

among its most prominent ornaments a large gilded chalice, in token of the doctrine that the communion was to be administered to the laity in both kinds. There are, however, still three Protestant churches in the city; with eight Jewish synagogues; and those who care to penetrate through the narrow streets, to the Jews' quarter, on the river-side, a little way below the old bridge, will find, among the sounds and smells of a swarming population, not a little that is curious and interesting. It is said that the Jews established themselves here before the destruction of Jerusalem as slave-dealers, buying, selling, and exchanging the captives taken by the Pagans in war.

But to exhaust the points of interest which crowd this most attractive city would be well-nigh impossible, nor was it practicable to visit every scene of historic interest in the neighbourhood. An evening's stroll round the ramparts of the Old Town appropriately closed my visit to this strangely fascinating ancient city. A band was playing some wildly plaintive Bohemian airs; groups of people, released from the day's business, were wandering in the gardens beneath the ramparts; the towers of the city stood out grandly against the calm evening sky. All spoke of peace, where in times past the hottest conflicts had raged; and it was impossible not to think of the time when, without the cannon or the sword, the world's strife shall be composed, and truth's victories shall be won.

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HAMMER of God, smiting oppressions down,
Breaking the yoke from fettered nation's neck;
For wrath of tyrant king thou didst not reck,—
As little for his futile smile or frown—
Trampling as bauble 'neath thy feet a crown.
Stern sword of Justice, at the awful beck
Of a brave people's peril thou didst deck
Thy fame with blended curses and renown.
Greatest of England's kings, albeit uncrowned;
Mightiest moulder of a Commonweal,
Guardian of liberty forever found,
In fiery furnace-heat thou didst anneal,
The thrice-attempered weapons which shall fight
For evermore the battle of the right.