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## Editorial.

“*FUIMUS, ERIMUS.*”

“A Jew—how wonderful the word!  
A key-note for the ancient seer;  
A cry whereat men draw the sword,  
A name believers hold most dear;  
A servant who his Lord denies,  
A star that wanders in the skies.

Salvation's source for every land,  
Only themselves from it shut out;  
A cedar broken by God's hand;  
A fig-tree green with many a sprout;  
A witness none can now gainsay,  
A riddle for a future day.”

—J. C. STURM.



ATTENTION, good reader, and the meaning of the “heading” of this editorial will become plain. These two words, *fui-mus, erimus*, as descriptive of the Jews, we owe to the late Dr. John Duncan the great oriental scholar, and a lover of Israel. Speaking on one occasion, in 1868, on his favourite theme—Missionary work among the Jews—he said: “While descending the Danube on one occasion, on a missionary journey, a wealthy Jewish family came on board our steamer, in their family carriage. The carriage, on the panel usually appropriated to the family arms, bore this significant motto—“*FUIMUS, ERIMUS.*” But there was no *Sumus*. We have been (was the meaning of the words) a Kingdom, we shall yet be a Kingdom, but at present we are no Kingdom. “*Fuimus*,” we have been; “*Erimus*,” we shall be, were there; but *Sumus*, we are, was not there. The Jews have been a power in the world; they will yet be a power in the world; but now they are nothing. They have