

—a characteristic which is quite an anomaly and almost a paradox? The ancient boundaries, the seat of Empire, the history of the great Indo-Germanic race which gave languages to almost every state of civilized Europe are scarcely known, if known at all. Who can trace to his home and origin the Fin of the North, the Magyar and Basque of the South, the wandering Zingaro? Who can now separate the Frank from the Gaul in France, the Etruscan from the Umbrian, or the Vandal in Italy, the Kelt from the Norman, the Dane or the Saxon in the motley population of this our native land?—*Editorial in Jewish Chronicle.*

A LIBRARY OF SACRED WORKS AT JERUSALEM.—We learn that efforts are being made to establish a library at Jerusalem for the purpose of encouraging the pursuit of knowledge among the youths of the Holy City. *Habaze-lah*, a contemporary journal published at Jerusalem, contains a long statement in reference to this subject. A meeting has been held at which the Chairman made a very fervent and eloquent speech, from which we learn that about three years ago, Rabbi Heschel Levy of Volozen in Russia, urged his coreligionists in Jerusalem to establish a collection of Hebrew books. The idea was well received in the Holy City.—*Jewish Chronicle.*

DEAN ALFORD.—A short time since a friend much in sympathy with his Christian teaching and broad liberal views visited his grave, which is not, as you may have supposed, within the Cathedral, but in the open graveyard, according to his own desire, that "having lived amongst the people, he wished to be buried with the people." Upon his tomb is a Latin inscription, which after his death was found written in his pocket-book. Its free translation is to this effect: "An inn (or lodging-house) journeying to Jerusalem."

THE DEATH-RATE.—A gospel address in the evening concluded the first week's labour in Birmingham—a week long to be remembered by thousands in this large town. It is a solemn thought that the death-rate in Birmingham for a great many weeks has run from 30 to 40 per 1000. At this rate, 450 of those assembled at any one meeting in that hall may be appointed to death this year—may never see its close! May the living lay it to heart!

DAY OF SMALL THINGS.—Mr. Sankey gave a touching reminiscence of his first days in England—how about nineteen months ago they had landed at Liverpool, passed on to York, had their first prayer meeting with *four* at it, next day *five*, and a few more the next. As I looked round at that great company now gathered, what thought could I have but, What hath God wrought? Yet some deep hostility is at work here. I know you always believe this to be the best sign of the strength of the work; and how could Satan be silent or at peace when so large a prey is being wrested from him?

ROME AND PROTESTANTISM.—The number of Protestant places of worship within the walls of Rome is constantly increasing. Trinity Church, which was recently dedicated, was built by the Evangelical party in the Church of England at a cost of about £8,000. It will accommodate 800 persons. An American Episcopal Church, capable of holding nearly 1,000 auditors, is being built near the railway station. Both of these are designed for the use of English-speaking visitors and residents. The Waldensians have bought a palace at a cost of £12,000, in which to hold services. The Free Church of Italy has in Rome several preaching-places. The Baptist Missionary Society of England employs a Missionary, the Rev. Jas. Wall, who has a church of sixty members, called "The Aposto-