaining the students and faculty of the Commercial High school at an assembly on Friday afternoon. The numbers contributed were as follows: Piano Solo—Sadie Weiss. Recitation—Sam Brown. Vocal Solo—Amy Zehar. Flute Solo—William Nielsen. Double Quartet—Social Culture club. Violin Solo—Charles Simanek. Recitation—Anna Luthje. Vocal Solo—Leona Gordon. Violin Solo—Eugene Olesbay. Recitation—Grace Thom. Glee—Members Junior.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Gillispie and Fennell Get Fish Swiped from Them.

BOTH GO ON THE WARPATH

Christmas Very Generally Participated in at Various Schools—Children's Christmas Stolen by Holdups.

Mike Gillispie and Edward Fennell, who have the reputation of being two of the most congenial men in the employ of the city, say they always appreciate a good joke, but when anyone steals fish right from under their very noses, and then asks them to a restaurant to enjoy the meal, war has just commenced. So they are on the war path for John Fennell, street inspector. Hans Hlke, a fisherman residing near Bellevue, Wis., and Fennell had stolen two large fishes as a Christmas present Thursday. Having no other place to put the fish they hung it up in the city tool house. Both forgot to take the Friday meat home. Yesterday morning when they visited the tool house they discovered the loss of the treasures. Johnnie Fennell asked the two enraged men to have dinner with him at a local restaurant yesterday. Of course, being Friday, fried fish was ordered. Both men commented on the excellent taste of the dish and complimented the proprietor on his excellent choice of meat.

After the meal Johnnie told his guests that they had just eaten the fish they had received as a present, and taking the situation in hand just faded up the street before his two infuriated companions could seize him. They looked high and low for Johnnie yesterday, and promise to inflict all kinds of torture on him whenever they succeed in capturing him.

Christmas at Schools. Christmas exercises participated in by all the schools yesterday afternoon, ushered in the holiday season which will last two weeks for the students and teachers. In some schools entertainments were given by the upper grade scholars and the children's parents attended. Teachers were allowed their pay by the board this week in order that they might do their Christmas shopping. Many of the teachers are planning on spending Christmas out of town.

Children's Christmas Stolen. While going to work yesterday morning at 6:30 Joka Swea was held up in front of No. 2 first street. Thirty-first and second streets, a robbery of \$11, which he had saved out of his wages at the packing house for Christmas presents to send to his children in Austria. After frisking their victim the two footpads hurried north to Q street and disappeared. Swea rushed into the fire hall and notified the police station, who telephoned the police station.

Police Detectives Carey and Lepinski arrested Lewis Yank, an Austrian, on suspicion of being one of the robbers. He is being held at the police station pending investigation, but denies connection with the affair.

Swea, who can barely speak English, told the police a pitiful tale and begged them to get his money. For months he has been saving a little money out of each week's wages and laying it aside. He took this money, which he had hoarded up from his hiding place in his room yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon he planned on getting off from work early so as to purchase Christmas presents for his little girl and boy, who live with a distant relative in his native country.

In broken English he told how they would have to be denied the pleasure of his toys and glittering trinkets would bring early to the little girl and boy's meager stipend for gifts.

The police promised to do all in their power to return his money, but he went from the station to work, big tears streaming down his cheeks.

Woman on Warpath. Bell Heister, a colored woman of fiery disposition, got on the warpath yesterday afternoon and headed for Fort Crook to tear the government station down and vow vengeance on the almost deserted post.

It appears the woman became irritated by one of the soldiers at the fort. Before the troops left for Texas she was employed as a domestic there. Learning that the soldier was in town she boarded a car for the post armed with a big revolver and enough rounds of ammunition to frustrate an attack of an army of devils.

The woman is booked at the station as a suspicious character and will be given a trial in police court this morning.

Arrests by Police. Harry Ellis, a youth, was arrested by Detective Zaloudek yesterday afternoon on suspicion of breaking into a Rock Island box car and stealing a valuable hide. Ellis maintains his innocence.

Dave Rankin was arrested on the charge of beating his board bill. He is said to have taken French leave from a boarding house in the packing district, leaving a debt of \$23 unpaid.

Steamer Ticket Begging. The police are in communication with a steamship company in Philadelphia, who have offered a check for \$2 to buy transportation to that city for two children, Agnes and Anna Juhas, who they said were in the care of a police officer by the name of Collier. No such man has been employed on the local force.

Church Services. St. Luke's Lutheran, Twenty-fifth and K streets, Rev. S. H. Verian, pastor. Service for fourth Sunday in Advent. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Morning service at 11 o'clock and confirmation class at 1:30 o'clock.

Baptist church, Twenty-fifth and H streets, Rev. William H. Hill, pastor. Service for fourth Sunday in Advent. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Morning service at 11 o'clock and confirmation class at 1:30 o'clock.

First Presbyterian church, Twenty-fifth and H streets, Rev. E. H. Murray of Creighton, Neb., will preach Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Christmas Eve service class will meet at 6:30 p. m.

Organ Prelude—March of the Magi Kings—Christus in Bethlehem—Benediction—Hymn—Joy to the World.—Du Bose Anthem—Festival Te Deum—Dudley Buck Baptism of Children and Reception of Members into Church Membership.—Offering.—Benediction.—A King of a King.—Neldinger Anthem—Sings into the Du Bose Hymn—Pastor's Address.—Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.—Psalm—March.—Christus in Bethlehem.—Eveing at 7:30 o'clock.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER PROVIDED

More Kind-Hearted Citizens Send Donations to Help the Poor.

MORE MONEY IS YET NEEDED

Associated Charities Has Many Families to Whom Christmas Cheer May Be Provided by Sending Money to Bee.

Two more Omaha people have taken advantage of the opportunity for practical Christmas charity through the Associated Charities, as presented in The Bee. One man has sent his check for \$5, to be used as is thought best among the deserving cases cited by The Bee. Another check for \$5 has been received to be used for the colored family of seven, who need groceries to tide them over until the parents recover from illness and are able to work again. A \$10 check was also received Friday to pay the rent of a poor widow with three small children, who are constantly in need of assistance.

"These remembrances will mean a merry Christmas to three very worthy, but unfortunate families," said Miss Mabel Porter, secretary of the Associated Charities, when she learned of the checks received by The Bee. "I hope other kind citizens will also adopt this means of spreading the Christmas spirit."

The seven cases described in The Bee several days ago are all needy and deserving. Persons who are disposed to contribute to the good cause may remit to Miss Porter or to The Bee, and the contributions will be acknowledged in the paper. The cases offer opportunities for real charity through practical giving, and contributions will tend to permanently relieve suffering, as well as bring Christmas cheer to the beneficiaries. A check for \$15 was received at the Associated Charities.

Heavy Sleepers Now Have Best Chance

The sluggard who waits for the sun's rays to awaken him in the morning, or the thrifty individual who retires at sunset, will in his own respective fashion enjoy a shorter day than usual for Sunday, December 21, is known as the shortest day of the year.

LABOR TEMPLE COMMITTEE CLEARED BY CENTRAL UNION

Changes concerning the operations of the Labor temple committee brought at the last Friday's meeting of the Central Labor union, were investigated during the last week by the executive board of the Central Labor union, at the request of the committee. The executive board, making its report at last night's gathering, found that the charges were without foundation and beside absolutely clear—the committee complimented it highly on its good work.

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Berney Malko was given a verdict of \$10,000 against the Rock Island railroad by a jury in Judge Day's district court for injuries received when he was struck by an engine in the south part of Omaha. He has lost partial use of his arm and shoulder.

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Road from St. Louis to Connect Main Line at Clinton

The highway to connect St. Louis with the Lincoln highway is not to connect at Omaha as was hoped by many Omaha boosters. The matter has just been settled at a meeting in St. Louis that the road is to feed into the Lincoln highway at Clinton, Ia. This was decided because there was a desire to connect with the great artery at the nearest possible point, so that both those desiring to go west and those desiring to go east on the great highway can reach that line of travel without going out of their way. Omaha is still expecting, however, that another line will be built from St. Louis to Kansas City and from Kansas City to Omaha to connect with the Lincoln highway. H. E. Fredrickson, state consul of the Lincoln highway, says Kansas City and St. Louis are very anxious to get a good direct line to the coast, and in order to do this they are shaping plans for a road to feed into the Lincoln highway at Omaha.

Eastern Slope of Mountains Getting Real Winter Touch

While a flurry of snow followed the rain Friday night, and the snow in turn was followed by sunshine in this vicinity, in the western part of the state and in Colorado and Wyoming there was another touch of real winter, according to the reports to the railroads.

All Friday night, say railroad weather reports, there was a general rain of from one-fourth to an inch, later turning to snow. At Denver, seven inches of snow was added to the three feet that covers the ground from the storm of last week.

North Platte reported a heavy rain from early evening until midnight, when it turned to snow. The fall was seven inches deep, but lying where it fell, there being no wind.

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