

The Anglo-Israel Ensign.

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—DANIEL, xii. 4.

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REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN ANGLO-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION, LONDON, ENGLAND.

(Continued.)

The Rev. JAMES BILLINGMON, F.R.H.S., the Organising Secretary of the society, seconded the resolution. After some introductory remarks, he said :—My lord, ladies, and gentlemen,—Anglo-Israelism is a national question, and as a national question we stand up for the love of God, and as Anglo-Israelites we love all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and in truth. Something has been said this evening concerning the clergy. Now I have had the honour of meeting many of the clergy in different parts of the country, but sometimes they do not take up the correct position. I addressed a meeting in Lincolnshire, which was rather closer packed than this one. There were several Nonconformist preachers distributed in different parts of the room; they all were most vehement in opposition, with the exception of one Roman Catholic priest, who sat upon the platform with the patience of Job, whilst I descanted on the glorious blessings pertaining to the true Church of Christ, which, as a matter of course, must be in opposition to his Church; and why this opposition to each other? Because we are the true Israelites, the descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. I may say I have had the honour of meeting with several friends among the clergy, who have come upon the platform and taken the chair for me. Again, I had the honour of addressing a meeting at Leamington, where a clergyman of advanced views took the chair, and said he believed in our cause; so I think there is some little hope of the clergy yet! There are some who believe in us, but we want the clergy to take this matter up and inquire into it. I received a letter from the Rev. A. J. Cachemaille, M. A., Vicar of Oldham, saying he sometimes gets sixty or eighty men to attend his meetings, who love the Bible, and as he explains it from an Identity point of view, the interest which is excited in their minds, "I

could not get," he says, "by any other means, and now I always try to teach the Bible from this point of view." It is owing to our exposition of the Bible upon this plan that we have met with such remarkable success where clergymen have tried their best to oppose us, but have signally failed in all their controversies. We are greatly reviled by the clergy, but we let it pass for the sake of the society, as we find in different parts of the country they are waking up to a sense of what they will have to undertake—namely, to rebut this question of Anglo-Israelism and the interpretation of the Scriptures from our point of view. (Applause.) Talking of the clergy, an intelligent gentleman said to me lately, "I find there is something in their preaching which does not get down to the bottom of their subject, and therefore we are not satisfied with the full covenant promises, as they do not tell us that they are really carried out and being fulfilled and realised in the present day." When they teach the Bible from this point of view we shall get our churches and chapels filled, because people will see that the Bible has some value, as they shall find everything come to pass that God commands in the book of that great revelation. The resolution which I have to second is, that the members of this association render their hearty thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success with which He has blessed the efforts of the association during the past year. Now, like all parsons I was going to say, we divide our text into 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Now the first point that I have to deal with is concerning the association? A gentleman said to me on Sunday, "Sir, what is the good of an association? I am a Scotchman; I am proud of being a Scotchman. Now, why should I not form an association to tell the world that I am a Scotchman? You are Israelites? Why do you form an association to tell the world that you are such?" "My dear fellow," I said, "I know the Scotch are an excellent people, but what is to be the end of them? I do not read very much of what they have to do in the future, and so far as I know they would not subscribe very much to any such association as you name; but if