

restored to the Land never again to be rooted out, and re-established as a nation faithful to God.

History records a first expatriation and scattering among neighbouring nations, during seventy years; followed by the restoration, for a limited time, of a portion of the People, to national life, though scarcely to national independence; and, lastly, a second expatriation which has endured nearly 2,000 years already, and dispersed them to all quarters of the globe.

Unquestionably, all the predictions of judgment have had a most literal and complete fulfilment. To take one point only. They were to return to Egypt, whence their ancestors came out (Hosea), and were to be scattered in the countries beyond the Euphrates whence Abraham was called (1 Kings xiv., 15). It is computed that there are about 1,000,000 Jews in North Africa now, and good authorities believe that beyond the Euphrates the descendants of the Ten Tribes are to be found to-day. That they are likewise "in the ends of the earth" we all know. Some 9,000 have wandered even to this Western city.

But as yet the promises have had but a partial fulfilment. Are we warranted in saying that the only complete fulfilment they will ever have is the figurative one of the extension and prosperity of the Church which the Chosen People of the Old Dispensation typified?

Again, it is true that efforts to evangelise Israel are generally unsuccessful, and genuine cases of "converted Jews" very rare?

We are questioning two statements frequently made and accepted by those who believe the Scriptures implicitly, and who likewise believe in and work for missions to the heathen. And many who seldom think or investigate, will always be ready to believe any statement that is specious, as both these statements are.

For the promises to Israel, like the warnings to Israel, are certainly *applicable* to the Church. A secondary and figurative does not however exclude a primary and literal interpretation. And the fact that we explain away many prophecies of Israel's restoration which to them are more obvious than the prophecies of a suffering Messiah which we ask them to accept, is a common hindrance to Christian effort among the Jews now.

Again, we have never yet seen Christian communities gathered out