

derers of Christ, and therefore must suffer, and returned the petition without further comment. Men were sent from Britain to investigate the troubles and, if possible, to obtain from the Russians themselves their reasons for such terrible persecutions.

"The Jew," said the Russians, "is not faithful to the Czar, he detests Russian people, and, as a parasite, feeds upon them. He dislikes manual labor, but is temperate, thrifty, sober, and intellectually superior to the Russian. His assiduity is such that, if all careers were thrown open to him, he would Judaize all Russia before a decade had passed." Even in religion, the Russian considers himself endangered. Within the last quarter of a century some 5,000 Russians have become bigoted Jews. The Russian ministry looked at the matter in this light, and openly declared to the world that it did not intend to commit political or religious suicide. In accordance with this avowed purpose the Government has determined not to allow the Jews as a body to come into contact with the bulk of the Russian people. It will not sign its own death warrant by permitting the Jews to take advantage of the privileges that are extended to the Russian people. A Jew may not farm for himself, he may not purchase land, he may not be a miller, a fisherman or a gardener.

As a nation they are denied light, driven into confined areas, excluded from schools, and are degraded in every way, mentally, morally and physically. They are herded like a lot of sheep in fifteen of the western provinces of Russia; and there, restricted, oppressed, crushed under the iron heel of tyranny, nearly 6,000,000 Jews eke out a most miserable and wretched existence. No such compliment of fear of the innate superiority of a people has ever been paid to one nation by another. To-day there is no problem in Russia that is attracting more attention, rousing more genuine concern, or more urgently demanding solution than is the Jewish question.

In Germany, where dwell some 600,000 Jews, Anti-Semitism has developed with marvellous rapidity during the last de-