

nation to put up an independent government with power to join another hostile nation.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH.—Swedenborgians.—Of all the extraordinary fancies that have afflicted the people of Europe for the last nineteen hundred years and America since its colonization by Europeans this is about the absurdest. When we compare the history of Palestine in general and Jerusalem in particular, it seems beyond human comprehension why any one should adopt any old or new Jerusalem as an ideal. The whole business seems to be a chronic case of paranoia. For me a new Scotland in general or the Highlands in particular would be much more desirable.

PACIFIST.—A quarrelsome person sailing under false colours, suspicious motives and possibly treasonable intentions. Instead of living quietly and peacefully as his name would imply he quarrels with his more patriotic neighbours who are willing to fight to defend their country from an outside enemy.

RATIONALISM.—This new cult as it is proclaimed in some of the English press of the day is one of the most irrational, unreasonable and senseless theories of our present degenerate age. How any one claiming to be rational expects the human race to give up its belief in some kind of design in the universe passes all comprehension. To expect to elevate mankind to some imaginary elevation without a model above a monkey and a polly-wag to start with is above the common sense method of reasoning. Nothing ever succeeds in carrying mankind with it that disregards common sense.

SAINTS.—Very often those whose name came down through history, as great saints, if the truth was told would be found to be very often played out old villains. It is a very convenient method for old thieves and robbers who have spent their lives in the service of the devil to be told that they can die in the odour of sanctity and die as saints by having some one else's righteousness attributed to them.

SINGLE TAXERS. The prime object of governments being to maintain law and order, all should contribute according to their incomes whether they are manufacturers or land proprietors. While the population of towns give the extra value to the sites of towns and villages and therefore should reap the benefit it does not follow that they should tax the farmer for the extra value his labour gives to cultivated lands.

THEOSOPHY.—Consists of mere imaginary guesses at states of existence after the spirit shakes off its mortal coil.

UNIONISTS and ANTI-UNIONISTS.—Of all foolish agitations that follow the history of that extraordinary cult called Christianity the present agitation in Canada seems to be the most absurd. If any one of the three denominations, Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists wish to unite, it is a puzzle to any reasonable person why any one should try to stop them. The trouble seems to be that some of those who wish to unite with others wish to take some with them who do not wish to go while others who do not wish to go themselves wish to prevent others from going.