

THE JEWS.

The kingdom of Judah was governed by nineteen kings and one queen, and existed as a nation during a period of 387 years, when they were taken captive and carried away to Babylon, where they remained for seventy years, their songs hushed to silence, their harps upon the willows.

Those Jews, according to the word of the Lord were never to be lost sight of, they were "to be known in all lands by the shew of their countenance," Isa. iii, 9, *i. e.* by their expression.

There are to-day Russian Jews, Austrian Jews, Polish Jews, Italian Jews, German Jews, English and American Jews, and yet they are distinguishable at first sight, as separate and distinct from all others, and this, not from any choice of theirs, for they cannot help it. This remarkable ethnic phenomenon is a strong point in their history, for in the whole history of our globe, no such fact exists among other people, for no race has ever been dispersed among other people without losing their national traits of character, and peculiar characteristics; but the Jews, though scattered throughout the habitable globe for 1800 years, still retain their ethnic identity, though they mingle with every other nation they blend with none.

"Amazing race! deprived of land and laws,
A general language, and a public cause;
With a religion none can now obey,
With a reproach that none can take away:
A people still, whose common ties are gone.
Who, mixed with every race, are lost in none."

The Lord said of the Jews, they were "to be known as an astonishment," "a desolation," "a reproach," "a by-word," "a hissing, and a curse." They were to be a people "scattered," "meted out," "trodden down," and "peeled," they were to drink the cup of sorrow to its dregs, to be a target for the marksmen of the nations.

It is well known that these prophetic utterances have all been fulfilled, and that the Jews are still among the nations, a living proof of God's holy word.

Sir Walter Scott says, "Except, perhaps the flying fish, there was no race existing on the earth, in the air, or in the waters, who were the object of such unremitting, general, and relentless persecution as the Jews."

THE LOST TRIBES.

The ten tribes, or the kingdom of Israel, had also nineteen kings, and they existed as a nation for 274 years. They