

fering. Nor need we have any doubt or guess about the matter. Page after page of Holy Writ is filled with the threatenings of the Lord. Again and again he forewarns of the very experience through which they since have passed. It is only necessary to change the future tense in which the prophecies have been written to the present tense to read their actual history in the light of to-day. It is the Lord who has permitted them to suffer; it is the Lord who has preserved them. They have been persecuted and have suffered in final cause because they have been absent from their native land.

They have been a nation out of place.

Let a man stand in a crowd and be neither going nor coming, he will soon be jostled and pushed, whirled and turned about, and more or less maltreated, because he is out of place, he is in everybody's way. Just so, the Jew anywhere else than in Palestine, and in national relationship, is out of place. He is in everybody's way, and has been elbowed and jostled, whirled about, hurt, and maltreated by the thronging nations.

Suppose, however, the Jews were, to-day, in their own land; suppose they had an up-to-date army of five hundred thousand perfectly equipped men, and a navy of Dreadnaughts to match, an exchequer full of convertible values; let it be supposed that Jerusalem was