

of all, have raised a triple barrier in the Jewish mind over and above that which exists in the natural heart against the entrance of Spiritual Christianity, are we to be surprised if the Jews still remain in unbelief? Is not their present condition the natural result of the circumstances in which they have been placed, and of the treatment which they have for so many centuries received at the hands of Christians? Consider, then, the revealed purpose of God respecting them. His temporary rejection of them indeed as a nation; but, notwithstanding this, His abiding love to them for the father's sake, His purpose to save an elect remnant, and ultimately to receive again into favour the entire nation. Contrast, moreover, the duty of Christians towards their Jewish brethren with the conduct they have pursued, and ought we not to say as was said of old, "O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee; but to us confusion of faces O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. We have not grieved for the affliction of Joseph."

It is cause, however, for devout thankfulness that, since the beginning of the present century, the Churches of Christ throughout the world have begun to acknowledge the importance of the Jewish question; and missions to the Jews are now maintained by the Church of England, and Non-conformists, by the es-