

LETTERS

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THE CREED OF THE HINITES.

The Hinites are a religious sect which have lately sprung into existence. They derive their name from their leader, Edward Hine of England. They are not numerous; they are, however, very zealous, and are busily seeking to make converts. They may be regarded as divided into two classes, the confirmed Hinites and the slack Hinites. The former have no doubt about their origin. They pay no attention to reason or arguments. They have adopted their belief and are bound to live and die in it. The latter are not altogether sure about their origin. Doubts as to their being Israelites occasionally rise up their minds.

That there are among the Hinites, especially among the slack Hinites, intelligent, honest and respectable men and women I admit. I fall in with such here and there. It is not their good sense or piety however that makes them Hinites, but their want of acquaintance with history and the rules of Biblical interpretation. They are very much at Hine's mercy with respect to historical matters. They take for granted that the statements in this pamphlet are true. Of the interpretation of prophecy they know nothing. They never take the trouble of studying the Old Testament in the light of the New.

The following is their creed:

1. We believe we are the descendants of the ten tribes, the followers of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

2. We believe that in the year 720 B. C., the tribe of Dan left the land of Israel in ships, that they arrived in safety in the north of Ireland, that they were there known as the Tuatha De Danann; that they spoke the Hebrew language there, and that the north of Ireland Protestants are their lineal descendants.

3. We believe that the tribe of Simeon came with the tribe of Dan in their ships to the west coast of Scotland, that they landed there, that they

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