

against the question concerning the Jews. The discussion alone, as we said, is another blow given to the Church and State chain.

It is a pleasing feature in the history of this once chosen people—a people whose early laws are the christian's youthful study, whose inspired citizens are the penmen of the sacred volume, from whose favorite King our Messiah has descended, and after whose glorious city our heavenly mansions are named—it is a pleasing feature in their history, that their degradation is thus partially passing away; forty thousand professing christians had petitioned in their behalf, and ample testimony was borne to the general probity, and charity, of their character.

The subject, connected with our title, to be next considered is, with the virtual abandonment, of a close connection between a particular Church and the State, what actual results will follow? If the connection is weakened, will the offspring be as monstrous and powerful as before? Or will not many concurrent, but perhaps tedious, circumstances make the effect cease with the cause; and as the impetus is lessened or removed, will not the present machinery be slowly laid aside; and the legitimate sources of power and prosperity be alone called into action? Such seems the most probable, the only probable result. Showers have already fallen; portending clouds, like hands appear again above the horizon; and perhaps like a messenger at night, coming when least looked for—the Bolt—altering, purifying, renovating, and enlarging—may fall on the splendid dome of the English Church.