

church, they are ours by legitimate bequest and right as Christians, and that we may use them boldly. We all grant this, but would not the name possess greatly increased interest, if we remembered that, in more than one sense, we were inheritors of the promises, and that the history of our nation, already glorious and renowned, links us to the ancient Hebrews. Every bible reader knows that the whereabouts of the Ten Tribes has been a mystery, which many an earnest soul has endeavoured to discover. A reverent consideration of the problem, and an effort to solve it, are wise and admissible. If this theory be *wrong*, it will have done no harm. It strikes at no moral virtue; it impairs not one iota of Christian truth. It does not diminish the need for hopes of salvation, of personal purity and holiness. If *right*, it will most powerfully aid in the conversion of the Jews, and the reunion in Christ of all the scattered fragments of that mysterious nation. Whatever were the early idolatries of the Ten Tribes, they have not on their national conscience the stain of the Saviour's blood, and to them, among others of the dispersion, did St. Peter write, recalling former great and precious privileges. If all such conjectures be erroneous, let them be proved to be such. They will have conferred one benefit on English speaking men throughout the globe, in that they will have enhanced our responsibilities, promoted study of the Holy Bible, and directed our more earnest attention to the unexampled opportunities which we possess of spreading the principles of true liberty and respect for law and authority; and, what is even higher, the tenets of a pure and apostolical Christianity.

In conclusion, I would impress on my hearers to do their utmost to increase the membership of this St. George's Society, and to contribute liberally to its funds. The recently published report informs us that the list