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JEWISH SOLIDARITY.

If those who complain that the Jews are exclusive and that they form one solid body would only acquaint themselves with conditions as they are, they would cease speaking on these lines. Jewish solidarity is a fiction, a thing of the imagination. We are not a solid body. Not only are we divided religiously, but also in many other aspects.

That the thousands of Jews cannot share the same views on any one subject is natural, but there are other lines of division, not so justifiable. There still is in the heart of the Portuguese Jew a feeling of superiority over the German Jew, who again, deems himself better than the Pole, and the Pole cannot co-operate with the Russian, and so on all along the line. Now this should not be so. We are all Jews, and should be judged by character and attainment rather than by nativity. Each country produces good people, bad and indifferent, and there is no advantage in being born in this land over the one whose cradle stood in another country.

How can we expect the prejudice of the non-Jew to cease, if we show and make similar causeless distinctions ourselves?

We do not plead for solidarity. This, as we said before, would be unnatural, but what we do ask, is that petty prejudices, based on nativity should stop, and co-operation in intercongregational and communal matters should take their place.

"For To-Day,"

Above all, that I may not be a coward; That I may have courage—courage to be unmoved by the uncertainties of life, and without dread of loss, whether of friends, of health or of fortune; That I may come with a firm and tranquil mind to the work of this day, fearing nothing—ready to meet bravely failure or deprivation:

That I may bring to the day's efforts good humor and a cheerful regard for all with whom I may come into contact; That I may not judge others hastily or with bitterness; That I may not be grasping, but content with a fair share of this world's goods, willing to let others have theirs; That I may be diligent in the performance of duties and cheerful in manner; That I may be earnest in pursuit of the right; That I may stand with open mind ready to receive the Truth in small affairs and in large—whether in learning new and better methods, or in receiving that philosophy necessary to a brave, tranquil, well-poised, well-harmonized life.

John Brisben Walker.

IS THERE A JEWISH RACE?

Science discovers between the Latin Jew and the Baltic Jew as great a racial difference as there is between the round-headed Slav and the long-headed Scandinavian and Englishman. The Biblical Jew, as a true semite, as first cousin to the Arab, was undoubtedly a long-headed specimen of the genus homo, and if he has any descendant today, which is doubtful, it is the Latin Jew. Science regards it as impossible for a round-headed north-of-Europe Jew to be descended from the long-headed semite of ancient Palestine.

To be sure, race in the eye of science, has no reference, to anything except origin. Nations or stocks, in the historical sense, do not derive their characteristics from racial origin, but from the influences and environment of the civilized centuries. Thus a cult, intense and persistent as has been that of Judaism, has proved a thousand times more efficacious in molding its devotees to a characteristic type than could have been the influence of any attenuated strain of semite blood.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

HONORS PAID TO GORDON'S MEMORY.

Twenty-five thousand persons who had appreciated his interpretations of Hebrew life in drama and novels and his liberal teachings and humanitarianism thronged the Bowery Sunday to pay tribute to the memory of Jacob M. Gordon. The funeral of the Jewish playwright and educator who died at his home in Brooklyn on Friday was held in the Thalia theatre. The interment was in Washington cemetery.

During the eulogies of the late playwright the body lay in state on the stage. Several of the speakers broke down during their addresses and were led from the platform while the emotional audience sobbed in sympathy.

Two women in the rear of the hall fainted and were carried to the ante-room.

Beth Israel Sunday School Picnic.

Last Sunday was greatly enjoyed by the children of Beth Israel Sunday school and their parents at Surfside park. The train of six coaches left at 9 a. m., and conveyed the picnickers to the seat of operations and it did not take the youngsters long in getting into action. The day was a splendid one for such an affair, but very late in the evening, about going-home time, the elements demanded attention. During the day testimonials were awarded.

STRANGER'S DAY.

Last Sabbath was "Stranger's Day" in the Adath Yeshurun synagogue. Rev. R. Caplan and his choir, of Galveston, read the service and Rev. N. Mosessohn of Portland, Ore., preached the sermons. Rev. Caplan has a very pleasant, though not strong, voice and his choir showed excellent training. Rev. Dr. Mosessohn spoke on Friday evening on "The Jew and His Bible," and on Sabbath morning delivered a strong Zionist sermon in Yiddish. Both chazan and preacher were well received and made many friends during their stay here, and will always be welcome in Houston.