

directed to ill-governed Turkey. Elements of decay have been working deeply into the very vitals of the empire, and the end in ultimate dissolution. The process is assuredly imminent. Turkey must lose her own language, her "kisnet"—her soul: Ere long her dismember-

ment, which has always been bad, has been more on her Jewish subjects, who are hunted—and perhaps do still—to a greater extent in the Turkish Empire than in any other part of the world. These defenceless people, like their forefathers, have been more oppressed than any other of the various Turkish dominions.

At this juncture to set on foot some plan to secure at least justice to this oppressed and patriotic people?—some scheme by which they may be protected in their own Judea? By Judea I do not merely mean the geographical province of that name, but, in an enlarged sense, the land of the Jews as a whole—the empire, which does not at present propose the establishment of a Jewish Monarchy, but as a commencement of some kind of popular government. The plan, which I venture to suggest is, that under the JOINT-PROTECTORATE OF

THE GREAT CHRISTIAN POWERS OF EUROPE, with full permission to elect its own President, or ultimately King, and to organize and adapt to modern requirements its own time-honoured laws. England and Prussia have for many years jointly kept up the Protestant Episcopate of Jerusalem, the Bishop being consecrated according to the forms of the Church of England. What hindrance, on the same principle, can there be to their bringing about, in co-operation with the other Great Powers, the re-settlement of the Jews in their own rightful country, under the guarantee of the Joint Protectorate proposed?

A re-distribution of Turkish territory, however distasteful to those who tremble at the thought of disturbing the so-called "balance of power," seems, from the tendency of things, inevitable. Whatever, in such an event, the Great Powers in their collective judgment may think most conducive to the interests of the Turks themselves, let the Jewish subjects of Turkey and the Jews throughout the world receive justice at their hands; and let Judea be again assigned to them.

The re-union of people speaking the same language, or bound by the same social and religious ties, is an accepted principle in modern international politics. The present generation has witnessed the consolidation of the formerly divided Provinces of the Italian peninsula into a "United Italy." The various German States, so long severed asunder, are now happily cou-