

The Anglo-Israel Ensign.

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

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We have before us the Second Annual Report of the Metropolitan Anglo-Israel Association issued in 1878. The report contains rules, names, list of subscribers, and an account of the proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting held at Exeter Hall, London, England, on Tuesday evening, 1st June, 1880. The President of the Association is the Right Hon. Viscount Falkstone, M. P. Among the Vice-presidents we note the names of such prominent men as the Bishop of Bangor, Admiral Dunn, Rev. A. J. J. Caichemaille, Vicar of Oldham, Rev. J. M. Grant, Surgeon-General, Rev. C. W. Jackson, of Bristol, Rev. G. A. Rogers, of Dover, Rev. H. Peters, of Exeter, Beoth Mason, J. H. Eldon, Henry Leslie, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Larrens, John T. Gott, Col. the Hon. E. Legge, and Col. J. C. Gawlor, Keeper of the Crown Jewels, Tower of London, and well known as the author of "Our Scythian Ancestors." In the Council we also note many well-known names in connection with identity literature, such as E. W. Bird, better known by his *nom de plume* of Philo-Israel, Douglas A. Onslow, General Hill, Col. Bentinck, Rev. F. R. A. Dyer, of "Jacob's Stone" celebrity, Charles Palmer, Surgeon-Major Roe, H. Hudson Rugg, and many more well-known names of noble and red men who have done good service in the identity cause.

The membership of the Association is 310, and the twenty-seven Branch Associations about 600. These numbers, however, do not by any means represent the number of believers in Anglo-Israelite views. The greater number of believers do not belong to any of these Associations, but can be numbered by thousands. At the Meeting of Delegates and Representatives of Local and County Associations held in Board Room, on 1st June, 1880, Mr. Peters presented the Exeter Association, Mr. Bird (Philo-Israel) that of Bristol, T. A. N. Chase, Mr. Nickle and R. D. Rankine, that of Leamington, Mr. Storey, Liverpool, Miss Lawrence, Mr. Sandwith and Mr. Caswell, Wimbledon, Messrs. Guest and Haslam, North London.

At the morning conference Mr. Onslow read valuable paper on

THE ADVANTAGES OF LOCAL ANGLO-ISRAEL ASSOCIATIONS IN AFFILIATION WITH THE LONDON PARENT SOCIETY.

Mr. Onslow pointed out the fact that the present is pre-eminently the age of combination. In fact, at the present day, work to be effective must be carried on by societies especially where the field of action is extensive. It is in this way most of the great missionary efforts of the people are carried on. By association of units the work of each is utilised to the greatest extent, and in proportion to the numbers engaged so are the results obtained. The principle is not a new one, it is as old as the everlasting hills, and more than ever applicable to modern days. The individual finds himself absorbed by the mass, and is compelled to combine with others in order to make his influence felt. He illustrated this principle of combined action by the rope formed of many strands. Each strand singly is easily broken, but bound and twisted you obtain a maximum of strength and working power. He cited, also, as an example the case of a large well-equipped and thoroughly disciplined army, where each individual not only does his own share of the work, but the organization and discipline enabled the combined efforts of all the individuals to obtain the greatest amount of work. In the case of spreading Identity knowledge, the field of action is bounded only by the limits of the Great British Empire. Individual action in this case would be almost lost, and could never accomplish the work to be done. Mr. Onslow pointed out his own experience in this matter. After years of study, he decided in his own mind that it was true that Englishmen are Israelites, and he was desirous of spreading this knowledge among the people, but found he could do little alone, and therefore gladly joined the Metropolitan Association, and soon found the advantages of belonging to such an organization. As a lecturer under the auspices of such an Association he could command audiences, which as a private individual he failed to obtain. Though he was very far from deprecating individual action, he said that his own experience clearly proved that great advantages were to be gained by combination.