

phesied 2,700 years ago that "the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto them"; and now it is the fact that men of that race control the world's financial operations. It is said that Rothschild alone is worth some two thousand million dollars, and that nearly one half of the gold coinage of the world is held by Jews.

The law courts were opened on the 12th October after the long vacation, with the usual observances. Special services attended by the judges and the Bar were held at Westminster Abbey, the Roman Catholic members of the Bench and Bar attending a special service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Afterwards there was the usual procession of judges to the law courts, and the presence of so many newly appointed judges attracted an unusually large crowd of spectators.

THE INFLUENCE OF BIBLICAL TEXTS ON ENGLISH LAW.

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There is an interesting article in the Pennsylvania University *Law Review* of last month on "The Influence of Biblical Texts upon the English Law." A perusal of this article shews the remarkable extent to which the contents of the old book have been incorporated into various branches of the law in various systems of jurisprudence. We have, however, no space to refer to this at any length, and the subject is academic rather than practical. One illustration given by the writer is the subject of deodands. The ancient rule was that any animate or inanimate thing that caused the death of a human being should be *deo dandum*, that is given to God, which in practice meant that the deadly thing, or its value, was handed over to the King, so that the price of blood should be at least theoretically, devoted to pious uses or objects of charity; and, it may be noted, that for centuries in every indictment for homicide the value of the weapon which caused the death was also stated.