# REFORM, JUDAISM'S OUTLOOK.

## NO REACTION, SAYS PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

**Rabbi Kohler, Here on His Way to Europe, Thinks Reform, Not Orthodoxy, Will Save Jew From Religious Shipwreck —Fusion of Rival Schools Dangerous.**

Rabbi Kaufmann Kohler, who was for twenty-four years at the head of Temple Beth-el, Fifth avenue and Seventy-sixth street, this city, but who has been president of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati since last year, arrived in New York yesterday, on his way to Europe, where he is to spend the summer. He is to sail on the Barbarossa to-day. His first stop is London, where he is to confer with Claude G. Montifiore, Israel Abrahams and other leading English Jews. Then he goes to Bavaria to see his aged mother and other relatives. In Carlsbad and at points in Switzerland he is to see Drs. Gustav Karpeles and Rabbi S. Maybaum of Berlin and Rabbi Poznanski of Warsaw and discuss with them the various problems with regard to the present status of the Jewish people. He returns in September.

Dr. Kohler told something yesterday of the development of the Hebrew Union College. He said:

"When I began my work last year, the Hebrew Union College was divided into two departments: preparatory and collegiate, of four years each. This does not lead to the most satisfactory results, inasmuch as the university studies tend to monopolize the attention of the students. I hope in time to have a Jewish normal school connected with the college. The last two years, junior and senior, I expect to open to university graduates only, who will be able to devote their whole time to theological studies. The curriculum should be so shaped that young men who have already received their diplomas from Yale, Harvard, University of Chicago and other universities and have already had a course in semitics, will be enabled to take up rabbinical and theological studies to prepare themselves for the rabbinical career. I have had applications from a few such university graduates who intend entering the Hebrew Union College next fall. I am counting on the generosity of Jewish men of means to endow scholarship, so as to get the right kind of students. The college conferred the rabbinical diploma on ten students last Saturday, coming from all sections of the country. Several of the graduates, who have been called to places in the neighborhood of Cincinnati have arranged to take post-graduate courses next term at the college."

"What is the ultimate purpose of your institution?" was asked.

"The Hebrew Union College does not so much aim to turn out great scholars in the field of archæology or editors and translators of rare manuscripts. What it has chiefly in view is to prepare men for the ministry, to equip them to lead Jewish congregations and communities. The building up of character is possible only by frank, unreserved recognition of the demands of modern times—a broader view of religion and its evolution in Biblical and rabbinical as well as in modern epochs. We of the Hebrew Union College recognize the needs and views of the present age of critical and historical research, and we are striving to train our students so that they can meet the practical demands of the people. We are aiming above all to foster religiosity at the college. The teachers of religion must be religious themselves, they must have faith and enthusiasm. They must believe what they teach."

"What is the present status of the Isaac M. Wise Memorial Fund?"

"At present about $20,000 is still wanting to make up the $400,000, after which New York will be asked for her quota. I certainly expect that the $100,000 looked for from New York will be forthcoming. The flag of reform Judaism unfurled by our heroic pioneers, who were martyrs to a cause which the opportunists fail to appreciate, cannot be surrendered in the East. I feel that the reactionary spirit will not prevail and that loyalty to the spirit rather than the letter will assert itself."

"Do you think that ultimately the Russian immigration will incline toward reform?"

"The Russian immigration is highly intellectual and lacks only the right methods and system. Modern culture is still a strange land to the Russian. Therefore he is inclined to see in Hebraism the only light. In the course of time, when he comes impregnated with American ideas, he will find that reform Judaism stands for true, consistent Judaism, and I do not doubt that reform and not orthodoxy will save the Russian Jew from religious shipwreck."

"Is, under the present circumstances, a coalition of the forces of the two present seminaries possible or desirable?"

"No. Two forces are needed in Judaism. Mingling is dangerous and can only lead to confusion and hypocrisy. Let each institution, the Jewish Theological Seminary here, representing orthodoxy, and the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, standing for reform, adhere each to its own standard, and let principles be the issue in the battle fought for truth and for Israel's common cause."

### SHE BLAMED THE GOO-GOO EYES.

**Magistrate Takes Little Boy From Care of Vaudeville Mother.**

Laurence N. Law of 1802 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, and his former wife, Margaret, who says that she is on the vaudeville stage under the name of Mme. Romero, were in the Children's Court yesterday in a wrangle over their thirteen-year-old son, Gordon. Law said that the boy's mother had stolen him from the Philadelphia home and he wanted the boy back.

After Law and his wife were divorced, Law married again. A year ago they were before Justice Mayer in a fight for possession of the boy and he was turned over to the father.

"Whom do you want to go with?" asked Justice McKean yesterday.

"Mother," replied the boy.

"Oh, my darling, my angel," cried the mother, kissing the boy's hands.

"She's not a proper guardian," explained a Gerry agent. "To tell the truth, she's insane. She has written scores of letters to the office. They are vile. Here are some of them."

The woman admitted writing the letters. "It's the goo-goo eyes," she said. "It's not my fault."

After looking over a couple of letters, the Justice told Law to take his son home with him. The mother's sanity is to be tested.

### BEAT LITTLE BOY WITH CANE.

**Magistrate Crane Says Mother Should Be Lashed With a Whip.**

Esther Montague, 37 years old, of 686 Greenwich street, was charged in Jefferson Market police court yesterday with brutally beating her eight-year-old son Edward with a rattan. She was arrested on the complaint of her neighbors.

When she was arraigned before Magistrate Crane, she had written on the affidavit: "I am guilty of beating the boy for his own good, as any decent woman would."

The boy was in court. His head and face were a mass of bumps and scars, and there were welts and bruises all over his body. His head was bald in spots. According to his story, his mother stripped off all his clothes and thrashed him with the cane. Then she stood on his prostrate body and pulled out handfuls of his hair at every blow.

"You are the lowest brute I ever had before me," said the Magistrate. "You are worse than a wild animal. For every blow that you struck you ought to receive half a dozen lashes with a whip."

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### BURBANK NOT MUCH HURT.

**Contestants Want an Affidavit From Young Man Who Attempted Suicide.**

Samuel M. Burbank is not in any serious danger from having slashed his throat in the law office of Hawkins & Delafield, at 1 Nassau street, on Tuesday, while Lawyer Eugene Hawkins was telling Surrogate Fitzgerald that he was making an affidavit to controvert the statements of the contestants in the fight over the will of the late Ambrose Bampton Burbank, who left $1,000,000. Burbank is a prisoner in Bellevue Hospital, and he probably won't be discharged until the first of next week. Then he will have to face a charge of attempted suicide in a police court.

Burbank cut his throat before he made the affidavit of which his counsel spoke. The contestants say they are very eager to have him make it. The will contest is scheduled for trial on Monday, but it will probably be postponed until Burbank is able to appear in court. By him the contestants expect to show many things. Although he was the constant companion of his uncle, Ambrose Bampton Burbank, for some time previous to his death, the relatives fighting the will say they will show that he was not the faithful nurse he claims to have been.

The attorneys for Samuel and Caleb Burbank, beneficiaries under the contested will, notified the contestants' counsel yesterday that Samuel was now in no condition to furnish the affidavit needed, but one of "information and belief" would be supplied by others. The contestants don't want to hear from any one except Samuel and they intend to wait until he is able to appear in court.

Caleb Burbank is a lawyer in the office of Hawkins & Delafield. He would not talk about the case yesterday. Asked how his brother was getting along, he said:

"I don't know. I haven't been to see him to-day."

### COURT CLERK YORK FREE.

**His Indictmen for Fr. ud Quashed in a Demurrer—Case Collapses.**

Judge Thomas in the United States Circuit Court yesterday sustained the demurrer interposed by counsel for John E. W. York, the assistant district court clerk, to the indictment accusing him of fraud in issuing naturalization papers.

Several months ago, upon a complaint sworn out by E. C. Benedict Peeke, who, down in Wilmington, Del., is now in jail himself under two indictments, York was arrested and charged with selling fraudulent citizenship papers. Prominent lawyers confident of York's integrity had him bailed out. He was indicted as accessory to certain Italians convicted of misdemeanors in connection with fraudulent naturalization papers. Lawyer Rose demurred to the indictment on the ground that York was indicted for felony as accessory to persons convicted under statutes that provide for nothing more than misdemeanors.

Outside of Peeke's complaint the Government relied on the testimony of four convicted Italians, specially pardoned by President Roosevelt to testify in this case. One of these Italians is now being tried for grand larceny, Mr. Rose said yesterday, and another has refused to testify.

### OUTBREAK OF PARALYSIS.

**Four Residents of Eastport, L. I., Stricken in 24 Hours.**

EASTPORT, L. I., June 15.—The fourth victim within forty-eight hours of paralysis in this place, three of whom were members of the same family, was stricken this morning.

Mrs. William Gordon was stricken on Monday afternoon and died an hour later. Mr. Gordon was standing by the body of his wife on Monday evening when he, too, was stricken with the same disease. Yesterday morning Mrs. Edgar F. Howell was preparing the body of Mrs. Gordon when she was stricken.

This morning, Isaac Gordon, whose home is in Patchogue, went to Eastport to care for his father, who is still unconscious. Immediately after his return home he suffered a stroke of paralysis and there is little prospect of his recovery. His father, too, it is feared, cannot recover. Mrs. Howell is the only one of the three for whose recovery hopes are entertained.

The residents of Eastport and nearby villages are fearful, and many old friends of the Gordon family were afraid to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gordon, which occurred this afternoon.

### NAN PATTERSON BREAKING DOWN

**So Her Lawyer Says—She Can't Stand the Tombs and Must Really Get Out.**

Judge Newburger in Part II. of General Sessions this morning will hear arguments for leave to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury on behalf of Nan Patterson, now in the Tombs under indictment for the murder of the bookmaker "Cæsar" Young. Abraham Levy, counsel for Miss Patterson, who will argue the motion for her, said yesterday that his client was breaking down as the result of the nervous strain and that the prison physicians who had examined her at Mr. Levy's request reported that her heart was weak and that she was suffering from nervous exhaustion.

**John H. Shults's Stock Farm Sold.**

The Parkville, Brooklyn, stock farm and racetrack owned by John H. Shults, the wealthy baker, has been sold to the Wood-Harmon Company. It covered eighty acres and went for $5,000 an acre.


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