

friends to welcome her, or was she without shelter or refuge—alone in the world? Perhaps her life is devoted to the exercise of pious duties, until death shall afford a prospect of deliverance from her sorrows; but, of all these inquires each must remain unanswered, for none remains to tell us aught concerning her.

“It were vain to look for her retiring figure in the market place, or in the marts of trade, where Jews and Gentiles congregate to traffic and to barter, that they may cunningly convert their shekels into talents, and be ‘clothed in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day.’

“Nor yet need we search for her where learned rabbis are expounding the law, and the traditions of the fathers, or unravelling the mysteries of the prophecies of Ezekiel and Daniel, and debating the propriety of paying tribute to Cæsar. She has vanished forever, but of her existence we have full assurance, since the gospel asserts the fact, and this silent witness, the *mite*, corroborates it.”