

the cross, Jesus was mocked, led at and spurned. For two thousand years the Jews have been the butt, the jibe, the mockery, the scorn and contempt of the Gentile world. They have been more than laughed at, more than mocked. They have been the objects of a persecution unparalleled. They have been whipped, beaten with rods, stoned, imprisoned, robbed, and burned alive. The men have been enslaved, the women ruthlessly ravished, and the children destroyed. They have been thrown into wells, sent to sea in rotten ships, flayed alive, tortured, hunted as wild beasts are hunted, and their lives prolonged in agony till death has become a benediction. For centuries whoever robbed or killed a Jew felt that he did God service. They were not allowed to own a rood of land, nor testify in court, and, in some places, were charged the toll weight over a bridge as though they had been a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep. Because they had no recourse; because all men were their enemies, and every hand against them, their character responded to the times and its usage. Unable to defend themselves with arms, they seemed to fawn, to yield, took advantage of their foes, cheated when they could, and lied themselves out of threatened danger. These were their only weapons of defence, and when caught in the attempt to so defend themselves against the assaults of their Gentile aggressors, were smitten and perse-