

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A Protestant View of the Recent Rabbinical Conference.

American Judaism has a group of reformed rabbis who are teaching that the only hope of Judaism in America is in the new movement which accepts up-to-date ideas in scholarship and in modes of worship. Some go so far as to hold their services on Sunday.

A conference of these rabbis was held last week in New York city. Various matters, some of universal moment, including capital, labor, education, white slavery, alcoholism, etc., were taken in hand.

Rabbi Moses J. Gries of Cleveland, O., said:

"The last hundred years have wrought more change in Judaism than all the centuries that went before. During the last century there arose among our people men of prophetic vision who had the courage to save the spirit, though the letter might perish. The future of Judaism, nay, of all religion for the Jew, depends upon the upholding of Judaism. Orthodoxy has failed to uphold it, and nowhere is that failure so manifest as here in America and in New York. Shame on the Jews that so many thousands of our people are Jews in name only!"

On the other hand a hundred orthodox Jews met at the same time in New York and denounced the reformers. Resolutions were adopted declaring that "these so-called rabbis have permitted their conference to descend to the level of the vaudeville stage; with apologies to the vaudeville stage." They said that the members of the conference have insulted publicly more than nine-tenths of the Jews in this country. The reform rabbis were designated as "traitors to the true cause of Judaism."

Rabbi Drachman called the reformers a lot of "half-baked, semi-educated men from Cincinnati and other parts of the United States." "They do not deserve the name of rabbis," he said. "They are agnostics and infidels when they tell you the things they have. We must organize ourselves and fight this reform movement, and until we are together we can do nothing."

About a hundred orthodox rabbis were present, and the crowd listened attentively to seven or eight of them.
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