

improved manners and more extended education (for which he evinces, as a rule, a remarkable aptitude) have qualified him for the more advanced status for which he pines, and to which industry and laudable ambition shall have carried him. Hence the Jew occasionally suffers because tested by a standard unfairly high; such a man working on the committees of charities, mixing in society, and zealous as the Jew always is in works of utility, is quoted by his colleagues as a specimen of a Jewish gentleman, instead of a noble example of irrepressible power and elasticity just emerged from the chrysalis of a small trader. The son of such a man will stand the test of his due gauge, for with fair play it requires but one Jewish generation to slough the *exuvie* of transition and reach the higher grades of rank and knowledge. The time when the Jew was first admitted to practise at the bar of England is within the easy memory of a middle-aged man, yet in these 30 years last he has sprung to the front ranks even to occupy the bench. The Jew of Spain, persecuted, oppressed at times and denied all rights, yet served the state in posts of learning and preserved the literature of Europe. Seven millions of men, a mere drop in the ocean of mankind, who can make themselves seen, felt, and heard, wherever civilised man is known, and even farther, who in spite of the dark cloud of oppression have far and wide filled the professorial chairs even in places where the cold fog has been darkest, and have come forth as painters, poets, physicians, philosophers, lawyers, statesmen, and musicians, may be considered to have fulfilled many of the high duties implied in the foregoing statistics and observations. The Jew appears to have intuitively applied himself to a passing servitude only to last out the short reign of intolerance or misfortune, which he can shed as easily as the snake casts its skin, a task not to be accomplished had he tied himself to the soil in tilling its surface or groping beneath it. It is his mission to be harnessed and ready to march forward to works of usefulness in whatever direction his qualities may tend, not only as an obedient instrument in mighty hands but as a volunteer champion. When even handed justice shall everywhere prevail, and it is everywhere growing, then the perturbations will soon cease, and the winnowing process of society will determine who among the Jews shall crop up to the surface, who shall subside to the lower strata, and who shall follow the plough. In the short interval let him extract courage from past evil, looking on his misfortunes as so many fires by which he has been tested and hardened, and remember, in the words of his distinguished brother—

“Wine oozes from the trodden grape,  
Iron’s blistered into steel.”